

Minutes of the

NATIONAL J. C. C. L.

J. e. c. l. Delegation Meeting.
 Monday, April 13, 1936. Fuji Chop Suey.

The organization of the Japanese Canadian Citizens' League, especially during its formation stage, was so interwoven with the question of sending delegation to the Elections and Franchise Committee at Ottawa, that it is difficult to go into the details as it might be desired from the standpoint of authentic chronicle of the organization. Records were often not kept, not because of any intentional neglect, ^{but} because of physical impossibility or tactical necessity.

The Japanese Canadian Citizens' League, as such, may be said to have come into existence, Sunday, April 12, at Fuji Chop Suey, Vancouver, B.C. at the meeting of the delegates of the chapters in existence at that time. This meeting for purpose of record, is dated Monday, April 13, 1936.

Organization Meeting.

Monday, April 13, 1936., 6 p.m.
 Fuji Chop Suey, Vancouver, B.C.
 Delegates present.

Edward C. Banno	Vancouver
Morikyo Tamura	Maple Ridge-Pitt Meadows
Nazime Shiga	Vancouver
Harold S. Saito	Vancouver
F. M. Hattori,	Mission City
Yukio Takahashi;	Victoria
S. Okamoto.	Victoria
Kinjo Shimidzu	Victoria
N. Yamada	Maple Ridge-Pitt Meadows
Takes Oato	Maple Ridge-Pitt Meadows
Rosie Takahashi	Maple Ridge-Pitt Meadows

J. E. Hashizume	Mission City
Ed. T. Ouchi	Vancouver
Schiro Horiyama	Steveston
Shizuo Matsuba	Steveston
Thomas T. Yoshida	Vancouver

Mr. Ed. Ouchi was appointed chairman,
Dr. Ed. Burns, secretary, from the floor.

Moved by Mr. M. Tamura, seconded by Mr.
J. Hashizume,

"That, whereas chapters are being formed
in different districts, the Japanese Canadian
Citizens' League be formed."

Carried

Moved by Mr. Okamoto and seconded by
Mr. S. Matsuba,

"That the constitution of the Vancouver
chapter be adopted with amendments to be
made by the Provisional Central Council"

Carried

Moved by Dr. Burns and seconded by
Mr. Shiga,

"That a Provisional Central Council be
formed with delegates from each chapter
and that Mr. Tamura be installed the
chairman of the Provisional Central Committee"

Carried

Moved by Dr. Burns and seconded by
Mr. Tamura,

"That Mr. Shiga be installed as

temporary treasurer of the J.C.C.L.

Carried.

Moved by Mr. Burns and seconded by Mr. Tamura.

"That with the aid of the Canadian Japanese Association and affiliated organizations, we send delegates to Ottawa.

Carried

Moved by Mr. Tamura and seconded by Mrs. Shimidzu.

"That the following list of tentative delegates to Ottawa be adopted.

Mr. D. J. Hayakawa,

Hide Hyado,

Yukio Takahashi

Mr. E. C. Burns

Roger Obata

Minoru Kobayashi

Rosie Takahashi

Dr. H. S. Saito

Carried.

J. C. C. L. Delegate Meeting

April 26, 1936.

Asahi Chop Suey, Vancouver.

Chairman. Mr. Tamura

Secretary. Mr. Albert Takimoto (for this meeting)

1. Drafting of the constitution of J. C. C. L. was left to Mr. M. Tamura

Preamble

Name - Japanese Canadian Citizens League.

Aim -

Membership - Chapters approved by original Committee

Fees - minimum of \$5.00 per annum per chapter and 1 delegate.

maximum of \$10.00 for chapters over 50 members - 2 delegates

Executives - President, vice-president, or vice-presidents, Secretary, Treasurer
Term is to be for 1 year.

Meetings.

Political restrictions

Elections

2. Office - temporarily Mr. Panno's office

3. Provisional executive.

President Mr. M. Kuba

Vice-President Mr. T. Aoto

Secretary Mr. E. Panno

Treasurer Mr. H. Shiga

Gen Secretary Mr. I. Yoshida

4. Report of the "Delegates to Ottawa" problem by Mr. Yoshida. High lights of this report were

1. Sometime during February, Professor Angus suggested through Albert Takemoto that Premier King's reported speech be refuted and further that a delegation be sent to Ottawa.
2. Mr. W. Innis suggested, through Mr. Iwashita that a delegation be sent.
3. Consul Ishii was also approached for this proposal. Consul had replied that it was rather difficult at present for financial reasons. Mr. W. Innis had replied that

if the delegation would pay the train fare he would be willing to look after them at Ottawa. Consul Ishii thought that if Mr Innis were willing to do that much for a delegation on Japanese cause, there ought to be a delegation, of Japanese initiative and Japanese finance. Consul Ishii approached J.C.C. & with the suggestion for Ottawa delegation.

4. J.C.C. & conferred with the Consul and decided that it is in the best interest of the Japanese community to let the Canadian-Japanese Association take the initiative. Accordingly the Consul conferred privately with the executives of the Canadian Japanese Association who were in full accord with the proposition.
5. J.C.C. & approached the General Secretary of the Canadian Japanese Association and asked the C.J.A. to take initiative. (Unofficially)
6. At the meeting of C.J.A. it was reported that there were complaints that there had been no formal application.
7. Mr. Yoshida and Dr. Barano asked Mr. Furukawa (Gen. Sec'y, C.J.A.) for an interview with Mr. Nishikawa, president of C.J.A.
8. President Nishikawa rejected interview
9. Telegram from Minister Kato of the Japanese Embassy to the Consul saying that he met the Chairman of the Industrial and Foreign Relations Committee who thought it would be good idea to send a delegation and who would like to know when it could come.
10. President Nishikawa now would see us, and when we met at C.J.A. office said now he was going to do his best to settle this matter and

J.C. & I should trust him.

11. April 13, sent official letter asking C. J. A. to support the proposed Ottawa delegation. The letter came back on a complaint that it was unsigned so Mr. Burns signed it and took it to C. J. A. office
12. April 26, 7:30 P.M. we were to meet C. J. A. committee on Ottawa delegation at Seiko Club.

Delegates attending meeting.

Edward T. Ouchi	Vancouver.
Takes Ooto	Maple Ridge - Pitt Meadows
Hajime Shige	Vancouver
Thomas Yoshida	Vancouver
Monkiyo Tamura	Vancouver
Mr. H. S. Iida	Vancouver
S. Makuta	Steveston
Kunio Shimidzu	Vancouver
T. Tanaka	Sunbury
T. Suzuki	Sunbury
Edward C. Burns	Vancouver
Albert Takemoto	Vancouver
Mitsunobu Kuba	Steveston

Kon dan-kai with C. J. A.

April 26, 1936 8:15 pm.

Seiko Club, Alexander St.

Delegates from Canadian Japanese Association

Mr. R. Ide,
 Mr. S. Shinohara,
 Mr. Ootomo
 Mr. S. Sasaki
 Mr. K. Ishii

Mr. T. Sakamoto,
 Mr. T. Matsumoto,
 Mr. Miyake. (Recording secretary. J.C.A.)

Delegates from Japanese Canadian Citizens League

Mr. T. Ooto
 Mr. M. Yamura
 Dr. H. Saiba
 Mr. S. Matsumoto
 Mr. M. Kuba
 Mr. K. Shimizu
 Mr. E. Ouchi
 Mr. T. Yoshida
 Mr. A. Takimoto
 Dr. E. Yamura
 Mr. H. Shiga

Chairman: Mr. R. Ise.

Chairman: Canadian Japanese Association has split upon the question of sending delegates to Ottawa, and no decision has been reached thus far. Therefore it is desired ^{that} with the representatives of J.C.C.A. present to discuss the development of the question as well as clearly stating reasons for and against this delegation.

Mr. Shinohara: According to the request received by C.J.A. from the J.C.C.A. it is stated that C.J.A. "aid" the J.C.C.A. in its undertaking. What are these "aids" specifically.

Mr. Sasaki: If definite figures are desired they could be easily obtained, but is it not more important to discuss the fundamental

issue?

Mr. Yoshida: Question has been asked of the development and the organization the J.C.C.L. The J.C.C.L. is not organized merely to obtain franchise; the franchise is merely one of the objectives (Mr. Yoshida explained in details, aims, organizations and membership of J.C.C.L.)

