

NATIONAL JAPANESE CANADIAN CITIZENS ASSOCIATION

MEETINGS OF THE NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

June 14, 1949, 8.30 p.m., at the Central YMCA, Toronto, Ontario  
" 21, 1949, 8.30 p.m., at the Central YMCA, Toronto, Ontario  
" 28, 1949, 8.30 p.m., at Woodsworth House, Toronto, Ontario

A G E N D A

JUNE 14, 1949:

- I. Call to Order
- II. Attendance
- III. Minutes of the Previous Meeting, Vol. II, #14
- IV. Correction on Minutes of April 10, 1949, Vol. II, #13
- V. Re. Mr. George Tamaki
- VI. Resignation - N. Fujita
- VII. Report of the sub-Committee on Finance -
  1. B. C.'s Quota
  2. Trustees and Trust Fund
  3. JCCA Finances
- VIII. Report of the Executive Secretary on Property Claims.
- IX. Adjournment

JUNE 21, 1949:

- I. Call to Order
- II. Attendance
- III. Resignation - I. Kawajiri
- IV. Property Claims Question
- V. Executive Secy's Report -
  1. Fair Employment Practices Legislation
  2. Cancellation of Japanese Nationality Forms
  3. 3rd National Conference
  4. Toronto Inter-ethnic Council
  5. Ontario JCCA Conference
  6. Formation of local Chapters in Ontario
- VI. Treasurer's Report
- VII. Ukrainian Property Claims Question
- VIII. Adjournment.

JUNE 28, 1949:

Special meeting to hear speaker on Ukrainian Property Claims Question.



MINUTES OF THE JUNE, 1949, MEETINGS OF THE NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Vol. II, #15

The June meetings of the National Executive Committee were held as follows:

Tuesday, June 14, 1949, 8.30 p.m., at the Central YMCA, Toronto,  
" , June 21, 1949, 8.30 p.m., at the Central YMCA, Toronto,  
" , June 28, 1949, 8.30 p.m., at Woodsworth House, Toronto.

JUNE 14, 1949

I. CALL TO ORDER - The meeting was called to order by the Acting Chairman,  
Mr. Kinzie Tanaka.

II. ATTENDANCE:

Those Present - M. Kitagawa, K. Tanaka, F. Nogami, T. Umezuki, Y. Hyodo, J. Oki,  
K. Hidaka, R. Obata, M. Sato, S. Shinobu, G. Tanaka, T. Sagara,  
N. Fujita, Mr. George Tamaki (member of the Saskatchewan JCCA).

Absentees - J. Ide, P. Yamada, I. Uchida, Rev. Shimizu, Rev. Tsuji, I. Kawajiri,  
E. Nose.

III. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING, Vol. II, #14

MOVED by T. Umezuki and seconded by F. Nogami,  
THAT we deal with business on the Agenda first before considering the  
Minutes of the previous meetings, which were circulated.

CARRIED.

IV. CORRECTION ON THE MINUTES OF APRIL 10, 1949, Vol. II, #13

Page 3, under "Recommendation of Counsel", second para., should read: "It is  
my opinion, as expressed to the Co-operative Committee, that, etc."

V. RE MR. GEORGE TAMAKI

MOVED by T. Umezuki and seconded by S. Shinobu  
THAT Mr. George Tamaki be seated at this meeting as a member-at-large  
of the JCCA. CARRIED.

VI. RESIGNATION - N. Fujita submitted her resignation as a member of the National  
Executive Committee on the reason that under existing circumstances  
in the Committee, she finds she cannot discharge her responsibilities as a member  
of this Committee and, also, for personal reasons.

AGREED THAT N. Fujita's resignation as a National Executive Committee member  
does not affect her retaining the offices of Recording Secretary and  
National Headquarters Treasurer.

MOVED by T. Umezuki and seconded by S. Shinobu  
THAT the Committee accept N. Fujita's resignation as a member of the  
National Executive Committee. CARRIED.



