

NATIONAL JAPANESE CANADIAN CITIZENS ASSOCIATION

MEETING OF THE NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

National Office,  
84 Gerrard St., E., Toronto 2.

September 27, 1949.  
8.30 p.m.

AGENDA - Vol. II, #19

- I. ATTENDANCE
- II. CALL TO ORDER
- III. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING - Vol. II, #18.
- IV. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES:
  1. Trustees
  2. Special Names Canvas
  3. Report on Ontario Council Meeting, Sept. 25/49
- V. REPORTS FROM SUB-COMMITTEES:
  1. Third National Conference -
    - a). Agenda
    - b). Tentative '49 - '50 Budget
    - c). Steering Committee
  2. National Finance Campaign
  3. Future Meetings of the sub-committee.
- VI. NATIONAL EXECUTIVE SECRETARY'S REPORT:
  1. Letter to Mr. McMaster re evidence on Vancouver Property.
  2. Representative Claims Committee in Toronto to work with JCCA.
  3. National JCCA Letter to Claimants.
  4. Formation of a special committee to confer with Mr. Brewin on Future Action.
  5. Letter to Deputy Minister of Labour re Canteen Fund of the Hastings Park Clearing Centre.
- VII. TREASURER'S REPORT:
  1. Year-end audit of National Office books.
  2. Statement of Receipts and Disbursements for month of August.
- VIII. NEXT MEETING - October 11, 1949.
- IX. ADJOURNMENT



Vol. 11, #19.

A second general meeting of the National Executive Committee was held Tuesday, September 27, 1949, at 8:30 p.m. in the National Office, 84 Gerrard St. E., Toronto.

1. ATTENDANCE:

Those present - G. Tanaka, Y. Hyodo, F. Kayahara, K. Tanaka, I. Uchida, S. Shinobu, K. Shimizu, K. Hidaka, R. Obata, T. Kameoka, J. Oki, N. Fujita.

Regrets Received - T. Umezuki and T. Sagara.

Absentees - M. Kitagawa, T. Tsuji, J. Ide, E. Nose, I. Kawajiri, P. Yamada, M. Sato, F. Nogami.

II. CALL TO ORDER - In calling the meeting to order, the Chairman, K. Tanaka, requested that members observe parliamentary procedure more closely, that discussion be limited to the subject at hand and that members not speak twice before others have had a first opportunity.

III. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING - The Minutes of the meeting held September 13, 1949, (Vol. 11, #18), were circulated and adopted as printed.

IV. Business arising Out of the Minutes:

1. Trustees - R. Obata asked whether the members had considered Article XII, Sec. 7, of the Constitution when arriving at the decision to have the National Executive Committee constitute the Trustees of the Trust Fund with power to add, i.e., "Any special contributions or donations shall be held in trust to meet special contingencies at the wish of the donors. The utilization of such trust funds shall be subject to the ratification by the National Council."

The Chairman ruled that unless the point raised by R. Obata was a question on the constitutionality of the Motion passed at the July 12th meeting with regard to Trustees, he could not permit discussion. R. Obata affirmed that he was only enquiring whether members had this section of the Constitution in mind when making that decision.

2. Special Names Canvass - The Executive Secretary asked for official permission to proceed with a Special Names Canvas for donations in Toronto as described at the previous meeting (page 8, Minutes of Sept. 13).

AGREED that the Executive Secretary be given authority.

3. Ontario Council Meeting - F. Kayahara reported a highly successful Ontario Council meeting in London, Ontario, on Sunday, September 25, 1949. In addition to the Ontario local chapter representatives, in attendance at the Conference were: the National Executive Secretary and the three delegates from Ontario to the 3rd National Conference. The main topics of discussion were the Financial Drive, the Budget, Organization Problems of the Chapters, Ways and Means of Raising the Ontario Budget.



The constructive and positive attitude taken by the members of the Council towards matters of finance, he reported, was very stimulating and gratifying.

V. REPORTS FROM SUB-COMMITTEES:

1. The Third National Conference - K. Tanaka reported on the sub-committee meeting of the whole held September 18th, 20th and 23rd. The average attendance was five members.

- a). Agenda - A tentative Conference Agenda has been drafted, duplicated and sent to the Provincial Chapters and National Council members for their comments and suggestions.
- b). Tentative '49 - '50 Budget - A suggested Budget plan submitted by the Quebec JCCA Chapter was studied by the Committee and a Tentative 1949 - '50 National JCCA Budget was drawn up as follows:

Salary, National Executive Sec'y	\$3,000.00	
" , Office Secretary	1,900.00	
Office Rent	200.00	
Telephone and Telegraph	150.00	
Travelling Expense	700.00	
Public Relations	200.00	
Office Supplies	900.00	
Literature	50.00	
Conference Expense	200.00	
Equipment	200.00	
Contingencies	500.00	\$8,000.00

The "Contingencies" item is to take care of any special projects which may arise. This was considered the minimum budget that could be proposed by the National Executive Committee to the National Conference.