Delegate question.

Questions - C. J. A. (Mr. Sasaki)

Answers - J. C. C. L. (Mr. Yoshida)

- Q - Are delegates dependent upon Mr. Innis or C. C. F. party or others?
- A - The delegation is not dependent upon any one or any party, but Mr. Mc Innis will introduce it to the committee.
- Q - Will the committee definitely listen to delegates' appeal or are they going to Ottawa with the wish that they might be listened?
- A - The delegation will obtain definite hearing. The proof of this is the fact that words have been received from Ottawa asking when the delegation would arrive.
- Q - What is the nature of this "Industrial and Foreign Relations Committee" and what good is it to appeal to this committee?
- A - Definite reference is made in the Hansard to the effect that the question should be referred to this committee. There are possibilities though that there would be opportunities to appear before the Committee on Elections and Franchise.
- Q - Has the J.C.C.L. thought seriously of the possible

reaction to this delegation?

Q - Cannot think that there would be a reaction to this delegation because the delegation will go there ^{merely} to tell them that Second Generation is not indifferent to disenfranchisement and to present themselves as samples of the Second Generation.

Mr. Ishii: Reasons for opposition are: although he is not opposed to franchise for Second Generation but believes it is too early, because.

1. Dual Nationality - There should be a movement to withdraw registration in Japan. This should be done at least among the members of the J.C.C. and then it would be time to send delegation.
2. Party Politics - Franchise seems beyond possibility as long as there is party politics. To send delegation when there is party politics is to invite reaction. An example of this is seen in the matter of fisherman's licence case.
3. The lack of full support. The matter at present seems controversial among the Japanese. It is wise to wait until J.C.C. is solidly formed and there is full support by the entire Japanese community.

Mr. Ide Chairman: Bringing a copy of Vancouver Sun, dated April 25, 1926 - Reference made by the Chairman to an article in the Sun about Cumyow and Homma.

Mr. Sasaki: What of other Orientals? The question, however, seems to be concerned with Japanese. Do the J.C.C. intend to send delegates.

- even if such action might split the Japanese community into two rival camps? It seems advisable to wait ^{until} many problems as Relief, Marriages etc were solved. There is a big possibility of reactionary legislations if the delegation were sent. An example may be sought in fishermen's license case. Further license reduction may be anticipated if it is bared that most fishermen send money to Japan. It is essential that first generation weakness be eliminated. It seems that the foundation of Japanese is not yet firm in Canada. It is therefore unwise to send delegation. The brief is sufficient; it will show Japanese are not indifferent, and there will be no necessity of answering questions.
- Mr. Ouchi: It seems that the First Generation people really are thinking seriously about the problem. If so, are there any active movement among the First Generation to keep second generation from further registration ⁱⁿ Japan?
- Mr. Ouchi: Granted that there are serious obstacles in our case, such as mentioned, how long do you think it will be before an active step can be taken at all?
- Mr. Ootomo: Among objections raised to this delegation are: that J.C.C. foundation is not yet firm; that if it is found out that the Consul is taking an active interest in the issue, will it not prove embarrassing?; it is too early and too dangerous. This attitude is taken from the experience of Japanese returned soldiers. There were 196 volunteers, of which 64 died in France, and 142 returned and 15 have

died since. The enfranchisement of the Japanese veterans had men in both the provincial and federal government who had served in the same legion aiding it, and also several organizations backing it. In spite of that, it took 13 years to get the franchise. It seems that the enfranchisement of the second generation is a bigger question and we must anticipate bigger difficulties. Ample finance and time are necessary. Although I am opposed to delegation for the above reasons ~~but~~ willing to reconsider if J.C.C. is so determined to send the delegation even at the risk of possible bad results.

Mr. Ishii: Political parties are obstacles to this franchise question. Individually the men may be in favor of enfranchisement but in a political sense party questions must be considered. As long as there are political parties our objective will not be reached.

Mr. Shinohara: Things to be considered in trying to arrive at a decision on this question are

1. I do not think there will be such reaction as were mentioned by those who are opposed to the delegation.
2. The results are not immediately anticipated even if the delegation were sent.
3. If the delegation were sent the Japanese community will be split.
4. This question is a provincial problem. Liberal government is opposed to enfranchisement. C. I. P. party has grown in power and prestige in three years of existence. There is a possibility of securing franchise

if C.C.F. attains power.

- 5 I do not think it wise to 'stop' J.C.C. if it sends a delegation.
6. I have a proposal to make. Since even those who are opposed to delegation are agreed it is all right to send the brief, why not have some Second Generation who is residing out of British Columbia? I understand there is Mr. Hayakawa who was born in British Columbia but who has been educated in Alberta, and who now resides in East. We will have no chance of being questioned about B.C. and being forced to answer in that case.

Mr. Kuba: Steveston people indignant over newspaper reports about Steveston Second Generation not being interested in this question. Also doubt if it were correct thing to send telegram to Minister Kato, Japanese Legation, opposing this delegation. Steveston people do not believe there will be serious repercussions over a delegation which goes only to say that Second Generation are not indifferent to disenfranchisement.

Mr. Matsuyama: Although I am in favor of this delegation perhaps it is best that J.C.C. be satisfied with sending the brief and not to cause division in Japanese community by delegation. It is desired that we arrive at a decision satisfactory to all.

Chairman: Believe that opinions on both sides were presented, so that every thing may be considered in proper light. Will ask J.C.A. to call the second meeting at which it is expected to have reached a decision.

Hondan-kai with J.C.A.

May 2nd, 1936.

Seiko Club.

Delegates from Canadian Japanese Association

Mr. R. Ide

Mr. S. Shinohara

Mr. Otono

Mr. S. Sakaki

Mr. K. Ishii

Mr. T. Sakamoto

Mr. T. Matsuyama

Mr. S. Furukawa.

Delegates from Japanese Canadian Artists' League

Mr. M. Tamura

Mr. T. Oshi

Mr. N. Kuba

Mr. Yamaoka

Dr. E. C. Burns

Dr. H. Saita

Mr. G. Onchi

Mr. Shiga

Mr. Yoshida

Chairman: Mr. E. Yamaoka

J.C.C.D. Decision: After considering the reasons ~~for~~ proposal for postponing the delegation we still believe that it is the psychological time to send the delegation and can see no adequate reasons for opposition.

The secretary feels that it is in the best interest of all to leave the details of this meeting since it ~~was~~ more or less repetition of the first meeting as far as various arguments were concerned. Suffice it to say that J.C.C.D. announced its final decision at this meeting.

Letter from Japanese Canadian Ass'n.

A Letter was received from the secretary of the ^{Japanese} Canadian Association stating that they have decided to aid our undertaking both financially and spiritually.

THE CANADIAN JAPANESE ASSOCIATION
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昭和十一年五月九日

加奈陀日本人會

幹事 吉川 幸三郎
加奈陀日本人會

日軍市民聯盟御中

拜復 四月十三日附貴信を以て御申上相成
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J.C.C.T. delegation departs.

Friday, May 14-1936. C.P.R. 7³⁰ o'clock.

Mr Edward C Barnes

Mr Menom Kobayashi

Miss Hide Hyodo

Joined by Mr. Samuel I. Hayakawa at Ottawa

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Executive Meeting

Sun. Dec. 3, 1939.

Members present:

2:00 P.M.

Ed Ouchi, Ed. Kitagawa, Harry Naganobu, Kunio Shimizu
Hidlyodo.

A check-up of the finances of the League was made revealed that all delinquent assessments had been paid up-to-date. The question of ways & means of raising funds were discussed but the committee came to the conclusion that the only feasible method was that of assessments.

A letter of acknowledgement was received from Mr. T. G. Norris on the occasion of his acceptance of Honorary Membership in the League.

Books and Library

It was decided that the five sets of K.B.S. publications should be sent to:

1. Vancouver Chapter J.C.C.
2. " Carnegie Library
3. Victoria Carnegie Library
4. Vancouver Is. circulation
5. Fraser Valley circulation

Additional books are to be asked for. ~~after~~ Ed Ouchi & Hide Hyodo are to peruse the list of publications & order as they see fit.

Shota Kondo was chosen as the chairman of publicity for the press.