## V. REPORT OF THE SUB-COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

The following report was compiled and read out to the meeting by K. Hidaka, Chairman of the sub-Committee on Finance:

### Report of sub-Committee on Finance

The meeting of the sub-committee was held Wednesday, May 25, 1949.

Present: Roger Obata, Norah Fujita, Jack Oki, Kunio Hidaka.  
Absent: Fred Nogami.

Problems for discussion: 1. B.C.'s quota to national finances,  
2. Trust Fund and Trustees,  
3. JCCA finances.

#### 1. B. C.'s Quota to National Finances

The problem of the B. C. quota to National Finances arose out of some difference of view between the president of the B. C. Chapter and the National Executive Secretary as regards the amount of the quota assessed by the National Conference.

The sub-committee first examined the notes of the Conference for a definite statement of the amount agreed on for B. C. but none was included. The sub-committee then decided that there was no alternative but to proceed on the basis of the understanding of persons who were in attendance at the Conference.

As a result of hearing the opinions of delegates, the sub-committee recommends that the B. C. Chapter be advised that delegates now in Toronto, as well as the National President and the National Treasurer, agree with the Executive Secretary, that the B. C. quota was \$300 plus \$1700; and that the \$1700 was to be paid by B. C. if they received assistance from the National Organization for B. C. projects.

Aid to B. C. on Crown Timber problem was \$462.25, and on the franchise problem was \$493.58, a total of \$955.83.

#### 2. Trustees and Trust Fund

The Trust Fund has received sums of money from former organizations in the amount of \$3448.87. The present practice of the organization is to keep this trust money as part of the current account and draw from it when necessary for current expenses. At the end of May, because the real current account had been completely depleted, there was a balance of only \$2750.13. This means that \$698.74 had been borrowed from the Trust Fund for current expenses.

The sub-Committee recommends that all matters concerning the Fund be governed by by-laws. A Board of Trustees should be appointed, consisting of at least five persons, including representatives appointed by the donating organizations. The trustees should be located in either Montreal or Toronto.

Applications for money or loans from the Fund should be made to the Board of Trustees by the National Council at the request of the National Executive Committee.

The Trustees should be empowered to invest the Fund in government bonds.



It is recommended that these proposals be implemented immediately in the following manner:

Upon approval of these proposals by the National Executive Committee, this sub-committee be instructed to contact representatives of the donating organizations and request that they appoint their representatives. These names will then be brought before the National Executive Committee who will recommend them to the National Council for final approval.

### 3. JCCA Finances

	<u>Quotas</u>	<u>Receipts</u>	<u>Not Received</u>
B. C.	\$ 300	\$ 300	\$ -
Alta.	1200	400	800
Sask.	100	-	100
Man.	450	450	-
Ont.	3000	2500	500
Que.	800	600	200
<u>Total</u>	<u>\$5850</u>	<u>\$4250</u>	<u>\$1600</u>
1947-48 Ont.			
Over-pay.	\$ 500.	\$ 500	-
1948 & 1949			
Conf. Exp. (?)	700	-	700
<u>Acc. Total</u>	<u>\$7050</u>	<u>\$4750</u>	<u>\$2300</u>
Spec. B.C.			
Proj. Quota	1700	-	1700
<u>Grand Total</u>	<u>\$8750</u>	<u>\$4750</u>	<u>\$4000</u>

### National Treasury General Account:

Bal. at end of April	\$1550.13
Receipts - May	300.
	1000.
	400.
	<u>\$3250.13</u>
Requisition for May	500.
Balance at end of May	<u>\$2750.13</u>

Total of Donations to Trust Fund	\$3448.87
Amount in General Account May 31st	<u>2750.13</u>
Amount of Trust Fund used for Current Expenses	\$ 698.74

This means that the real Current Account is completely depleted and \$698.74 has been borrowed from the Trust Fund and used for current operating expenses.



Disbursements from Current Account  
September to end of April 1949 \$4894.74

May Requisition 500.

