

NATIONAL JAPANESE CANADIAN CITIZENS ASSOCIATION

MEETING OF THE NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Woodsworth House,
565 Jarvis Street, Toronto.

October 11, 1949.
8.30 p.m.

AGENDA - Vol. II, #20

- I. CALL TO ORDER
- II. ATTENDANCE
- III. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING - Vol. II, #19, Sept. 27/49
- IV. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES:
 1. 1949 - '50 Tentative Budget,
 2. National JCCA Letter to Claimants,
- V. REPORT FROM SUB-COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE AND DISCUSSION:
 1. National JCCA Finance Campaign,
 2. Re Visit of Mike Masaoka and Mr. Ennis,
 3. Jurisdiction over Special Names Contributions,
 4. Recommendation re Accounts Rec. account to National Conference,
 5. Policy re Reserve Fund,
 6. Memo re the National JCCA Constitution.
- VI. EXECUTIVE SECRETARY'S REPORT:
 1. Contribution from Alberta,
 2. Conference Agenda,
 3. National Treasurer re Attendance at National Conference.
 4. Finance Campaign Publicity,
 5. Departure of Executive Secy. for National Conference,
 6. Executive Secretary's Visit to Vancouver.
 7. Proposal to set up a Representative Claimants Committee in Toronto.
- VII. OTHER BUSINESS:
 1. Formation of a Special Committee to Work with Mr. Brewin,
 2. Resignations,
 3. Requisition for October,
 4. Statements of Disbursement, August and September,
- VIII. NEXT MEETING
- IX. ADJOURNMENT

MINUTES OF THE JCCA NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD OCTOBER 11, 1949

Vol. II, #20

The October meeting of the National Executive Committee was held Thesday, October 11, 1949, at 8:30 p.m., at Woodsworth House, 565 Jarvis St., Toronto, Ont.

I. CALL TO ORDER - K. Tanaka, Chairman, called the meeting to order.

II. ATTENDANCE

Present - K. Tanaka, F. Kayahara, I. Uchida, T. Umezuki, G. Tanaka, Y. Hyodo, S. Shinobu, N. Fujita.

Regrets - T. Kameoka, T. Sagara (attending Toronto Inter-Ethnic Council on behalf of Committee).

Absentees - T. Tsuji, J. Ide, M. Kitagawa, E. Nose, I. Kawajiri, P. Yamada, M. Sato, F. Nogami, J. Oki, R. Obata, K. Shimizu.

III. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING - The Minutes of the meeting held September 27, 1949, (Vol. II, #19) were adopted as circulated.

IV. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

1. 1949 - '50 Tentative Budget - The Executive Secretary reported an increase in office rent to \$6.00 per week which would necessitate increasing the rental figure in the Budget to \$312.00.

AGREED THAT when the tentative budget is proposed at the Third National Conference, a change be made in the Rent item from \$200 to \$312 and Contingency amount be reduced from \$500 to \$388.

2. National JCCA Letter to Claimants - It was noted that the voting on this matter had resulted in a tie between those in favour, contrary and abstaining and therefore it could not be considered decisive one way or the other.

V. REPORT FROM SUB-COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE AND DISCUSSION

1. National JCCA Finance Campaign - A mimeographed report was presented (as appended) of the meeting held October 4, 1949.

MOVED by T. Umezuki and seconded by F. Kayahara THAT the report be adopted.

It was suggested that Miss Emma Kaufman's name be added as a person to approach for a special donation.

Report CARRIED.

2. Motion of Sub-committee of the whole to Accept the Proposal for a Meeting Between Mike Masaoka and Mr. Ennis and members of the National Executive Committee and Mr. Brewin

The Executive Secretary informed the Committee of his letter written to Mike Masaoka several weeks ago in which he gave detailed information on the Canadian Claims question and asked, in turn, for detailed information on the Japanese American Claims question.

Subsequent to a reply on this matter, the Executive Secretary reported he had received a proposal to a Conference in Toronto on the claims question from Mike Masaoka who stated that he and Mr. Edward J. Ennis, American Claimants' Counsel, would be willing to come to Toronto for such a meeting with Mr. Brewin, Canadian Claimants' Counsel and members of the National Executive Committee.

Acting upon the motion of approval made by the sub-committee of the whole and Mr. Brewin's endorsement of the suggestion, the Executive Secretary reported that a letter had already been dispatched to Mr. Masaoka in Washington, D. C., inviting him and their Counsel, Mr. Ennis to Toronto.

MOVED by F. Kayahara and seconded by T. Umezuki

THAT the recommendation of the sub-committee of the whole to reply to Mr. Masaoka's letter and extend an invitation to him and the Japanese American Claimants Counsel to come to Toronto for a meeting on the Property Claims question be duly ratified. CARRIED.

