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RESOLUTION TO: NAJC National Council, National Executive and
Art Miki, President

FROM: Toronto North York Chapter, NAJC

SUBJECT: Toronto JCCA and Rits Inouye, President

WHEREAS, the Toronto JCCA has not held an Annual General Meeting nor an election of Executive Officers since March 1980, and its Executive Committee and President, Rits Inouye, do not represent Toronto Japanese Canadians in crucial matters currently central to the activities of the NAJC, and Toronto Japanese Canadians are without proper representation on the NAJC National Council; and

WHEREAS, the Toronto JCCA Executive Committee and President have acted in a manner seriously prejudicial to and in opposition to the best interests of Toronto Japanese Canadians and the NAJC, such as:

- (a) disruption of initial redress organizational meetings in the summer of 1983, and by a serious breach of good faith in September 1983, by distorting the agreed to representation of a Toronto Redress Committee, by improperly packing the meeting and converting the form of organization to serve only JCCA purposes as the Toronto JCCA Redress Committee;
- (b) subsequently, to date, by deceptive misinformation and deliberate obstruction opposing all positive and beneficial initiatives, such as public information meetings, for Japanese Canadian redress;
- (c) more specifically, by resolution dated November 21, 1984, declaring that they do not support the redress program of the NAJC;
- (d) illegally, without authority of a proper or general meeting, contrary to the JCCA constitution and without regard to the supposed representative structure of the Toronto JCCA Redress Committee, its two officers, Rits Inouye and Jack Oki, under the name of the Toronto JCCA, by individual letter, purported to expel each redress committee member who did not support them but remained loyal to the NAJC;
- (e) by resolution of March 27, 1985, with Rits Inouye voting in favour, the Toronto JCCA Redress Committee declared its support for the Japanese Canadian National Redress Committee of Survivors;

- (f) Rits Inouye, in neglect of her position as the Toronto NAJC Council representative, refused to cooperate in the NAJC fund drive and distribution of the Newsletter;
- (g) again, contrary to the requirements of her NAJC position, she has refused to report information or distribute copies of communications received from NAJC headquarters;
- (h) even after being requested by Art Miki who came from Winnipeg to address the meeting, she failed to notify Toronto residents except her few JCCA Executive supporters of the March 10, 1985 public meeting at the Dovercourt Japanese United Church; the organizing task consequently fell on Toronto North York Chapter members who made the meeting a success despite Rits and her supporters' actively disruptive tactics;
- (i) Rits Inouye now openly declares her support for the Committee of Survivors; and

WHEREAS, the Toronto North York Chapter is the only organized body in the Greater Toronto Area supporting the NAJC;

THEREFORE, be it resolved that the National Council, the National Executive and the National President, each to the limit of their powers and ability, correct the long overdue, destructive and intolerable situation described above, by:

- (a) full recognition, immediately, of the Toronto North York Chapter, NAJC, as the representative body for the Greater Toronto Area, under the name, Greater Toronto Chapter, NAJC;
- (b) recognising representatives of the Greater Toronto Chapter as Council members to exercise five votes;
- (c) immediately, revoking the five votes on the Council by the Toronto JCCA representative;
- (d) as a defensive measure, to protect its own well-being and integrity, the Council suspending recognition of the Toronto JCCA and Rits Inouye as a Council member, for neglect of duties and responsibilities to the NAJC, and as the Toronto representative; and
- (e) removing Rits Inouye from all NAJC committees.

TORONTO NORTH YORK CHAPTER, NAJC

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Per: Bill Kobayashi,
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April 16, 1985