Approx. Disbursements September-May 1949 \$5394.74

1948-49 Receipts Sept.-May 1949 \$4750.  
... Disbursements 5394.74

Current Operating Deficit \$ 644.74  
Amount Borrowed from Trust Fund 698.74

(Cash on hand ?) \$ 54.00

Estimated Operating Expenses Required for JCCA

June to August 1949 @ \$600 mo. \$1800.  
Re-payment to Trust Fund (approx.) 700.

Estimated Income Necessary to Close Fiscal Year  
without Deficit \$2500.

Expenditures for Fiscal Year Sept. 1948 to Aug. 1949

Sept. to May 1949 \$5394.74  
Est. June to Aug. 1949 1800

Estimated Total Expenditures for  
Fiscal Year \$7194.74

MOVED by K. Hidaka and seconded by T. Umezaki that the report be adopted.

Discussion on the Report:

1. re B. C.'s Quota to National Finances - (Reference - Minutes of May Meetings, Vol. II, \$14, Executive Secretary's Report: 3, 'B.C.'s quota to the National JCCA Budget', page 21 - "At the B.C. JCCA Conference, their quota to the National Budget was discussed. I stated that I understood that they were committed to the total of \$2,000 (\$300 as a direct commitment and \$1700 to be limited to commitments with respect to any work the JCCA may carry out in B. C. chargeable to that \$1700). If at the end of the fiscal year what could be considered B. C. expenses amounted to \$900, then that would be all B. C. would need to pay, if the amount exceeded \$1700, they would not be liable for more than the \$1700.")

Note: Other National Council members on the Executive Committee interpreted B. C. JCCA Chapter's quota to the National Budget as being \$300.00 on straight allocation and \$1700.00 additional to be paid in full should assistance be given by the National JCCA in any amount for B. C. projects.



The Executive Secretary suggested that it might be advisable to write to the B. C. Chapter first to check with them the statement which he made to the Executive Committee at the May meeting on this matter, as quoted above. It was also expressed that it might be too late to alter the position of the B. C. Conference on this matter and it would therefore be necessary to appeal to the B. C. Chapter on the basis of the reality of the financial position of the National organization.

2. re Trustees and Trust Fund - It was noted that in the 1st National Conference Report that reference is not made to a Trust Fund and Trustees but rather to a Reserve Fund as:

(page 5) - "That the per Province national budget assessment ..... be adopted for this term subject to any changes deemed necessary by the National Executive Committee and approved by the National Council and should donations exceed the estimated National Budget sum of \$7,500.00, an additional \$700.00 may be added and that any amount over and above \$8,200.00 be placed in the reserve fund."

(page 16) - "Manitoba delegates suggested that the \$7,500.00 budget be accepted and that any funds necessary for carrying out special projects be drawn from any National Organization reserve fund which would be built up from special donations. The Manitoba delegate suggested that special donations should be regarded as kind of insurance to be used in case of special need."

At present such special reserve monies are designated in the books of the organization as "National JCCA Special Projects Reserve".

Mr. Umezaki pointed out that most Issei persons whether they referred to a Reserve Fund or Trust Account would assume that monies in such a category would be kept and spent from a separate account and it would be advisable from their point of view to have such a separate account in the JCCA.

Looking at it practically, the question was raised as to how the national organization would function financially if all reserve money were completely separated from the National Treasury.

There appeared to be great anxiety on the part of certain members that a separate Trust Account be set up quickly and that there was no necessity to consult with National Council members beforehand, but that it would be necessary only to advise them that such a step had been taken. If it is decided to set up a separate Trust Account, the by-laws for governing the Fund would have to be incorporated in the Constitution and would therefore be required to be dealt with by the next National Conference. The question was raised whether the National Council would not be the body which would appoint the Trustees should a Board of Trustees be required. If some of the trustees are to be representatives from contributing organizations, it was felt that it would be necessary only to contact the trustees of the contributing organizations. It was noted that the matter of trustees may become more and more complicated if a number of other organizations made donations in the future.

