

REPORT OF CLAIMANTS MEETING OF FRIDAY, OCT. 27TH

Toronto claimants at a meeting on Friday, Oct. 27th, unanimously passed a motion expressing disappointment in the failure of representatives of the National Executive Committee of the JCCA to show up, despite the friendly invitation extended to them by the ~~Exec~~ Claimants Committee to debate the question of evacuation losses.

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

S. Takashima, chairman of the Toronto Claimants Committee, gave a detailed report on the committee's work since its inception at the end of 1949. He stated that the committee was formed following a decision reached at a JCCA meeting that it would be advisable to set up the means whereby claimants could express their views. An election was subsequently held, with ballots distributed to all claimants in the Toronto area.

The claimants' chairman reported that 30 committee meetings were held since the work of the committee began, and at the first meeting the committee agreed that its objectives were to work with the Co-operative Committee and do everything possible which was in the best interests of claimants. He reported that despite ~~the~~ ~~the~~ efforts to carry out a program which would benefit claimants, the co-operation of the JCCA and the Co-operative Committee was not always forthcoming.

T. Mineoka, secretary of the Claimants Committee, gave a careful analysis of the policy adopted by the committee to show that each step agreed to by committee members was not only to serve the best interests of claimants exclusively, but of all evacuees. They realized that certain actions taken by the Co-operative Committee and agreed to by the JCCA would only eliminate the possibilities of pressing for further claims.

During the open discussion period, claimants expressed their support of the actions and policies of their committee.