

A detailed outline of the work of the Claimants Committee was given by its Chairman, S. Takashima.

The Committee was formed, following a decision reached at a JCCA meeting, <sup>it would be advisable for Claimants</sup> that ~~provide claimants with the means~~ to have the means to express their presentative voice. An election was subsequently held with ballots distributed to all claimants in the Isomoto area.

The Claimants Chairman reported that 30 Committee meetings were held during the period following its organization at the end of 1949. At its first meeting the Committee ~~agreed~~ <sup>agreed</sup> that its objectives were to work with the Co-operative Committee and do everything possible which was in the best interest of claimants.

~~Joint~~ meetings were held with representatives of the National Executive Committee of the JCCA with a view to ~~planning~~ <sup>opening</sup> a vigorous <sup>joint-</sup> campaign for higher awards and ~~full~~ compensation for all economic losses immediately. The Commission's Report was ~~published~~ <sup>made</sup> public. <sup>Due to the</sup> ~~failure~~ <sup>to Co-operate</sup> on the part of the ~~JCCA~~ <sup>a small</sup> minority among the representatives of the JCCA Executive ~~no progress could be made~~

joint  
so the meetings were discontinued. A general meeting of  
Claimants ~~was~~ held in the Spring of this year endorsed the position of their  
~~Committee~~ <sup>Committee</sup> and gave their mandate for ~~negotiations~~  
Aventures were made to the Co-operative Committee  
in order to have claimants represented on that  
body. After a conference ~~which~~ of two sessions  
it was agreed that claimants would be accepted. ~~to~~  
~~the claimants meeting~~; ~~Co-operative~~

Early on

Soon after joining the Co-operative Committee  
it became apparent to Claimants representatives  
in order to serve the best interests of claimants that  
their close attention to all business  
transacted by the Co-op. Com. would be required  
if the best interest of Claimants was to be  
served. In order to gain a clear and ~~thorough~~ <sup>detailed</sup> understanding of the situation,  
Members of the Claimants Committee  
made repeated requests for information <sup>a number of</sup> on  
matters which ~~would~~ <sup>would</sup> ~~without which~~ <sup>no</sup>  
clear ~~understanding~~ of the <sup>in order to gain a</sup>  
clear understanding of the situation, but such  
information was refused outright or ~~stated~~ <sup>described</sup> as  
not available by the Co-operative Committee.

Despite ~~their position~~ the fact that they have been  
retained by claimants. The Co-operative Committee has  
not acted in ~~violation~~ ~~of~~ their position and  
operated with claimants' Committee, but <sup>their own arbitrarily chose</sup>  
have willfully and blindly pursued a ~~course of~~  
~~action~~ which ~~only leads to a complete blocking of~~

~~Advances of approach for further~~  
~~policy~~ which <sup>has</sup> step by step ~~has~~ progressively eliminated  
the means whereby Japanese Canadians may  
have pressed for complete compensation for the  
economic losses of evacuation. And in all these  
actions the National Executive Committee stands idly by,  
~~The~~ ~~final~~ in the role of collaborators and puppets,  
~~without~~ not only without protest, but as willing  
accomplices.

The inherent position of the JCCA was ~~not~~ exposed  
At a time when the JCCA has sent a brief to  
the Prime Minister asking for compensation for additional losses,  
it exposes its own lack of good faith. But at the same  
time agrees to have claimants sign releases which  
seems ~~from~~ any further claims <sup>not to make</sup> whatsoever. He stated that  
The work of the Claimants in attempting to delete the objectionable

feature of the release should have the hearty support of the JCCA if they have been acting sincerely and in good faith.

Mr. T. Minoda, secretary of the Claimants Committee gave a ~~full~~ <sup>carefully</sup> analysis of the ~~reasons~~ <sup>policy</sup> adopted by the Claimants Committee and showed that each action was taken <sup>only</sup> to serve the best interests of ~~the Japanese people~~ <sup>not exclusively of</sup>

Claimants but all evacuees.

During the <sup>open</sup> discussion period

<sup>surprised for</sup> ~~Opinions expressed by Claimants expressed their~~ <sup>and opposites by actions?</sup> ~~and that the~~ <sup>the</sup> J National Executive Committee and the Co-operative Committee.

Toronto claimants at a meeting on Friday, October 27, <sup>in a motion passed unanimously,</sup> expressed their disappointment <sup>in the failure of</sup> of representatives of the National Executive Committee of the JCCA ~~in not showing up~~ <sup>to show</sup> despite the friendly invitation extended to them by the Claimants Committee to debate the question of Evacuation losses.

The meeting also went on record to urge the JCCA to reopen the claims question ~~for~~ with a view to getting full compensation for all evacuation losses.

~~was given a detailed outline of the work of the Toronto Claimants Committee, since its election by ballot ~~also~~ <sup>in order that Claimants</sup> as a result of a decision at a JCCA meeting ~~its~~ <sup>may have a representative voice,</sup> and a subsequent ballot election by ballot distributed to all Toronto <sup>and District</sup> Claimants,~~