3. Jurisdiction over Special Names Contributions - The question was raised by the Executive Secretary as to whether contributions to be raised through Special Names Canvass should be credited to the Toronto Chapter, the Ontario Chapter or forwarded direct to the National Treasury. It was felt that although the important thing was that money was being raised, and not who is getting the credit, it was also necessary to clarify as to under whose jurisdiction the money would go.

The special names listed are, but with one exception, Toronto persons, and whatever sums are raised could be used to reduce Toronto's quota which is actually 25% of the total National Budget. It was pointed out that if the amount raised were credited to the Toronto Local Chapter, it would mean that they would not have to take full responsibility for their quota, yet, on the other hand, if it is decided that the amount raised be used to reduce the total National Budget quotas, the matter should be cleared first with the Toronto Local Chapter before proceeding on the project. It was noted that Toronto's quota to the National Budget would benefit in either case.

MOVED by T. Umezuki and seconded by I. Uchida

THAT whatever funds are raised through special names canvass, be used to reduce the National Budget. CARRIED.

AGREED that a letter be written to the Toronto local Chapter explaining the project which this Committee hopes to carry out in the matter of raising money for the National JCCA Budget.

It was also considered necessary to ask the National Conference to work out a scheme for applying contributions raised by other Special Names Canvasses, e.g., such a canvass may be attempted in Quebec after the Third National Conference when Provincial quotas have already been set. If such a means of raising funds proves successful, it could be implemented more generally across the country.

4. Recommendation re Accounts Receivable Account to Third National Conference -

From the following data presented by the Executive Secretary, the matter of a recommendation to the National Conference on the item of Accounts Receivable appearing on the books of the organization at the end of the fiscal period, August 31, 1949, was considered:

(a). Receivables item on Balance Sheet as at Aug. 31, 1949, shown as \$2,457.11 made up as follows:

B. C. JCCA (re Crown Timber)	\$462.25	
" JCCA (re Franchise)	<u>493.58</u>	\$955.83
		800.00
		1.28
		500.00
		<u>200.00</u>
		\$2,457.11

(b) Total actual disbursements for the year 6,441.82
 Total Provincial Chapter quota receipts for year 4,350.00
 Expenditures exceeding Prov. quota receipts \$2,091.82

(c) Subsequent to the closing of the '48 - '49 books, Accounts Receivables have been credited as follows:
 from Alberta JCCA Chapter on quota \$ 400.00
 from Sask. JCCA refund on publicity expense 1.28 401.28

THEREFORE: Accounts Rec. standing to date (Oct. 11) is 2,055.83

Provincial quotas received to date (Oct. 11) 4,750.00

Expenditures over Prov. quota receipts to date, (Oct. 11) is \$1,691.82

made up as follows:

B. C. Special Projects expenses	955.83
Operating Expense	<u>735.99</u>

AGREED THAT the National Executive Committee recommend the following course of action to the Third National Conference in dealing with the Accounts Receivable item appearing in the Balance Sheet of the organization at the end of the fiscal year, Aug. 31, 1949, and as the item stands at this date (Oct. 11/'49):

THAT the Provincial Chapters be urged to fulfil in toto their obligations to the '48 - '49 National Budget if at all possible. However, if that is deemed impracticable, the following alternative procedures are suggested:

- The B. C. Chapter be requested to pay the sum of \$955.83 representing expenditures in 1947 - '48 and 1948 - '49 on B. C. Special Projects, and the delinquent Chapters be asked to pay the sum of \$735.99 which represents operating expenses incurred and not covered by Provincial Chapter quota contributions, in proportion to the amounts outstanding on their quotas: i.e., Alberta Chapter, on \$400 or 4/11 \$267.63
 Ontario Chapter, on \$500 or 5/11 334.55
 Quebec Chapter, on \$200 or 2/11 133.81
\$735.99

(This in effect means writing off Accounts Receivable item at the end of the fiscal year, Aug. 31, 1949, to the extent of \$364.01 as uncollectable.)

- The amount expended in British Columbia for special projects, i.e., Crown Timber issue and Provincial Franchise, be paid for out of the National JCCA Reserve Fund in the sum of \$955.83, and the delinquent

Chapters and British Columbia Chapter be asked to pay \$735.99 in proportion to the amounts outstanding:

B. C. Chapter, on \$955.83 or approx.	47½%	\$349.60
Alberta Chapter, on \$400.00 or	19 %	139.84
Ontario Chapter, on \$500.00 or	24 %	176.63
Quebec Chapter, or \$200.00 or	9½%	69.92
		<u>\$735.99</u>

In recommending use of the Reserve Fund, the Committee believed that no worthier use could be made of the Special Reserve Fund than for such work as combatting the Crown Timber Act disabilities and the fight to gain the Provincial Franchise for Japanese Canadians in B. C.