Provincial quotas have not been discussed as yet.

The matter of the loan from the Trust Fund will be included in the memorandum on Finance to the Conference from this Committee.

c). Duties of the Steering Committee - The following points were drawn up as directives to the Steering Committee of the 3rd National Conference (one delegate from each Province to constitute the Steering Committee).

- i. Appoint Steering Committee Chairman,
- ii. " Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Conference.
- iii. " Secretary of Conference to be in charge of recording proceedings and of stenographic work.
- iv. " Chairman for all sub-committees:
  - Organization of the JCCA
  - Finance and Budget
  - Resolutions
  - Future Policy and Programme
  - Nominations.



- v. Decide on delegate's speaking time, number of times he may speak, Parliamentary procedure, voting procedure, etc.

MOVED by F. Kayahara and G. Tanaka that the report on the sub-committee meetings of the whole on matters pertaining to the Third National Conference be adopted. CARRIED.

Recommendation to the National Conference

MOVED by R. Obata that the National Executive Committee recommend to the National Conference that if the proposed budget of \$8,000 is not raised by March 31st, 1950, that expenses be reduced proportionately to the funds raised.

After discussion, R. Obata agreed to reword his Motions as follows:

THAT the National Executive Committee recommend to the National Conference that the Budget for 1949 - '50 be raised by March 31, 1950.

Seconded by F. Kayahara and CARRIED.

It was agreed that all Memoranda and materials pertaining to the National Conference (including the suggested Budget figures) from the National Executive Committee, should be sent out as soon after the October 11th meeting as possible in order to enable Provincial Chapter executives to study the material thoroughly, and to formulate their own proposals accordingly.

2. National Finance Campaign - The Executive Secretary reported that the first publicity material has been sent to the New Canadian and the Continental Times which will be followed up with continuous publicity to be released on the present and future work of the organization. Executive Committee members are asked to contribute constructive articles to assist in the campaign. Mr. Umezuki has suggested that an article be written emphasizing the fact that this organization is the only body that can do the work it has done in the past and cite what can be done in the future. The New Canadian staff has stated that this year they cannot provide the National JCCA with a whole issue but could offer space over a period of weeks, which could be used just as effectively or possibly more so, than one whole issue. This year the highlight for public appeal could be placed on the question of Stranded in Japan as there are many stories of such cases which could be poignantly told.

It is recommended that the official opening date for the campaign be set for October 1, 1949. Quebec and Ontario Chapters could take advantage of an early campaign date and possibly Manitoba and Saskatchewan Chapters.

As a basis for the campaign, the tentative budget figures and last year's Provincial Chapter quotas will be used until these are finalized at the National Conference.

It has been suggested that a special campaign sub-committee be appointed but the Executive Secretary felt that after further thought on the matter that it would be more advisable to continue work on the campaign in the sub-committee of the whole.

MOVED by F. Kayahara and seconded by S. Shinobu  
THAT the report on the National Finance Campaign discussions be adopted. CARRIED.



3. Future Meetings of the Sub-Committee - Subsequent meetings of the sub-committee of the whole are planned to be held
- Sun., Oct. 2, at 2.00 p.m.
  - Tues., Oct. 4, at 8.00 p.m.
  - Sun., Oct. 9, at 2.00 p.m.

All meetings to be held at the National Office, 84 Gerrard St. E., Notices are to be sent out to all executive committee members with follow-up reminders.

The agenda for these meetings will include:

- a). National Finance Campaign,
- b). Memorandum to the National Conference re By-Laws,
- c). Memorandum to the National Conference re Finance.

#### VI. NATIONAL EXECUTIVE SECRETARY'S REPORT:

1. Letter to Mr. McMaster re evidence on Vancouver Property Claims.-

An enquiry was made of Mr. McMaster as to the possibility of securing statistics which would enable comparisons being made between increases in sale prices of Occidental properties and Japanese property re-sales. Mr. McMaster has replied that this has been given consideration and study but that they have found no method of doing it that has any statistical validity.

2. Representative Claims Committee in Toronto to work with JCCA - The existence of some misunderstanding on the part of some claimants and hints of friction between claimants in Toronto has been brought to the attention of the Executive Secretary. It was felt that this was a matter concerning the Toronto local Chapter and that it should be referred to them for attention and offer what assistance we may be able to give.