It was also suggested that the National Council might constitute the Board of Trustees or else the National Executive Committee.

Some members felt that this issue as it was being discussed was unnecessary as in the minds of the people who made the donations, they made a donation to the JCCA and therefore the JCCA is the trustee, and the contributors know that the JCCA will use the money in the best way.



MOVED by J. Oki and seconded by T. Umezuki  
THAT we set up the Trust Fund according to the recommendation of the sub-Committee.

MOTION RESCINDED upon request by Mr. Shinobu that more time be allowed to study the matter, especially to grasp the real meaning of the Fund and the process of using money in such a fund.

It was agreed that decision on this matter could well be postponed and should not be decided by a straight majority vote.

MOVED by J. Oki and seconded by T. Umezuki  
THAT we set up a Trust Fund and appoint the Trustees.

AMENDMENT TO THE MOTION by Y. Hyodo and T. Kameoka  
THAT contributions designated as "to the Trust Fund" only should be put into the Trust Account, otherwise it would go into the general account.

AMENDMENT TO THE AMENDMENT by T. Umezuki and R. Obata  
THAT the amendment apply to future donations. CARRIED.

THE RESOLUTION AS AMENDED CARRIED.

3. re General Finance - It was noted that even by temporary use of the reserve funds, the National Treasury would be short on operating money, and that the fund raising campaign this year should be launched in September.

MOVED by T. Umezuki and seconded by F. Nogami  
THAT the Chapters be informed of the standing of the national organization finances and that they be asked to remit the outstanding balances of their quotas as soon as possible. CARRIED.

MOVED by K. Hidaka and seconded by T. Umezuki  
THAT the sub-Committee on Finance continue standing in order to implement some of their recommendations. CARRIED.

#### VI. REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY ON PROPERTY CLAIMS

The Executive Secretary reported that replies were received from the Saskatchewan and Quebec Chapters to the letter requesting of Provincial Chapters whether there is information of reversals in decision expressed by claimants in their areas on the Commissioner's proposal of settlement. Both these Chapters state that nothing of that nature has transpired in their Province.

Criticism was raised by Mr. Obata that he understands the letter to the Provincial Chapters did not include a listing of the opinions expressed at the second Toronto Claimants meeting for voting rejection of the Commissioner's proposal. The Executive Secretary believed that it was not in the directive of the Executive Committee that this should be done, and the Provincial Chapters would, in any event, be aware of these points from noting them as listed in the Minutes of the May meetings of this Committee (refer. May meeting Minutes, page 16). Mr. George Tamaki reported that these points were covered by the Saskatchewan Claimants at their meeting when they first considered the Commissioner's proposals, and would presume that other Provinces had done the same.



The Executive Secretary requested that further discussions on plans for further action be continued after a report could be given on the interview with Commissioner Justice Bird which took place May 20, 1949, in Toronto, and at which time a delegation consisting of Mr. Brewin, Mr. Obata, Mr. Shin and the Executive Secretary made representations on behalf of claimants to Mr. Bird. A copy of the report on this interview has been circulated to the Provincial and Local Chapter executives.

Mr. Obata requested that he be permitted to give a supplementary report on the interview with the Commissioner before the Executive Secretary proceeded further. The report read out by Mr. Obata covered some of the informal question and answer period with the Commissioner, as he recalled it.

Discussion took place between Mr. Obata and Mr. George Tamaki as to the necessity of a report on the question period and some points raised in Mr. Obata's report.

#### VIII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned and it was agreed to meet again on Tuesday evening, June 21, 1949.

JUNE 21, 1949

I. CALL TO ORDER - The meeting was Chaired and called to order by Mr. K. Tanaka.

#### II. ATTENDANCE:

Those Present - K. Tanaka, K. Shimizu, T. Umezaki, G. Tanaka, R. Obata, K. Hidaka, Y. Hyodo, T. Kameoka, M. Kitagawa, I. Uchida, S. Shinobu, T. Sagara, J. Oki, N. Fujita.

