

VANCOUVER JCCA REDRESS COMMITTEE

OPEN MEETING

18TH JULY 1985

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The Vancouver JCCA Redress Committee held an open forum at the Japanese School on 18th July 1985 to provide an update on the activities of the NAJC and to allow attendants to voice their comments and suggestions on the progress to date. Unfortunately the number of attendees was very disappointing.

Mrs. Irene Nemeth, on behalf of the JCCA, welcomed the over fifty people to the meeting and reiterated JCCA support of the activity of the committee and complemented ~~on~~ an excellent effort, ~~in involving the excellent job.~~

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The NAJC update was provided by Cassandra Kobayashi who reported on the following:

1. The formation of a new non-profit society. The Japanese Canadian Studies Society has been formed to handle educational projects such as the Socio-economic Study of Losses and a proposed Demographic Study.
2. Update on the Toronto situation.
3. Nomination for a Vice President for the NAJC.
4. Distribution of the NAJC newsletter.

Mr. Roy Miki brought the meeting up to date on the background leading up to the decision to retain Price Waterhouse, a leading international auditing firm, to conduct the Socio-economic Study. The decision to proceed was the result of committee meetings held throughout Canada which encouraged the NAJC not to accept the proposed \$6 million educational trust fund but to actively work towards a more just and reasonable settlement.

He noted that the report should be completed by the fall, which is very timely in that the Federal Government has indicated that they wish to have a meeting with the NAJC representatives at the time.

The statement of receipts and disbursements for the Vancouver JCCA Redress Committee for the eleven-month period ending 30th June 1985 was re-

ported on by Mr. Ed Teranishi. The receipts were \$21,067.00 with the major contribution being \$9,446.00 from the sale of C.P. Air plates and \$5,242 from donations. Disbursement totalled \$12,498.00, leaving an excess of receipts over disbursements of \$8,569.00.

An appropriation of \$4,800.00 has been committed for the economic loss study, leaving an unappropriated surplus of \$3,769.00.

On behalf of Mr. Charlie Kadota who is the Western Coordinator of the NAJC fund raising program, Mr. Wakabayashi noted that the long overdue fund raising for the NAJC has now been launched to solicit donations to meet, among other expenses, the cost of the Socio-economic Study, awarded to Price Waterhouse. Other major expenditures proposed include the national demographic survey and the administration of the NAJC operation over the next twelve months. It was reported that the National Coordinator role had to be terminated due to the lack of fund and security of the position.

Mr. Wakabayashi concluded by requesting the full support of the Japanese Canadian community.

The JCCA Redress Committee will be holding elections on 29th September 1985 and Mr. Miki explained the nominating procedures. Mr. Wakabayashi solicited the full participation of the seniors in the community. He suggested that the dedicated efforts started by the late Mr. Motoi Iwanaka should not be lost but it should be the motivation to maintain the drive through the involvement of more Isseis in this redress movement.

As noted earlier, the attendance of just over fifty people was very disappointing. The Redress Committee is comprised of a number of hardworking volunteers who have been dedicating many hours of their time to the redress campaign. The main purpose of the meeting was to seek comment and suggestions on the actions of this committee as fully reported in the JCCA bulletin. The redress issue is a very personal one, and it was felt that by having these open forums that individuals would come forward and offer their advice, com-

ments, and suggestions. This input is absolutely essential, especially at this juncture. Only with your participation in these forums are we able to determine whether our actions are in keeping with your desires.

We appreciate that many people are on holidays, and during the summer months, ^{but} many other commitments. However, we feel that everybody in the community has a responsibility to themselves and the country to come forward, ^{and} participate, voice their opinion, so that when the final settlement is in, they will at least be satisfied that they had contributed to it.

→ We intend to have a further meeting near the end of August, the date is to be finalized and advised in the bulletin. We would sincerely hope that you will set aside about four hours of your time to involve yourself in this very important issue.

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Vancouver JCCA Redress Committee

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