3. National JCCA Letter to Claimants - Strong exception has been taken by Mr. Brewin and Mr. McMaster to the contents of the National Executive Committee draft letter which it was proposed be sent to all Property Claimants.

MOVED by R. Obata and J. Oki  
THAT the letter to Claimants be sent out.

3 votes in favour  
3 contrary  
3 abstentions.

4. Formation of a Special Committee to confer with Mr. Brewin with regard to Future Action

The Executive Secretary has corresponded with Mr. Mike Masaoka of the Anti-Discrimination Committee of the Japanese American Citizens League in anticipation of further action that may have to be taken in the near future on the Claims question. A lengthy report on progress being made under the Japanese American Claims Bill and printed material have been received in reply. It was regretted that time did not allow for full discussion on the subject due to the lateness of the hour.



MOVED by S. Shinobu and seconded by Mr. Kaneoka  
THAT the question be brought up for thorough discussion at the next meeting. CARRIED.

5. Letter to Deputy Minister of Labour, re Hastings Park Clearing Centre Canteen Fund

Enquiry has been made to the Deputy Minister of Labour on the possibility of the National Treasury receiving from the Government the balance of the Canteen Fund of the Hastings Park Clearing Centre which is believed to exist. A letter of acknowledgment has been received.

VII. TREASURER'S REPORT:

1. The Auditor's Report for the last three quarters of the fiscal year ending August 31, 1949, was reported:

Auditors' Report For the Period, December 1, 1948 to August 31, 1949

September 23, 1949.

The National Executive Committee,  
Japanese Canadian Citizens Association,  
84 Gerrard St. East,  
TORONTO, Ontario.

Gentlemen:

In accordance with your instructions I, the undersigned, have made a detailed audit of the books of record of the Japanese Canadian Citizens Association located at 84 Gerrard Street, East, Toronto, Ontario, for the period, December 1, 1948, to August 31, 1949. I have received all the information and explanations that I have required from the treasurer, Miss Norah Fujita, and from the Executive Secretary, Mr. George Tanaka.

With regard to the items on the attached statement, I have the following comments to offer:

Cash in Bank, August 31, 1949 - \$266.01

I have received confirmation from the Canadian Bank of Commerce, Carlton and Yonge St. Branch, of the amount on deposit at the close of business on the 31st of August, 1949.

Cash on Hand, August 31, 1949 - \$50.00

I have examined in detail all the Petty Cash transactions and confirm that the sum on hand on the 31st of August, 1949, was \$50.00.

Subject to the foregoing, I certify that the attached Trial Balance of the General Ledger is, in my opinion, drawn up so as to show a true and correct view of the financial affairs of the Japanese Canadian Citizens Association for the period, December 1st, 1948, to August 31st, 1949, according to the best of my information, the explanations given me and as shown by the books of the Association.

Yours faithfully,  
Signed F. Sasaki  
Auditor.



JAPANESE CANADIAN CITIZENS ASSOCIATION  
National Headquarters

TRIAL BALANCE OF GENERAL LEDGER, AUGUST 31, 1949

<u>ASSETS:</u>	<u>Dr.</u>	<u>Cr.</u>
Cash on Hand	50.00	
Canadian Bank of Commerce	266.01	
Accounts receivable	1.28	
Equipment	586.61	
Less Reserve for Depreciation	<u>27.41</u>	559.20
Prepaid Travelling Expense	<u>462.25</u>	
	<u>1,338.74</u>	
 <u>EXPENSES:</u>		
Salary, Executive Secretary	2,800.00	
Salary, Office Secretary	1,908.42	
Supplies	870.94	
Telephone & Telegraph	148.61	
Rent Expense	200.00	
Public Relations	117.98	
Transportation	73.95	
Bank Charges	12.23	
Literature	42.96	
Travelling Expense	690.76	
From JCCA National Treasury		6,553.39
JCCA Surplus		<u>1,651.70</u>
	<u>\$8,205.09</u>	<u>\$8,205.09</u>

NOTE:

Item of Accounts Receivable represents \$1.28 reimburseable from the Saskatchewan JCCA Chapter for their share of New Canadian Special issue expense.

Reserve on Equipment for year - awaiting advice from the National Treasurer, H. R. Okuda.

2. Statement of Receipts and Disbursements for August, 1949 left over to next meeting.

VIII. NEXT MEETING - The next general meeting will be held Tuesday evening, October 11, 1949.

IX. ADJOURNMENT - at 11:30 p.m.