

The report to claimants on the activities of the Toronto Claimants' Committee contained the following salient points:

(1) The Toronto Claimants Comm. was formed at the request of the National JCCA Exec. Comm. and elected by the claimants in Toronto.

(2) The purpose of the Committee was to assist the National Exec. Comm. in implementing an Evacuation Claims program favorable to claimants.

(3) ^{Numerous meetings during the course of} Several months ~~and numerous meetings~~ were spent in research, discussions, and conferences with the National Exec. Comm. in ^{an effort} trying to reach an agreement on policy regarding Evacuation Claims.

(4) Three attempts were made ^{in order} to consult claimants across Canada ~~so~~ that they (the claimants) might have a voice in determining policy, but each time the National Exec. Comm. and the Co-Operative Comm. refused to co-operate. The list containing the addresses of claimants was not made available.

(5) The Toronto Claimants Comm. advocated a wide-spread public campaign for three specific reasons:

(a) to bring to the attention of the Canadian public the injustices of the evacuation and the tremendous economic losses resulting therefrom.

(b) to show the public the total inadequacy of the awards recommended by the inquiry under Justice H.I. Bird.

(c) to show the injustices of excluding a group of evacuees from a substantial and justifiable compensation (properties not handled by the Custodian)

(6) The Co-Operative Comm. refused to endorse this plan and the National Exec. Comm. fell in step with this decision because

(a) the Co-Operative Comm. was anxious to wind up the whole business of Evacuation Claims

(b) to follow the plan of the Toronto Claimants Comm. meant a complete reversal of policy and loss of face for both the Co-Operative Comm. and the National Exec. Comm.

(7) The result of the policy adopted by the National Exec. Comm. and the Co-Operative Comm. has been to close the Whole Evacuation Claims issue with the meagre payments recommended by Justice Bird.

(8) The signing of the Release closed for all time any opportunity for making further claims, and made the position of excluded claimants practically hopeless.

~~(9) The inconsistency of the policy of the National Exec. Comm. was~~ became quite apparent when