Regrets Received - F. Nogami.

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

III. RESIGNATION - A resignation as a member of the National Executive Committee was received from Mr. I. Kawajiri who finds he is unable to attend the meetings of the Committee by reason of his being required to work on the night shift.

MOVED by K. Shimizu and T. Kameoka that Mr. Kawajiri's resignation be tabled until September. CARRIED.

#### IV. PROPERTY CLAIMS QUESTION:

1. The Executive Secretary read a letter received from the National President, Mr. T. K. Shoyama, dated June 10, dealing with the subject of the Property Claims and work of the JCCA organization on this matter.

A draft of a letter to Claimants drafted by Mr. George Tamakai was circulated and studied.

The Chairman asked whether the Committee should not clarify its position as to what should be stressed in working for claimants: to send out information to Claimants or to do the best job possible of representation on behalf of Claimants to the Government.



Mr. Obata felt that both were important and called the attention of the Committee to the report on a part of the interview with the Commissioner which he had read at the previous meeting together with a summary which he desired to have circulated.

The Executive Secretary stated that the report which he (the Exec. Secy.) had compiled on the interview with the Commissioner was made on the formal part of the delegation, and although as much information as possible should be released to claimants, much of the question and answer period of the interview were on matters which could be received through our own counsel in confidential material. The Executive Secretary further reported that negotiations are still continuing between Claimants Counsel and the Commission and the Commissioner had not yet handed his recommendation to the Minister of Justice. This interview with the Commissioner, although it did not influence him to raise the percentages, might have helped Mr. McMaster's attempt to bring more special individual cases before the Commission. The Executive Secretary suggested that full information of the question and answer period of the interview could be sent to the Provincial and local Chapters.

MOVED by R. Obata and seconded by T. Umezuki

THAT a concise summary in Japanese in the New Canadian be printed of R. Obata's part of the report on the question and answer period with the Commissioner and that a complete report go just to the Chapters, as a special bulletin. CARRIED.

MOVED by T. Umezuki and seconded by K. Shimizu

THAT we appoint a sub-Committee to draft a letter to Claimants, taking as a basis the draft letter prepared by Mr. George Tamaki and considering points raised by Mr. Shoyama in his letter. CARRIED.

The following members were appointed to the sub-Committee: G. Tanaka (Chairman), R. Obata, K. Shimizu, Y. Hyodo and T. Umezuki.

The following Recommendations were suggested to be studied by the above sub-Committee:

- (a) The Claimants should be given responsibility to assist financially to carry on this work; this should be mentioned in the letter and an answer on this point received from them.
- (b) It should be pointed out in the letter to Claimants that 2% has been paid by claimants to the Co-operative Committee. At the same time, the JCCA has worked for two or three years on the claims question. If the claimants want further work would the claimants be likely to assist the organization. The claimants should feel an obligation to the JCCA, and they should know the financial picture. Claimants should be informed of estimated future costs.
- (c) The sub-Committee might study the matter of publicity on the property claims question.

MOVED by T. Umezuki and seconded by R. Obata

THAT the project of approaching the Dominion Government in raising the percentages for the claims and widening the terms of reference be initiated by the JCCA with the assistance and approval of the Co-operative Committee.

AMENDMENT TO THE MOTION BY K. Shimizu and Y. Hyodo to include the phrase, "and on the approval of the majority of the claimants."

CARRIED.

MOTION CARRIED AS AMENDED.



AGREED that copies of the draft letter to claimants be sent to members of the Executive Committee. Suggestions could be phoned in by Committee members. At least two days will be allowed for consideration of the letter by members before they are mailed out.

AGREED that letters be sent to the Provincial Chapters for distribution to local Chapters, claimants lists to be provided where needed.