Advisors selected to the League were Hajime Shiga, Ernie Yamaoka, Thomas Yoshida & Dr. Ed. Banno.

The possibility of publishing a pamphlet to enlarge publicity for the Nisei was discussed. It was decided that costs should be studied & definite estimates should be presented.

The question of organizing a Mutual Benefit & Savings Plan was discussed. A committee consisting of Ed Kitagawa, Hajime Shiga, Ed Ouchi & Harry

Naganobu was formed — this committee to present its findings to the next Executive meeting.

Executive Meetings

in future will be held on the first Sunday monthly at 2:00 P.M.

It was decided that a condensed report be prepared & sent to Chapters — The report to be typed in carbon & to include the financial statement.

Organization -

The necessity for more assistance & effort in organization was mentioned & that ^{members of} the Executive should visit Chapters whenever possible. Several groups already organized were considered as possible chapters of the League. Among those mentioned were Seo Is., Marpole, Wood fibre & Cumberland. The committee to assist in this particular line consists of Ed. Ouchi, Hide Hyodo, Kunio Shimizu, Thomas Yoshida, Ernie Yamooka, Tom Shoyama, Ernie Yamooka. The various chapters will be looked to for assistance in their particular areas.

Vocational Study Group

is to be formed with Ernie Yamooka as chairman, with representatives from Mission, Honey, Steveston, ^{Sunbury,} & Vancouver, for the purpose of exchange of information & ^{giving} assistance whenever desirable. Counter propaganda of the Nisei will be left to the New Canadian.

Executive MeetingSun. ^{Jan.} ~~Feb~~ 11, 1940.

The postponed executive meeting was held on Sun. ~~Feb~~ ^{Jan.} 11, 1940 at 2:00 P.M. with Ed. Ouchi, Ed. Kitagawa, Kunio Shimizu & Hide Hyodo present.

Announcement of the Bussei Oratorical Contest scheduled for Feb. 18th was made. A entry will be made from the League.

The K.B.S. Books are to be shipped ^{to} the district Chapters— Victoria, Chemainus, ^{Styveston} Sunbury and Maple Ridge.

It was decided that letters be sent to the K.B.S., Mr. Ishii & Nemichi with the request for more books— Advice to be sought of Mr. Ogawa before hand.

It was decided that in the future notices of Executive meetings be sent by card.

Presentation of the "Savings Plan" is to be left to the next meeting when all the advisors should be invited.

As Shota Kondo is unable to act as press reporter, Kunio Shimizu was requested to fill that post.

Letters reminding the chapters of the assessment fees ^{now} due are to be sent to all the Chapters.

Meeting adjourned at 3:30 P.M.

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EXECUTIVE MEETING Feb. 4, 1940.

Members present: Harry Nagonobu, Aiko Kondō, Ernie Yamooka, Thos. Yoshido, Kunio Shimizu, Ed. Ouchi, H. Hyodo.

Minutes of previous meeting read & adopted.

A somewhat detailed explanation ^{of the system} & discussion of the proposed Savings Plan then took place led by Ed. Ouchi. Due to the absence of Ed. Kitogawa, it was decided to postpone the business to another meeting.

It was reported that attempts had been made to send a contestant in to the Bussei Oratorical Contest scheduled for Feb 18. If it were found impossible, then the General Secretary is to send in a letter of regret.

The problem of printing a pamphlet about the Nisei was then discussed. As there will need to be a great deal of research & study, Ernest Yamooka was appointed chairman to organize a plan to be presented as soon as possible. It will be necessary to form committees to study Industries - Fishing, Retail Trade, Farming, Lumbering, Logging. The vocational study group should undertake this phase of the material while the executive should look after the general matter — population, dual citizenship, taxation, assimilation, standard of living, language schools, Buddhist activities.

The questionnaire sent by the Canadian Youth Congress on Canada's problems of war & citizenship is to be sent to all chapters. The ballot is to be given as individuals not chapters or groups.

A request was made from the Victoria Chapter in regards to expenses of contestants

in the National Oratorical Contest, non-members of the League. The executive promised that in any such case, the matter will be dealt with judiciously.

In the future, the General Secretary stated that Conventions will attempt at co-ordination of programs in an effort to ^{obtain} more satisfactory benefits.

Meeting adjourned at 6:10 P.M.

EXECUTIVE MEETING - Apr. 12, 1940.

Members present - E. Yamaoka, E.C. Banno, K. Shimizu, E. Kitagawa, E.T. Ouchi, A. Kondo, H. Hyodo.

The members met together at supper at the Fuji.

The savings plan was discussed. A translation of ^{the constitution of} one organized group was read by E. Kitagawa. It was decided that a trial should be given to the plan. A list of names was drawn up to form a likely group - these individuals to be contacted. A committee of three - E. Kitagawa, E. Yamaoka & Ed. Ouchi - was asked to draft a constitution for such a group.

In regards to the matter of the pamphlet, E. Yamaoka, in charge stated that there are three ways of collecting material - by questionnaire, interviews and research which could be carried on by J.C.C.L., J.C.A. or some such organization.

Invitation extended by Mr. T.G. Norris to the executive of J.C.C.L. was accepted - Details to be arranged by the General Secretary.

Executive Meeting. 17th May 1940. at the
New Canadian Office.

Members present: Harry Nagasawa, Ed. Kitagawa,
Ed. Ouchi, E. Yamataka, Nishi, K. Shimizu,
and T. Yoshida.

Minutes of the previous meeting read and
adopted.

Treasurer's report read and adopted. It shows
that on cash on hand \$56.46

and Assessments payable \$375.⁰⁰.

(1). SAVINGS PLAN.

It was reported that mimeographed copies
of draft constitution was sent to each Chapter
together with a letter urging them to send in
comments on the plan and that no reply had
been received to date.

The committee (appointed at the last meeting,
Ed. Kitagawa, E. Yamataka and Ed. Ouchi) was
instructed to study the constitution and
make a report to the next meeting.

(2). J. A. C. W. CONVENTION.

General Secretary read the Letter of Invitation
from the J. A. C. W. According to the Letter the delegates
from J. C. C. W. will be accorded the same rights
and privileges as the delegates from various
Chapters of the J. A. C. W.

It was decided that delegation of two
would be sent and that assistance of \$30.⁰⁰
would be given to the delegation. It was also
decided that one of the two would be from
Vancouver Island and that the choice will be
left to the Island Convention Committee. General
Secretary was instructed to inform the

Island Convention Committee about the decision. The remaining delegate will be appointed by the President.

(4) J.C.C. W. pins.

It was reported that a suggestion was made by the Vancouver Chapter to have common J.C.C. W. pins which would indicate the membership in the League.

General sec'y. was instructed to refer the question to each Chapter.

(5) It was decided to send flowers to the funeral of Mrs. Janis, mother of J. C. Janis, member of former Chapter of the J.C.C. W.

(6) Delegates to Conference sponsored by C. J. A. Ev. Yamarka, Ed. Auchi, and T. Yoshida were instructed to attend the Conference sponsored by C. J. A. as official delegates from the J.C.C. W. The Conference is to be held at Suji Chap Suoy at 2 p. m. on 26th of May, 1940.

(7) Letter to the Japanese Papers.

To clarify misunderstanding on the part of "Issais" with regard to the J.C.C. W. and to familiarize them with the works of the J.C.C. W.

General sec'y. was instructed to draft a letter which will be sent to the local Japanese press.

(8) Pamphlet.

A draft outline of the pamphlet on various Oriental problems was submitted and approved.

The articles on "Nisei" problem, written by George Tamaki, will be published first in the New CANADIAN. The same articles, it was agreed, the editor of the said publication and the Executives of the J.C.C.L. will be published in a pamphlet form later. It was explained that by doing so the cost of the enterprise will considerably be lessened. Mr. Yamataka was appointed to look after the business part of the enterprise.

EXECUTIVE MEETING

June 14, 1940

at New Canadian Office.

Present - Dr. E.C. Banno, Ed. Kitagawa, Ed. T. Uchi, Harry Naganobu, H. Hyodo.

Minutes of previous read & adopted.