It was noted that the Second National Conference passed a Budget for \$6,950.00 for operating expense and allowed for Income of only \$5,850.00 to cover (taking the B. C. quota at the \$300 figure).

5. Policy re Use of Reserve Fund - It was felt necessary to clarify policy as to the purposes for which the Reserve Funds may be used and that the Third National Conference be asked to consider and pass a ruling on this matter. The relevant sections in the Constitution need to be further clarified.

If the National Conference would decide policy for the use of these funds, then the Executive Committee will be in a position to use such directives in determining whether a particular use of the funds is permissible. Further, the Conference should be asked to rule as to whether the National Executive Committee is bound to contact Provincial Chapters before using any Reserve monies or whether they might go on their own responsibility.

AGREED THAT the matter be included in a memorandum to the Conference.

6. Memo re the National JCCA Constitution - To be considered at a later meeting.

VI. EXECUTIVE SECRETARY'S REPORT:

1. Contribution from Alberta - It has been reported from the National Treasurer that the Alberta JCCA Chapter has remitted \$400 on their Provincial quota of 1948 - '49.
2. Conference Agenda - Provincial Chapters have been requested to submit their suggestions and additions on the draft Agenda by October 15th, 1949, and immediately after that date, the finalized Agenda will be sent out. The Agenda will be published in part or in whole in the New Canadian one week before the Conference date. It was suggested that names of Provincial Chapter delegates also be published.
3. National Treasurer - The Executive Secretary reported that H. R. Okuda, National Treasurer, finds it will be impossible for him to attend the Conference next month in Lethbridge.
4. Finance Campaign Publicity - Four articles have now been written by the Executive Secretary and released to the New Canadian and Continental Times on the following topics: Appeal for financial support, Excluded Strandedes, JCCA workers, Record of Past, Present and Future Work.

More articles are planned.

A special ad in the New Canadian and Continental Times is proposed. The layout presented by the Executive Secretary was approved by the Committee.

- 5. Departure of Executive Secretary for Conference - G. Tanaka reported that he plans to leave by train for the Conference in Lethbridge Monday night (Oct. 31) arriving in Lethbridge at 1:30 p.m. Thursday (Nov. 3).
- 6. Executive Secretary's Visit to Vancouver - It was decided to table decision as to the necessity of asking the Executive Secretary to extend his trip to Lethbridge to Vancouver in order to consult further with Mr. McMaster on Claims matters until after the meetings with Mr. Brewin and Mike Masaoka of the JAACL.
- 7. Proposal to Set up a Representative Claimants Committee in Toronto - It was agreed to table discussion on this matter until the Claimants Committee as presently constituted has had an opportunity to meet and discuss the subject.

VII. OTHER BUSINESS:

- 1. Formation of a Special sub-Committee to work with Mr. Brewin - It was felt advisable to have the Executive Secretary hold discussions with Mr. Brewin on the matter of planning future action on claims restitution.
- 2. Resignations - Letters of resignation which have been received from R. Obata and J. Oki were read by the Chairman.

MOVED by F. Kayahara and seconded by I. Uchida THAT these letters of resignation be tabled and that R. Obata and J. Oki be invited to a special meeting Sunday night at 8:00 p.m., October 16th, in order that they might clarify for the Committee the statements contained in their letters. CARRIED.

- 3. Requisition for October -

MOVED by T. Umezuki and seconded by S. Shinobu that the following requisition figures for the month of October be approved:

Salary, Executive Secretary	233.00	
" , Office Secretary	156.00	
Petty Cash	50.00	
Supplies, etc.	61.00	
Travel Expenses for Exec.Secy's trip to National Conference	<u>200.00</u>	\$700.00

CARRIED.

- 4. Statements of Disbursement for August and September - left over to next meeting.

VIII. NEXT MEETING - It was decided to hold another meeting of the Executive Committee this month on October 25th. Business on the Agenda will include: Constitution By-Laws and Nomination slate for the National Executive Committee.

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

REPORT OF THE NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE TO THE NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE GENERAL MEETING, OCTOBER 11, 1949.

Meeting held Tuesday evening, October 4, 1949, at 84 Gerrard Street East, Toronto, with the following members present: T. Umezuki, T. Kameoka, K. Shimizu, I. Uchida, F. Kayahara, G. Tanaka and K. Tanaka.

Subject under discussion: NATIONAL FINANCIAL CAMPAIGN

The Executive Secretary made the following report to the sub-Committee:

The National Office had communicated with all Provincial Chapters on August 8th or 9th with regard to the tentative plans being formulated by the National Executive Committee for conducting the '49 - '50 financial campaign, as follows:

- a). Since the 3rd National Conference would be held in the third month of the new fiscal year, it was felt that the forthcoming National Finance Campaign should be planned to begin early in the Fall for the convenience of some Provincial Chapters who desire to conduct their Provincial campaign before the date of the Third Conference.
- b). That it would be necessary for the National Executive Committee to set a tentative budget figure for the '49 - '50 budget for the convenience of Provincial Chapters planning to conduct a campaign in the early fall. Provincial Chapters were also advised that if such a tentative figure is set, it would be subject to ratification by the Third National Conference.
- c). That the National JCCA invited the Provincial Chapters to submit suggestions with regard to this forthcoming National JCCA Finance Campaign.

Subsequent to the above-stated correspondence between National Headquarters and the Provincial Chapters, the Executive Secretary reported that we had communicated with the Provincial Chapters on September 29th when they were advised on the following matters:

- a). That the National Executive Committee has officially set the date of October 1st as the beginning of the JCCA Finance Campaign.
- b). That this official date which is in advance of the date set last year, was set by the Committee in order to give consideration to some of the Provincial Chapters which desire to conduct a Finance Campaign in October or early November.
- c). That the official date of the Finance Campaign was to be announced in the October 1st issue of the New Canadian.
- d). That in this public announcement, the general public would be informed of the fact that the Third National Conference was to be held in the third month of the new fiscal year which necessitated the National JCCA to set a tentative budget figure for this Finance Campaign of \$8,000.00.
- e). That the National Executive Committee is submitting the following stated tentative 1949 - '50 National JCCA Budget:

Salary, National Exec. Secy	\$3,000.00	
" , Office Secretary	1,900.00	
Office Rent	200.00	
Telephone & 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

- f). That the National JCCA is now planning a publicity campaign to parallel the finance raising campaign.

- g). The Provincial Chapters were also invited to submit any suggestions or wishes with regard to the matter at hand and that such suggestions would be given every consideration by the National JCCA.

With regard to the proposed publicity campaign in support of the financial campaign, the Executive Secretary outlined the following articles which he had in mind to write for the New Canadian and the Continental Times:

- a). A National JCCA Finance Campaign appeal article which would announce October 1st as the official opening date of the campaign and the tentative Budget Figure of \$8,000.
- b). A human interest article based on the JCCA's effort to assist strandedes who are at present inadmissible to Canada.
- c). An article on the JCCA workers throughout Canada.
- d). An article on the past, present and future work of the JCCA which would stress the important fact of the need for the continued existence of the JCCA and that no other organization could assume the responsibilities of the JCCA.
- e). The Executive Secretary stated that he would try to write several other articles in connection with JCCA publicity.

It was reported to the sub-Committee that no word had yet been received from the Provincial Chapters with regard to the Finance Campaign matters.

The Executive Secretary outlined the various approaches he had considered with regard to calling on special names donors for substantial donations. After due consideration, he felt that the best approach to these people would be to write a letter to them which would outlined the need of the JCCA for contributions and other related matters, and which would advise that the Executive Secretary would be calling on them shortly.

The Committee was of the opinion that certain special names should be left entirely to the Executive Secretary to contact while others should be contacted by a small delegation comprised of the Executive Secretary and a few Issei members of the Committee.

The following names were suggested by the Committee together with the amounts which they would be asked to contribute:

Mr. Art Tateishi	\$500	Dr. Miyake	\$100
Mr. Saul Kadonaga	200	Dr. Kuwabara	100
Mr. Ubukata, Silks Ltd.	100	Dr. Yoneyama (physician)	100
Mrs. Geo Yoshy	100	Mr. Ken Kitamura	200
Mr. Ukon Higuchi, Furuya Trading (S. Shinobu and G. Tanaka)	100	Best Cleaners (near St. Clair - Mr. Hagino, Sr.)	100
Mr. Kagetsu (K. Shimizu, I. Uchida, T. Umezuki & G. Tanaka)	200	Mr. Kikudo Kobayashi (after contacting Dr. Nishikawa) - Port Dover.	
Dr. Nishikawa(Densaku Kondo and G. Tanaka)	200	Mr. Charlie Nakamura (B.C.)	200

With regard to contact special names donors, the Executive Secretary hoped to be able to carry out this assignment in the very near future.

The Committee felt that in writing the initial letter to the special donors, contact should be made within a week of the letter.

Discussion was held by the Committee with regard to the desirability of having a special ad in the New Canadian and Continental Times advertising the National Finance Campaign.

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MOVED by T. Umezuki and seconded by T. Kameoka
THAT we have a half-page ad in the New Canadian and Continental Times advertising
the National Financial Campaign. CARRIED.

MOVED by Fred Kayahara and seconded by T. Umezuki that the National Executive Secretary
write in reply to Mike Masaoka's letter and invite him to Toronto. CARRIED.

To be ratified at the next Executive Committee Meeting.

This motion is not related to the Committee's business at hand but under the
emergency circumstances the Committee was asked to consider the matter.