2. Reply from the Minister of Justice - The Executive Secretary reported receipt of acknowledgment of our letter to the Minister of Justice requesting the receiving of a delegation from the National JCCA to discuss certain matters pertaining to the Japanese Property Losses Claims, from the Secretary to the Minister of Justice who assures us that the letter will be brought to the Minister's attention.

V. EXECUTIVE SECRETARY'S REPORT:

1. Fair Employment Practices Legislation - The Executive Secretary, G. Tanaka, was part of a delegation from the Association for Civil Liberties in Toronto which presented a brief to Premier Frost of the Government of Ontario requesting his consideration of legislation for Fair Employment Practices in Ontario, on June 7, 1949.

2. Cancellation of Japanese Nationality Forms - These forms have been multi-graphed and distributed to member Chapters and organizations in quantity together with English translations of the forms and instructions.

3. 3rd National Conference - In talks with the Executive Secretary while he was in Alberta, Executive members of the Alberta JCCA stated that it would be possible for the Conference to be held there in the last week in October or the early part of November.

MOVED by M. Kitagawa and seconded by T. Umezaki  
THAT we send a letter to the Alberta JCCA to make formal contact with the Chapter respecting the National Conference, and to set the Conference dates for the earliest possible dates. CARRIED.

It was suggested that the matter of the organizational finances could be mentioned as a factor in the desirability of an early date.

4. The Toronto Inter-Ethnic Citizens Council - The Toronto JCCA Chapter will take an active part in the Council and have paid the \$10.00 membership fee. Mr. Hugo Wolter, Advisor to the Council was invited to address the Ontario JCCA Conference on the subject of Community organization. It is important that the National organization participate in the Toronto Council in that Chapters across the country could be kept informed on the work of such a community organization and the significance of such an organization.

5. The Ontario JCCA Conference - At the Conference of the Ontario JCCA held in Toronto, June 11th and 12th, 1949, certain resolutions were passed and directed to the National organization. It was recommended that an official JCCA lapel pin, an official membership card and uniform letterheads be instituted.

Samples of the membership card designed by the Toronto local Chapter have been distributed to all Provincial Chapters. The Ontario delegates desired space provided in the card for inserting the local Chapter name.



The National letterhead has been adopted by the Manitoba JCCA Chapter and the Alberta Chapter used it for a time.

Agreed that the matter of contacting Provincial Chapters re the above recommendation of the Ontario Conference be left with the Executive Secy.

6. Formation of Local Chapters in Ontario - An Essex JCCA Chapter was re-formed in February last, and the Executive Secretary made two trips to Leamington for this purpose.

A Hamilton JCCA Chapter was formed in May last, stated the Executive Secretary, very greatly due to the patient efforts of Mr. Ken Hori, President, (and some of his committee) of the Ontario Chapter, over a period of many months with many trips taken to Hamilton at his personal expense. The Executive Secretary assisted at the organizational meeting of the Hamilton Chapter.

It was suggested that Mr. Kameoka report the organization of these Chapters to the Toronto Chapter Issei group, as they have been enquiring on this point.

MOVED by T. Umezuki and seconded by T. Sagara

THAT a letter go from this Committee to the newly formed Hamilton Chapter conveying our encouragement and greetings. CARRIED.

#### VI. TREASURER'S REPORT:

1. Statement of Income and Disbursements for the month of May, 1949 - (see attached).

MOVED by S. Shinobu and seconded by T. Umezuki

THAT it be adopted as circulated. CARRIED.

2. Requisition for the month of June -

Executive Secretary's Salary .....	\$233.00
Office Secretary's Salary .....	156.00
Petty Cash .....	50.00
Supplies, etc., .....	161.00
	<u>\$600.00</u>

MOVED by T. Sagara and seconded by Y. Hyodo that the Requisition for \$600.00 be approved. CARRIED.

3. Interim Balance Sheet - The following Interim Balance Sheet, prepared by the National Treasurer, Mr. H. Okuda, was presented by the National Headquarter's Treasurer, N. Fujita:

As at May 31st, 1949:

#### Assets:

Bank	\$2,762.63
National Headquarters	172.21
Receivables	501.60
Equipment	\$557.11
less Reserve	<u>27.41</u>
	<u>529.70</u>
	<u>\$3,966.14</u>

#### Net Worth:

National JCCA	\$ 492.27
National JCCA	
Special Projects	
Reserve	<u>3,473.87</u>
	<u>\$3,966.14</u>



- VII. UKRAINIAN PROPERTY CLAIMS QUESTION - R. Obata reported that some officers of the Ukrainian Farmer-Labour Temple were willing to speak on the Ukrainian property claims question and that he would suggest that the National Executive Committee call a special meeting to hear them.

MOVED by J. Oki and seconded by K. Hidaka

THAT we invite some members of the Ukrainian Labour-Farmer Temple to speak to the National Executive Committee on the subject of Ukrainian property claims. CARRIED.

Although there is information that the Ukrainian property claims question is somewhat different from the Japanese Canadian property claims, it was felt that it might be useful to secure some information on the subject of their claims.

R. Obata was asked to contact the guests to arrange for a meeting with them on June 29th, 30th or 28th, in that order of preference.

- VIII. ADJOURNMENT - The meeting was adjourned on the motion of Mr. Umezuki.

JUNE 28, 1949 - SPECIAL MEETING TO HEAR SPEAKERS ON UKRAINIAN PROPERTY CLAIMS QUESTION

Those Present - T. Umezuki, J. Oki, R. Obata, T. Kameoka, Y. Hyodo, G. Tanaka, K. Hidaka, K. Shimizu, N. Fujita.

Guests - Mr. Theresya and Mr. Boychuk of the Ukrainian Labor-Farmer Temple Assoc.

Regrets - K. Tanaka, S. Shinobu.

Chairman - National Executive Secretary, G. Tanaka.

The Committee heard a talk given by Mr. Boychuk of the Ukrainian Labor-Farmer Temple Association on their work respecting the reclaiming of their property seized by the Government during the war. He explained that their Association is purely cultural and educational in nature, but that in 1940 it was declared illegal. Their 108 halls, valued at half a million dollars, were seized and placed in the hands of Government Custodians.

On October 14, 1943, the ban was removed by the Government and plans were made by the Association to seek recovery of the properties, 17 pieces of which had been sold by the Custodian. A Government Committee had been set up to study "manners and means which should be used in releasing the properties" and having them returned to the Association. They tried to negotiate with purchasers to buy back properties from them and found that some would not return them. Cash settlements were offered but the Association wanted the return of the buildings.

The claim for the properties was filed by the one Association (as in contrast to individual claims), and all action on the question was centralized. The matter was left entirely in the hands of the National Executive Committee in which was vested power to make all decisions. This simplified procedure, and they carried out direct negotiations with the Government.

The Association's Executive Committee worked through the Civil Liberties Association and first launched a campaign to arouse public opinion through such means as: contacting newspapers across the country, contacting members of parliament, presenting a brief, filing of petitions, distributing pamphlets, distributing postcards addressed to the Prime Minister.



A Judge held court hearings across the country at which lawyers gave evidence or Mr. Boychuk, himself. Evaluators were hired and they brought in, in most cases, fair evaluations. The Commission travelled for two months and sat in Ottawa for one year covering each case. Everything was not left in the hands of lawyers as in the Finnish cases where some properties were returned but no refund was received for damages.

All the buildings were finally returned to the Association and compensation was received for damages. It was public opinion which finally did the work.

Large funds are needed to follow through a case in this way. Cost to the Association totalled approximately \$25,000.00, not including two year's salary for Mr. Boychuk and for other worker's put on this work. The \$25,000.00 was broken down roughly as follows:

\$13,050.00	for Lawyers
1,700.00	for Advertising
1,650.00	for Printing
6,500.00	for Travel Expense of Mr. Boychuk, Secretary
1,750.00	for Other Expenses
<u>350.00</u>	for Stamps

\$25,000.00