1. Savings Plan - It was decided that a group be formed & that their monthly contributions (\$1.00) be used to buy War Savings Certificates. The constitution drawn up by the committee was revised but it will be tabled for the time being.
2. J.A.C.L. Convention -
The delegate for Vancouver Is. will be Aiko Kondo, Victoria J.C.C.L.
3. Pins -
One design to be selected & shown to the various chapters for approval.
4. Moonlight Cruise -
Youth Council cruise for Sat. June 22nd was announced.
5. Ocean Falls - report was given by Ed. Uchi that a joint meeting of J.C. Club, Seinenkoi & Jiji Koi executives was held. It was felt that the youth

- should combine into one organization & that organization become a chapter of the J.C.C.L.
6. New Canadian Special Issue -

J.C.C.L. greetings to be subscribed for \$300.

EXECUTIVE MEETING Sept. 3, 1940.

The first meeting in the fall was held at Fuji Chop Suey following a supper attended by some out-of-town visitors, Margaret Inouye of Duncan, Aiko Kondo - Victoria, Victor Saito - Ocean Falls, Dr. Geo. Ishiwara - Pres. Vancouver Chapter, Tommy Shoyama - Past. Pres. Vancouver Chapter, & the following members of the National Executive - Ed. Kitagawa, M. Kuba, Dr. E.C. Banno, ^{Aiko Kondo} Kunio Shimizu, Ed. Ouchi & H. Hyodo.

The main item of business was the consideration of the ^{annual} fall convention.

Date - Armistice week-end Nov. 9-10-11th.

Place - Victoria (if possible) -

General Convention chairman - Mas Kuwabara.

Fee - Registration fees to be set by Victoria Chapter.

Program - Committee elected to make preparations -

Ed Ouchi, Kunio Shimizu, Dr. Geo. Ishiwara, Dr. Ed.

C. Banno who will also act as chairman.

Speaker - Victoria Chapter to be responsible.

Oratorical Contest - will be conducted in the form of a debate as that was considered to be the better form of encouraging speakers. Committee to consist of E.N. Yamooka, M. Kuba, Tommy Shoyama, Ed. Kitagawa to act as chairman.

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C.C.L.
\$300.

Essay Contest - will be held in the form of a
Short story contest. The National Executive
will offer book prizes of 1st - \$5.00
2nd - \$3.00
3rd - \$2.00

Committee in charge - The Scribblers Club.

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Convention Entertainment program to be arranged
by Victoria Chapter.

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Margaret
Victor
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Chapter,
Executive

J.C.C.L. Pins - $\frac{1}{2}$ doz. have been ordered as
samples to be sent to the various Chapters,
but their delivery had been delayed.

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Registration of Fire arms

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It was felt that a protest should be made
(as a matter of record) to Hon. Gordon S.
Wisner. Kunio Shimizu was delegated to inter-
view Mr. Wisner - Sunbury Chapter are to be
approached to assist in the financing of the
trip. Harry Naganobu is to write the letter
of protest & to ask the reason for the
recent order depriving the Orientals of carry-
ing fire-arms.

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Anti-Japanese publicity on the subject of
registration by F.C. Smith - Kunio Shimizu is to
write a letter of protest to the R.C.M.P.
Savings Plan - the matter of buying War Savings
Certificates was brought to the attention of the
committee in question.

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It was decided that National Youth Congress
reports should be studied before any decision was
made regarding withdrawal or resignation of
J.C.C.L.

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EXECUTIVE MEETING Sun. Oct. 27, 1940

Members present — Ed. Kitogawa, E.N. Yamaoka, Dr. E.C. Banno, H. Naganobu, K. Shimizu, M. Kuba, Ed. Ouchi, Dr. G.A. Ishiwara, H. Hyodo.

Minutes of the previous executive meeting were read & adopted with two corrections.

Ed. Kitogawa, chairman of the debate committee reported that the annual oratorical contest is to be conducted as time did not suffice for the preparation of a debate competition. With the able assistance of T. Shoyama, preparations were reported in full swing.

Protest of fire-arms measure — As Hon. G.S. Wisner was on vacation, our member, delegated to make representations for J.C.C.L., was not sent. A letter of ^{reply to our} protest was did not encourage any further negotiations & the matter of an interview was then dropped.

As time did not permit, letter of protest re Smith (National Registration) was not sent.

Treasurer's report read by Ed. Kitogawa was adopted. Decided that delinquent payments to the General Secretary should be made up to date. The matter of assessments from the chapters will be also made up to date by the time of the Convention.

Correspondence — A letter from the Delta East Richmond Surrey Chapter was read requesting that if possible, they would like to have the program set up so that as much business as possible be completed at the Sunday Sessions — Their chapter representatives would not be able to attend the Mon. meetings due to the necessity of their work.

The Tentative Time Table.

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The First National Council Session of the
Japanese-Canadian Citizens' League.

November 14, Saturday

6:30 - 8:00 P.M. The Welcome Banquet
Fuji Chop Suey fee 50¢8:00 Convention Social -
Entertainment under the direction of
Entertainment Committee Chairmen.

November 15th, Sunday

9:30 - 12:00 AM.

Registration of official delegates

Roll Call.

Adoption of constitution

Election of officers

12:00 - 1:30 Lunch

1:30 - 4:30 Discussions at the meetings of
three committees

4:30 - 5:00 Recess

5:00 - 6:30 Final Session

6:30 - Farewell Dinner

Convention Program - was adopted as suggested incorporating a few changes:

Chairman - Oratorical Contest - E.N. Yamooka.

Mr. S. Hisooka present cups for Vancouver Is.
(Mainland)

best orators.

If possible, Convention banquet should be changed to Sun. evening at Maruman 6:00 PM
or Sun Pekin

Vancouver Chapter to be in charge.

The guest speaker to be asked Prof. Angus. If he should not be available, then Mr. T. G. Norris; Judge Manson, Mr. MacCorkindale
Chairman - Ed Ouchi.

Mon. A.M. Sessions - will continue with the discussion groups.

Mon. P.M. - President + Secretary of National Executive to act in their various capacities.

Registration fee - 50¢

Dance 35¢

Programs are to be mimeographed with the members of the National Executive to assist in its making.

Hon. Member - decided that we ask Dr. Norman Black to become an Honorary Member as he has assisted the League in so many ways & given such timely advice & encouragement.

J.C.C.L. Pins

Sample pins were shown but members ~~did~~ felt that the color of the design was not as desirable as the League motif, the matter was left in the hands of the Vancouver chapter.

THIRD ANNUAL ORATORICAL CONTEST.

at
Japanese Hall.

Sat. Nov. 9, 1940.

Chairman - E. N. Yamooka.

Judges - Dr. Norman F. Black

Rev. K. Shimizu

Mr. Carleton Clay

Flag Ceremony

"O Canada"

piano Mary Hamagaki

Opening Address - Chairman

1st Speaker - Marion Yoneda - Determination.

2nd Speaker - Yoshi Higashi - Facing the Issue

3rd Speaker - Thomas Tamaki - Voice of a Nisei

Guitar Solos -

Martha Hori

4th Speaker - Henry Ide - We the People Need to Think.

5th Speaker - Munee Kawasoe - Assimilation Before

Franchise.

Guitar Solos

Martha Hori

Report of the Judges

Mr. Carleton Clay.

Presentation of Trophies

Challenge Trophy by Consul Nakauchi

to Thomas Tamaki.

Vancouver Is. Trophy by Rev. K. Shimizu

to Munee Kawasoe.

Mainland Trophy by Rev. K. Shimizu

to Thomas Tamaki.

Announcement of Short Story Contest

& Criticisms

Dr. N. F. Black.

Presentation of Book Prizes (donated by
the National Executive) by Dr. N. F. Black.

1st - Eiko Henmi - Let Her Keep Her Dreams.

2nd - Muriel Kitagawa - The Old Lady.

3rd - Peter Yamada - The Time Will Come.

Secretary's Report -

Mr. Chairman, ladies and gentlemen:

I beg to submit to the Sec...

Registration - Sho Takoyama
Kunio Shimizu
Ed. Kitagawa.

Credentials Report	Ocean Falls	1
	Victoria	4
	D.E. R. S.	2
	New Westminster	2
	Steveston	5
	Maple Ridge	6
	Vancouver	<u>63</u>
		79 delegates.

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FIFTH ANNUAL NATIONAL COUNCIL

PAKIMAN MANGOLAN FRIENDS' LEAGUE

November 9, 1944, 5:30

Vancouver, B. C.

(Note:--The following material has been prepared solely as a guide to the general discussion in the English Language Committee. It has been intended as a broad outline of the various aspects into which the convention theme may be divided, as a means of conveying technical information, and as a means of raising pertinent questions for discussion. It is not suggested that the discussion need necessarily follow the outline, but it is hoped that discussion will be heard upon as many points as possible. Delegates to the convention are urged to express their own opinions just as freely as they would to their most intimate friends. Enthusiasm and mutual frankness will be the first and most important essential for valuable and thought-provoking discussion.)

In choosing the theme, "How can we best Serve Canada?" the program committee was guided principally by the thought of war-time conditions, and the necessity of fostering good citizenship among the second generation, and within the Japanese community in general.

It is necessary to remind ourselves that we are facing a wholly new period in our history, and can no longer take the experience of the past, nor the advice of the past as an infallible guide to any action or attitude on our

Ko P. Ohyan

LESSON I. LOYALTY

In time of war the foremost consideration of the country--the government and its people--must be national safety. Fears concerning the loyalty of second generation often cause the bitterest and damaging attacks upon the Nisei. What are some facts concerning the loyalty of the Nisei?

A. Evidence of Loyalty

1. Military Service

- a. Are we willing to serve?
- b. Compulsory Military Training?
- c. Racial groups for training?
- d. Which is preferable--separate groups or
indefinite postponement of training?

2. Financial Aid to the War Effort

- a. Are our donations useful?
- b. Do we make the best use of them?
- c. Are we serving by having war certificates, etc.

3. Red Cross Work

4. Mental Attitudes

- a. Are we Canadian in thought?
- b. Can we put Canadianism into Daily Life?
- c. Do we know our country?

B. Evidence of Disloyalty

1. Dual Nationality

2. Mental Attitudes

C. Democratic Unity

Our franchise is necessary to democratic unity
should we seek it at present?

III SOCIAL

Wars today are fought not merely by armies at the front but by the whole nation. Unity and morale at home is as necessary as unity and morale on the battle line. What part are the Nisei doing to maintain these things at home?

A. Assimilation For Unity

1. Are we unduly isolated from the Canadian Community?
2. If so, why?
3. Are we working to overcome this gap?
4. What prevents assimilation?
5. How can we surmount these barriers?

B. Unity with Labour.

1. What is our economic position?
2. Can it be elevated by co-operation with organized labour?
3. What contacts can be established in this field?

C. Internal Social Problems.

Public Health

- 1.a. Is public health necessary for morale at home?
- 2.b. If so, is the Japanese community holding up its end?
- 3.c. If not, what can we suggest to improve our physical standards? e.g. military service exams.

2. Criminal and Juvenile Delinquency.

- a. Are our standards being maintained?
- b. Is there manifest desire to obey the spirit of the law?
- c. What is our attitude toward law and order?

3. Language questions

- a. Relation to loyalty?
- b. Form of instruction?
- c. Future of the question?

111. CITIZENS' LEAGUE

The outline above suggests some of the questions which must be considered in relation to better citizenship. To very large extent their solution depends upon individuals. Can organized efforts, however, assist in their solution, and if so what type of organization is needed? In short, what is the matter with the J.C.C.L.?

1. Membership

- (a) Why has it not increased?
- (b) How could it be increased?
- (c) Can district organizations unite under J.C.C.L. sponsorship?
- (d) What other methods of organization are there?

2. Organization

Why is it that the organizational work of the J.C.C.L. is not satisfactory, and how could it be improved?

- (a) Structure
- (b) Executive leadership

3. The Public

- (a) What can the individual do?
- (b) Do they realize the importance of the work?
- (c) If not, can this understanding be brought to them?
- (d) ...?
- (e) What do you think yourself about the whole question?

FIFTH ANNUAL J.C.C.L. CONVENTION, Nov. 9-11, 1940

Report of the National Council Session

National Secretary's Report

Among the activities undertaken by the J.C.C.L. during the last year, were continued attempts to spread the movement among Buddhist groups, active participation in the Youth Congress Movement, Folk Festival Society, Red Cross work, National Registration and War Savings Promotion work and the distribution of books on Japanese culture obtained from the Society for International Cultural Relations of Tokyo.

an active program of combating anti-Japanese measures was followed with the close co-operation of the Vancouver Chapter. In August three delegates from the League, George Tamaki, Tom Shoyama and Kunio Shimizu presented an oral brief to the Vancouver City Hall in refutation of numerous charges levelled by Alderman Halford D. Wilson. Formal protests were made to authorities on the questions of firearm restrictions and discriminatory measures in the optometry profession.

Active work in the educational field was carried out. A new feature along this line was a national broadcast entitled "Angles on the War," in which George Tamaki was interviewed by Prof. H. F. Angus to give the nisei viewpoint of the war. Oratorical Contests and Short Story Contests were again sponsored with great success.

Finally organizational work was reported by the general secretary, who revealed visits to Ocean Falls, Sea Island, Mission and New Westminster, all designed to assist in furthering the spread of active chapters in the League.

Treasurer's Report.

National Treasurer E. Kitagawa, reported a balance on hand of \$72.74.

Chapter Reports.

Reports given by different chapters

revealed commendable participation by the Chapters in such activities as Red Cross, National Registration, War Savings, War Defence Funds, etc., in addition to regular meetings, social and educational work carried out by all the chapters. A highlight was the donation of magnificent trophies to Victoria High School by the Victoria Chapter for competition in school oratorical contests.

Amendments to Constitution.

Two amendments to the constitution were introduced and adopted after considerable debate. These were:

(1) The president of the Vancouver Chapter would automatically hold a position on the National Executive by virtue of the Vancouver presidency.

(2) Those chapters with no representative elected to the Executive shall be entitled to name a member of their chapter as a delegate to the National Executive.

Election of national officers for the year 1940-41 resulted as follows:

President Harry Naganobu
1st Vice-Pres. Hideo Onotera
2nd Vice-Pres. Masaru Okamoto
Executive Sec. Dr. Geo. Ishiwara

Recording Sec. Kazuko Kagawa
Treasurer Ed Kitagawa

Considerable discussion on policy and program to be followed by the National Executive during the incoming year was heard during the two meetings of the National Council. It was urged that more adequate preparations be made for succeeding national conventions, and that if possible the locale of the convention for 1941 be changed to Victoria. The necessity of closer contacts between and among the various chapters was also stressed. And it was recommended that the incoming National Executive examine the possibilities of dispensing with the services of a paid general secretary to relieve the financial strain upon member chapters for a year's trial.

A letter of resignation was adopted by the National Executive from Edward T. Ouchi, who retired from the position of general secretary. A vote of thanks to the General Secretary for his untiring efforts and faithful services was tendered by Kunio Shimizu and was followed by whole-hearted applause.

"How Best Can We Serve Canada?"

Report of the Discussion Groups

I. Political Service

In time of war the foremost consideration of the country—the government and its people—must be national safety. Fears concerning the loyalty of the second generation has often caused the bitterest and most damaging attacks upon the nisei. What are the facts concerning the loyalty of the nisei?

Military Service: It was generally agreed that we are very willing to serve Canada in this present conflict. Since Canada is at war, and we call ourselves Canadians, we are anxious to do our share to help Canada; and there should be no doubt in our minds as to this issue.

In regard to the segregation of Japanese Canadians into separate groups for military training, some

delegates felt that this was simply another form of discrimination and therefore were opposed to the idea. They felt that they would much prefer to serve along with other fellow Canadians and not be separated; as this separation would tend to arouse suspicion and doubts in the minds of the Canadian people.

The language handicap was stressed at this point. Some felt that those who do not understand English would find training very awkward and therefore would not be able to do the work properly and efficiently so that a separate group might be advantageous. However, after much discussion it was realized that even if small minority could not speak English

* Report prepared by T. Shoyama and published in the annual publication of the Vancouver J.C.C.A., "The Citizen."

it would not alter the procedure of army training. It was agreed that if the Federal Government wished to train us separately as a distinct group we should respond unhesitatingly; and if the Government wishes to train us alongside our fellow-Canadians, so much the better. In any event we should serve to the best of our ability.

Mental Attitudes: On our mental attitude towards "Canadianism" it was urged that since we wish to be called Canadians and recognized as such, we must act as Canadians and think as Canadians in the best sense of the term; and think no thoughts and commit no actions that could be construed as disloyal.

A resolution adopted by the convention on the question of dual nationality urged that the incoming National Executive study every possibility of conducting a vigorous campaign for the elimination of dual citizenship, legalistic and otherwise, among the nisei.

II. Assimilation for Unity

The discussion upon the question of assimilation and the maintenance of democratic unity as an essential for Canada provoked keen argument. It was generally agreed, however, that every effort should be made individually to cultivate and to prolong intimate contacts with Occidental friends. It is essential, it was stressed, that too closely knit groups of Japanese Canadian citizens make every effort to abandon an apparent "cliquishness"; and it was recognized that even the grant of the franchise would in no way solve fundamental problems of race conflict between Japanese and Canadian Society.

On the other hand, delegates were quick to recognize that the process of assimilation must of necessity be a long and slow struggle, that it must come naturally through common interests and through the passage of time. In that event, for the present time at least, we need to devote our efforts to the improvement of relations within the Japanese community, as well as outside of the social group.

A point of keen interest raised in the discussion was the growing need for unity with labor groups in the province. Most of the Japanese people, it was pointed out, belong to the laboring class; and in their common interests with organized labor lies a great field for economic advance.

In the past, however, the Japanese Canadian community has tended to shy away from the labor movement, because of what is mistakenly considered a Communistic influence. Numerous instances of how close co-operation with organized labor had helped laborers of the Japanese race

in seeking better treatment from employers; and the definite need of educating both younger and older people in the true significance of the labor movement was seen.

III. Citizens' League Movement.

Discussion on the organizational set-up of the Japanese Canadian Citizens' League resulted in a number of suggestions and pertinent criticism.

A lack of general support for the movement was described as the chief hindrance to more effective work. To meet this situation, proposals were advanced favoring the organization, in certain areas, of a federation of nisei organizations. It was suggested that the present chapters would become units of such a federation, but would be required to take the responsibilities of leadership. As against this, however, it was pointed out that the original intention of the League had been an all-embracing body, including every nisei as an individual, active member. Another suggestion was to work out some means whereby members of large, well-established organizations could join the Citizens' League as a group, with special arrangements made for the payment of fees.

It was finally urged that the Vancouver Chapter, being most vitally concerned, should attempt an internal re-organization; and to secure on its own account the co-operation of

other groups in the city. Further work on the proposed federation scheme should be left to the Vancouver Chapter.

Leadership: The need for the training of competent leaders was reiterated — such training work to be carried out by the existing J.C.C.L. It was emphasized that it was vitally necessary that the J.C.C.L. train its own leaders, and suggestions for classes and study groups were put forth.

The continuing need for education along the lines of the objectives of the League was put forth, it being felt that even if the nisei were not fully aware of its importance, that fact could and should be presented to them. A policy of sending out speakers to unorganized districts and non-co-operating groups was urged.

Two resolutions were adopted by the convention. The first of these urged that the Vancouver Chapter in particular study means of re-organization, including the possibility of forming a federation of second generation organization of study groups under the sponsorship of the Chapter. Secondly the Convention suggested that all Chapter attempt an organization of study groups among their members to assist in the development and training of competent and capable leaders for the Citizens' League.

T. SHOYAMA

CONSTITUTION OF THE
JAPANESE CANADIAN CITIZENS' LEAGUE
AS AMENDED AT THE NATIONAL COUNCIL SESSIONS.
November 11, ~~1940~~ Vancouver, B. C.

1970

Article I. NAME

The name of the organization shall be entitled the Japanese Canadian Citizens' League.

Article II. MEMBERSHIP

The membership of the League shall consist of chapters organized as such, and whose constitution is duly approved by the National Council.

Article III. OBJECTS

The objects of this organization shall be:

- Section 1. To enable the chapters to act as a united body.
- Section 2. To foster good citizenship among the Canadians of Japanese origin.
- Section 3. To protect and further the general welfare of Canadians of Japanese origin.
- Section IV. To promote goodwill between Canada and Japan

Article IV. OFFICE

The main office of this organization shall be at 362 Alexander St., in the City of Vancouver, British Columbia

Article V. OFFICERS

The officers of this organization shall be the President, the 1st Vice-President, 2nd Vice-President, Executive Secretary, General Secretary and Treasurer, and such other officers as is provided in Article VII.

Article VI. DUTIES OF OFFICERS

- Section 1. The President shall preside at all meetings of the League and shall have general charge of and control over the affairs of the organization subject to the executive.
- Section 2. The Vice-President (1st) shall perform such duties as may be assigned to him by the executive and in the absence of the president, act in his capacity.
- Section 3. The 2nd Vice-President shall assist in the duties of the President and the 1st Vice-President.
- Section 4. The executive secretary shall keep in close contact with the chapters of the League and perform such duties as may be assigned to him by the executive.
- Section 5. The secretary shall keep permanent record of the minutes of the meetings of the organization and of the executive and shall attend to all correspondence.
- Section 6. The treasurer shall keep accounts of all moneys of the organization received or disbursed and shall deposit all moneys in the name of and to the credit of the organization in such bank as designated by the executive. All payments of money must be approved by the president.

Article VII. EXECUTIVE

Section 1. The executive shall consist of officers specified in article V and shall transact all business except as otherwise provided in this constitution or by-laws of the organization.

Section 2. The executive shall be elected from the National Council and or from members of Chapter executives by the National Council. (Consult N.C. Section 3)

Section 3. The President of the Vancouver Chapter shall automatically hold a position in the N.C. (Consult N.C. Section 3)

Article VIII. NATIONAL COUNCIL

- Section 1. The National Council shall consist of approved representatives of the chapters of the organization
- Section 2. Each chapter shall be represented by three official delegates, one of whom shall be the president.

Article IX MEETINGS

Section 1. The National Council shall meet during the fall session of the year, and the date shall be set by the executive of the preceding year. The special meetings may be called by the executive or by one-third of the members of the National Council.

Section 2. The executive shall meet from time to time as required. These meetings shall be called by the president or in his absence, by the vice-president.

Section 3. Notices of meetings of the National Council must be given in writing two weeks in advance, unless the officers waive this requirement.

Section 4. Notices of meetings of the executive must be given four days in advance, unless the officers waive this requirement.

Article X FINANCE

The chapters shall be assessed for an equitable amount proposed by the executive and approved by the National Council to meet the annual budget prepared by the treasurer and approved by the National Council.

Article XI. TERMS OF OFFICES

All officers shall be for one year only. Members of the National Council and of the executive may be re-elected.

Article XII QUORUM

One-half of the total number of the National Council shall constitute a quorum.

Article XIII DECISIONS

Section 1. There shall be no voting by proxy.

Section 2. In case of emergency measures, telegraphic votes may be taken and a majority vote in favor shall settle the issue.

Section 3. In case of a deadlock, the chairman of the meeting shall have the casting vote.

Section 4. Each chapter shall have one vote.

Article XIV POLITICAL RESTRICTIONS

Members of this organization are prohibited from using it to further any candidacy for a political office.

Article XV BY-LAWS

Section 1. The executive shall have power to adopt by-laws, consistent with this constitution, which by-laws must be approved by the National Council. A two-thirds vote of the members voting is necessary for approval.

Section 2. (a) Appointments The executive shall have the power to select and appoint a capable person for the office of general secretary.

(b) Duties The duties of the general secretary shall be perform the routine work of the league, except as otherwise provided in the constitution or by-laws of this organization, and such other duties as may be assigned to him by the executive.

Section 3. Regional Conventions The application for regional convention and the agenda for the same must be in the hands of the executive, (National) and shall be attended by one of its members.

Article XVI AMENDMENTS

Amendments to this constitution may be proposed by the executive or by any member of the National Council at a meeting of the National Council at which time they may be adopted by a two-thirds vote of the members voting ~~is necessary for adoption.~~

T. SWYAMA -

- (1) Loyalty to the Emperor
- (2) Support of War Policy
- (3) Conscientiousness
- (4) Military Service
- (5) Acceptance of General
Voluntary Military Service
Force

1. ~~Support of War Policy~~
 2. ~~Conscientiousness~~
 3. ~~Military Service~~
 4. ~~Acceptance of General
Voluntary Military Service
Force~~

EXECUTIVE MEETING. SUNDAY, FEB. 2, 1941

FUJI CAMP SUEY.

PRESENT - H. NAGASUBU, president. H. ONOSAKA, vice-president.
 M. OKAMOTO, 2nd v.-pres. G. A. ISHIWARA, exec. sec'y
 N. FUKAMI (Mission Seindokai) E. KITAGAWA, treasurer
 Observers - K. SHIMIZU, Y. HIGASHI, T. SHOYAMA.

1. General Secretary - After considerable discussion it was decided to reduce the monthly stipend of the General Secretary from \$25 to an honorarium of \$10, plus a bonus payable at the National Convention.

Kunio Shimizu was appointed to this position.

2. Executive Secretary - Dr. G. A. Ishiwaro resigned this office, and Tom Shoyama was appointed to take his place.

3. Recording Secretary - Hide Hyodo was appointed to fill this position left vacant by the resignation of Miss Kazuko Kagawa, elected at the National Convention.

4. National League Pin - Reports from various chapters indicated that the new pin was being accepted & subscribed to in the majority of centers. Victoria reported that some members felt the pin was too plain, but that if it had been generally adopted, members would also fall in line.

5. Finance and Assessments - The considerable reduction in expenditure brought about by slashing of the general secretary's salary raised the question of reducing the assessment fees levied on the various chapters. Vancouver chapter, in particular, felt that the sum of \$175 yearly was disproportionately high. Lengthy discussion on finance followed, but it

was finally agreed that any attempt to reduce the assessment levies of some chapters would disturb the whole set-up. For this reason it was decided to maintain all levies as at present for at least another year. It was also stressed that in this way the National Treasury could be built up into a far healthier condition by budgetting for a yearly surplus.

6. NATIONAL CONVENTION - Dates suggested to Victoria Chapter, which this year will be host chapter, were Labour Day week-end, Aug-31 - Sept 1, or Thanksgiving week-end, October 12-13.

Some discussion arose as to the sponsoring of yearly oratorical or essay contests, but no decisions were laid down.

7. EXECUTIVE MEETINGS - In interests of economy, it was mutually agreed that unless very important matters were up for discussion, delegates from distant chapters would not be required to attend, where business could be conducted by mail.

8. ORGANIZATION - Hope was expressed that work would be carried out in this line wherever possible. Terra Nova and the Surrey Y.N.A. were mentioned as possibilities.

9. PROGRAM

(1) Dual Nationality - It was agreed that an organized, widespread campaign on this question would be inexpedient at the present time. However, after long discussion it was decided that the N.E. should mimeograph details on the method of expatriating for the use of any Nisei interested. Quiet work on this line will be carried out.

(2) Fire-arms Confiscation - No action was suggested on this matter for the time being.

(3) NATIONWIDE WORK-EFFORT - A co-ordinated campaign to contribute some concrete aid to the war effort was discussed. It was felt that with a concrete objective in view, it would be possible to raise \$5000. After discussion, a committee of three, E. Kitagawa, K. Shimizu, & T. Itoyama was appointed to choose the best objective. An ambulance was suggested as the most logical

(4) GENERAL DISCUSSION -

(a) Gentlemen's Agreement - JCC stand.

(b) Education along lines of fair standards in wages, living conditions, etc.

K. Itoyama (Sec. pro tem)

Junior Board of Trade Studies Japanese Question

VANCOUVER, Feb. 21 — Strong sympathy and a desire to assist Canadian citizens of Japanese origin was expressed last night by members of the Government Affairs Committee of the Junior Board of Trade, following two lengthy

ers saying that he always enjoyed the most pleasant relations with the Nisei pupils and their parents.

"Brown-san" Missed

A much missed figure at the banquet was Mr. J. E. Brown, better known to his countless Japanese friends as "Brown-san", who in a letter regretted his unavoidable absence. He is at present Chief Inspector of Schools in the Cranbrook district.

Other speakers included the Japanese Consul, Mr. K. Nakauchi, Mr. O. A. Thomas, principal before Mr. Patterson, and now Inspector of City

See "STRATHCONA," p. 5

discussion sessions on the problem with Thomas Shoyama, representing the Japanese Canadian Citizens League.

The Committee agreed that since the Japanese community has already been established in B. C., the only possible means of solution was to assist Japanese to become better Canadians. They felt that no good was to be achieved by a continued policy of restriction that prevents Japanese Canadians living up to accepted Canadian standards. Ways and means of removing restrictions were discussed.

In a 45-minute address to the younger city business men Thursday last week, the JCCL secretary outlined the beginnings and development of the Japanese community, and sketched out the most important issues of the moment. The proper solution to the problem, he declared, is very large-

ly in the hands of the Canadian public, and could be found only if the question were approached tolerantly, reasonably and without prejudice.

An interested listener in the audience was Alderman H. D. Wilson, who spoke briefly on his stand, and left questions relating to dual citizenship, language schools, the gentlemen's agreement and increase of the Japanese population for Shoyama to answer.

Discussion was continued last night, with members of the committee firing questions for two hours on many angles of the situation, including the gentlemen's agreement, connections with Japan, loyalty to Canada, fishing and economic competition and religion.

Members voted to invite public men, who have been active in anti-Japanese movements, to speak, in order to question them regarding their stand.

Canadian Club Begins Study Of Minority Question

VANCOUVER.—Revealing a sympathetic interest in the problems of the Nisei, members of a study committee of the Canadian Club, investigating second generation minority groups in the province, discussed the Nisei angle last Monday night with Thomas Shoyama from the JCCL.

Questions in regard to language schools, dual nationality, religion, family life, immigration, economic competition and so forth were considered in detail.

The committee, it was indicated, would inquire as to the attitude of the major political parties toward Canadian-born Japanese. "We think that the standing of the Canadian Club in the community may have some influence," said W. J. Walton, of David Spencer, Ltd., chairman of the committee.

Members of the group included Alec Fisher, Canadian Club secretary; Mr. Burrie, bond department manager of Pemberton's; Mr. Pullen, B. C. Telephone; Mr. Buchan, B. C. E. R.; Mr. Mowat, Toronto General Trust; and Mr. Jukes of A. E. Jukes & Co.

Other organizations in the city also addressed by the J.C.C.L. included:

V.C.H. Nurses Club, Group - MARCH 13th.

MRS. E. KITAGAWA.

OPTIMIST CLUB - City Business Men's Club

MARCH 26, T. SHOYAMA.

QUAD CLUB - Y.M.C.A. organization

MARCH 31, - T. SHOYAMA.

NATIONAL EXECUTIVE MEETING.

Sun. June 23, 1941.

The meeting was held at the Fuji as a supper meeting which was attended by H. Naganobu, Ed. Kitagawa, K. Shimizu, T.K. Shoyama, H. Hyodo, Mas Okamoto, Hideo Onotera, Geo. Ishiwara & Shige Yoshida.

Charters

It was decided that formal charters should be conferred upon the organized chapters of the League in order that consolidation of the various groups ^{activities} might be facilitated.

Assessments

The Executive decided that assessments should be reduced by 20% for 1941 in order that the groups could be encouraged to ~~do~~ buy War Savings certificates or make some effort toward the aid of war.

Convention

A grant of \$60 - \$75 was issued to the Victoria chapter ^{as part of} ~~for~~ Convention expenses. At the next meeting, the Executive is to draft the program & decide the theme.

Nisei Library

A committee of three, H. Hyodo, Miyo Ishiwata & Kazuhiko Oyama was chosen. The committee will select the books to be bought with the \$200 donation, & a librarian who will keep check of the books.

National Executive Meeting

Sun. July 27, 1944

The supper meeting was held at the Fuji at 7:00 P.M. with the following present.— H. Naganobu, E. Kitagawa, M. Okamoto, T. Shoyama, K. Shimizu, D. Oike & H. Hyodo.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read.

K. Shimizu was instructed to report the cost of the proposed charters to the next meeting.

Convention Program was then drawn up

Sun. 9-10 AM. Registration (National Council Session)

10 — ~~4:00~~^{12:30} P.M. First Session:

1:00 — 2:00 Lunch — Victoria JCCL hosts.

2:00 — 4:00 Second Session

4:00 — 4:30 Recess

4:30 — 6:00 Third Session

6:00 — 8:00 Free Time

8:00 P.M. Oratorical Contest.

Mon. 8:00 AM.

National Council Session if necessary

~~9:00 — 11:30~~
~~8:00 — 9:00~~ Fourth Session11:30 — ~~12:30~~^{1:00} Lunch — free time~~12:30 — 3:30~~^{1:00} Fifth Session — Reports

3:30 — 6:00 Free Time

6:00 — 7:30 Banquet

8:00 — Dance.

Topics for Discussion— Labor Problems — trade union, co-operatives, vocational training, etc.

Social Problems — Issei — Nisei relations, marriage problems

Discussion Committee — to prepare & draft discussions & leaders — T. Shoyama, M. Okamoto & K. Shimizu.

Questionnaire - It was decided that a questionnaire should be drawn up to find the Nisei viewpoints on current events, social problems. The League should then be able to line up a program to fill the needs of the Nisei. The questionnaire is to be distributed among city & rural areas, organizations in such districts to be approached for support. With H. Naganobu as chairman of the committee of three ^{including} K. Shimizu & T. Shoyama, a draft of the questionnaire is to be prepared.

Sept. 14, 1941.

NATIONAL EXECUTIVE MEETING

Members present - Harry Naganobu, Thomas Shoyama, Dr. Geo. Ishiwara, Ed. Kitagawa, M. Fukami, H. Hyodo.

The meeting began with supper at the Fuji at 6:30 P.M.

Questionnaire

on Nisei opinion - H. Naganobu reported that the draft has been made so far.

Library - The committee with the assistance of Kay Kato & Kunio Shimizu are searching through all available sources ^{at U.B.C.} for information on racial problems. It was decided that a committee of five or so should be selected to do the reading of available articles for the J.C.C.L. Library files. Kunio Shimizu is to try to have Sumida's thesis copied. A list of desirable books & ^{of} second choice were distributed among the members present. It was decided that

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At the opening session held at the Chamber of Commerce, Mayor McGavin lent a very gracious note in his words of welcome.

Appropriate words of appreciation were given on behalf of the League by

In the absence of the President Naganobu, his address was read by Executive Secretary, Tommy Shoyama. The guest address was delivered

by Miss Cora Uno in the absence of Johnson Shimizu. (Vice-President JACL) (The following resolutions were made

1. Be it resolved that the 6th Annual)

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During the "Get-Acquainted-Time", a competition of collecting autographs from the delegates was initiated. Winners of the beautiful prizes were Miss Lily Fujita & Mr. Yoshi Higashi, both of Vancouver. A very delicious lunch was served on the premises by the members of the Victoria Chapter.

At the first Council Session, a Nominations Committee was chosen - Hide Hyodo, Kinzie Tanok & "Buck" Suzuki as chairman. The committee met at lunch to draw up the nominations. The following resolutions were adopted:—The Committee resolved that the 6th Annual Council Session of the Japanese Canadian Citizens League, an organization of Canadian citizens of Japanese ancestry in British Columbia go on record as re-affirming its deepest loyalty and devotion to Canada and the British Commonwealth of Nations.

2. Whereas it has become apparent in recent months that the defeat of Hitlerism will demand a still greater contribution of effort from this Dominion,

And whereas, we Canadians of Japanese origin are a definite and integral part of the body of Canadian citizens,

Therefore be it resolved that the 6th Annual Council Session of the Japanese Canadian Citizens League go on record as pledging an even greater effort on its own part in the utmost prosecution of the war.

3. Whereas it is the duty & privilege of every citizen of a democratic country to defend the land of his birth;

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Therefore be it resolved that the 6th Annual Council Session of the Japanese Canadian League goes on record as deploring the fact that Canadians of Japanese ancestry have not been accepted in military training camps in the Province of British Columbia & that representations again be made to the Prime Minister of Canada urging that no discrimination be made against Canadian-born Japanese.

Amendments At the second Council Session amendments of the Constitution were made as follows:

Art. III Sect. IV. To promote goodwill between the people of Canada & the people of Japan.

Art. IV The main office of this organization shall be in the City of Vancouver B.C.

Art. V Recording Secretary be inserted in place of General Secretary.

Elections of officers for 1941-42 were:

President	- Sam Okamoto	Victoria
1st Vice-President	Shige Yoshida	Chemainus
2nd Vice-President	"Buck" Suzuki	DER. S.
Treasurer	Ed Kitagawa	Vancouver
Recording Secretary	Aiko Kondo	Vancouver
Executive Secretary	T.K. Shoyama	Vancouver

It was decided that the question of affiliation of the Port Alberni J.C.C. should be referred to the National Executive.

A report of the Convention is to be given

to the Toronto Star Weekly in response to their request for information about the Nisei in B.C. Reports of the discussion groups were given by Hide Hyodo & Eiji Yatabe.

At the closing banquet presided over by General Secretary Kunio Shimizu when some members sat down to dine. Guests present included Prof. E.S. Farr, Miss Margaret Clay, Rev. & Mrs. Ogura, Mr. & Mrs. Paulding.

The toast to the King was proposed by Miss Margaret Clay. Prof. E.S. Farr gave a short address with words of encouragement to the Nisei & the advice that they should continue to do their part as Canadians. Words of appreciation to the Victoria Chapter for the conscientious & successful manner in which they had carried out the program of the Convention were given by Hide Hyodo on behalf of the National Executive. Appreciation of the kindness & hospitality of the hosts was expressed by Kinzie Tanaka on behalf of the guests.

The Convention was brought to a close with a thoroughly enjoyable dance at the hall at the Crystal Gardens with Bert Zelar's Orchestra in attendance.

National Executive Meeting

Members present.October 13, 1941.

President: Sam Okamoto, Victoria.
 1st. Vice Pres: Shegi Yoshida, Chemainus
 2nd Vice Pres: Buck Suzuki, Delta Coast Richmond Surrey
 Recording Secretary: Aoki Kondo, Vancouver.
 Executive Sec: Tommy Shoyama, Vancouver.
 Pres. Van. Chapter: Dr. George Schwara.
 Stronston Chapter: Kenos Kuruse
 Palda Chapter: Tak Toyota

The Place: Truth Centre, Victoria, B.C.

1. Moved by Shegi Yoshida, seconded by Ed. Kitagawa that a committee, with Kenos Shimizu, as chairman, Ed. Kitagawa and George Tamaki, to investigate the Anglo-Canadian Trade Treaty and Treaty of Navigation of Commerce.
2. Donation made for Delegates to Youth Congress was approved.
 It was moved by Shegi Yoshida, and seconded by Ed. Kitagawa.
3. It was decided that the report of the J.C.C. Convention be sent to each chapter.
4. Assessment fee for Port Alberni J.C.C.A. was discussed.

National Executive Meeting

November 9, 1941.Members present.

Sam Okamoto (chairman) Tommy Shoyama.
 Dr. George Schwara, Ed. Kitagawa, Buck Suzuki
 Shegi Yoshida, Tadashi Saito, Yutaka Ogawa
 Shogo Omura, Kenos Shimizu, Aoki Kondo.

The Place: supper meeting at the Fuji 6:30 P.M.

Treasurer Report - Ed Kitagawa gave the National Convention Financial Report.

Questionnaire on rise opinion - Tommy Shoyama is to approach Harry Kaganobu and have it completed.

Re-affiliation of Port Alberni was accepted.

Assessment Fee for Port Alberni and Paldi this term to be \$12.50 each. (November 1941 - November 1942)

Amendment - Mission Chapter fee set at \$12.50.

Signing Officer shall be the Executive Secretary - authorized to sign all cheques and documents.

Moved by Kunio Shimizu

Seconded by Shige Yoshida.

Travelling Expense of out of town delegates was to be met half by the Chapter represented and the other half by the National Council.

Moved by Tommy Shoyama

Seconded by Shige Yoshida.

Meetings to be held every two months - moved by Shige Yoshida and seconded by Dr. George Shewara.

Study of Labor Condition - 3 man committee with power to draft any other members was moved by Tommy Shoyama, seconded by Buck Suzuki.

The Committee - Kenzie Tanaka

Buck Suzuki

Harry Kaganobu.

National Executive Emergency Meeting

December 21, 1941.

Members present.

Sam Okamoto, