

AMENDED MINUTES

MINUTES OF J.C.C.A. REDRESS COMMITTEE MEETING  
475 ALEXANDER STREET  
NOVEMBER 4, 1984

Present: R. Miki (Chairman)                    H. Wakabayashi  
          A. Higa                                    C. Kobayashi  
          C. Kadota                                M. Seki  
          T. Wakabayashi                        S. Shishido  
          J. Kamimura                            C. Kadota (J.C.C.A. President)  
          M. Kobayakawa                         T. Wakayama  
          K. Shikage                             S. Kadonaga  
          T. Kage

Regrets: F. Greenaway                        K. Isomura  
          M. Iwanaka                             H. Kobayashi  
          S. Matsumoto                          E. Minato  
          I. Nemeth                              R. Sumi  
          E. Teranishi

GENERAL BUSINESS/ANNOUCEMENTS

1. R. Miki distributed the report of the meeting of the J.C.C.A. Redress Committee, and Executive and Sub-committee Co-ordinators of October 19th, and the minutes of the redress committee meeting of September 30th.
2. Two members from the J.C.C.A. Board, Tad Wakabayashi and Ken Shikaze have been appointed to serve on the committee as liaison representative of the J.C.C.A. Board. They have been added to the mailing list.
3. M. Kobayakawa suggested another general meeting for January.
4. T. Wakayama wants a discussion about the Redress Committee in the Bulletin. C. Kobayashi will write a report about the Redress Committee for the Bulletin.
5. R. Akune has agreed to be a contact person for Richmond. He is still on the redress committee.
6. R. Miki and C. Kobayashi are preparing a publication of the August 3rd Redress Forum proceedings.
7. R. Miki will cooperate with Ch. 10 re a proposed documentary programme on redress, on the condition that we be able to use it.

8. R. Miki reported on his Ottawa/Hamilton/Toronto trip which was mostly related to his work.

Ottawa

R. Miki talked to Jack Murta who did not commit himself to any specific date to officially accept the NAJC brief.

Toronto

R. Miki attended a meeting. Many unresolved problems are apparent. Another organization has been formed which will approach the NAJC for permission to represent Toronto.

Hamilton

The redress group raises money with 2 - 3 casino nights per year. The organization is working quite well.

UPDATE, NAJC REDRESS PROGRAMME

1. The Mennonite Central Committee of Canada issued a formal apology on October 30th. Twelve Mennonites have bought former Japanese owned farms in the Fraser Valley. The proposed apology and redress is believed to be in the \$10,000 range.
2. A panel discussion co-sponsored by the Canadian Jewish Congress and the Ottawa Redress Society is to be held in Ottawa on November 21st.
3. NAJC Strategy Committee meeting held on October 27th. Art Miki, Roy Miki, et al attended.

Objective: - to work out long and short term strategies.

Long Term:-

The NAJC will attempt to maintain control over the negotiation process. Compensation will be sought for more than property losses. Priority is to be given to seniors in our community. The government will be asked to commit funds for the seniors. A study will be made to determine the needs of this and the next generation of seniors. An instant infusion of cash will be requested for existing organizations.

Short Term:-

The strategy is to submit the brief on the 21st, although the date may be changed. In order to make an impact, it is hoped

Mulroney will accept the brief in person. The brief is to be released on the same day.

Jack Murta has seen the brief and has said that it is impressive. He would not have trouble accepting the contents. He does not want to be at the press conference because he first wants to seek all party support. The NAJC will be asked if they can assist someone in Vancouver to attend. H. Wakabayashi moved that the executive of the Redress Committee may appoint a representative to Ottawa for the official submission of the NAJC brief. M. Seki seconded the motion. Passed.

#### Finances

Charles Kadota presented the financial statement. The committee decided to wait for direction from the Board re start-up funds.

#### Bulletin

T. Wakayama (Bulletin General Manager) informed the committee that the Bulletin needs financial assistance. The JCCA Board will be asked to consider assuming some of the financial responsibilities. At the next public meeting, the membership will be informed of the added cost of redress information to the Bulletin. We may have to pay for space in the future if we want a lot of space.

#### Report on Meeting of Executive and Co-ordinators

The committee is trying to establish a principle of not over-loading a few members. The co-ordinators would be responsible for their sub-committees.

The redress committee will meet on the first Sunday of every month.

#### Volunteer Committee

Everyone on the committee should try to find a volunteer translator and refreshment volunteer. Names of potential translators for meetings and for written work will go to J. Kamimura.

J. Kamimura does not have all the lists from J. Nemeth.

#### Community Liaison

Two types of meetings are planned - large public ones and home meetings.

S. Shishido reported for the liaison committee. He read the memo and informed the meeting that four are willing to be hosts so far and that some others would prefer to hold meetings in a small hall. He is to set up the meetings. Members from the redress committee will attend each meeting.

The resource people are R. Miki, C. Kobayashi, T. Wakayama, Charles Kadota, J. Kamimura, M. Kobayakawa, I. Nemeth, P. Nimi, S. Shishido, and Connie Kadota.

The resource people and the co-ordinators will meet on Friday, November 9th to make a list of the important points that are to be dealt with.

#### Fund Raising

M. Kobayakawa will coordinate fund raising as well as events.

#### Special Events

M. Kobayakawa discussed plans for major public forums, fund raising events and participation in events related to Redress and Human Rights.

#### Public Relations

C. Kobayashi has sent a press release to the New Canadian, The Canada Times, and the Shimpo. Channel 19 has been asked to announce the November 18 meeting.

#### Issei Liaison

H. Wakabayashi has contacted the Issei about the meeting on the 18th. He needs help with refreshments and an update. The Issei will report on the meeting. and will second the meeting.

#### Draft Proposal for the JCCA Redress Programme

Deferred.

#### Discussion and Objectives of Redress Committee

Deferred.

#### Other Business

There should be at least two fund raising events.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11.00 p.m.

Amy Higa  
Recording Secretary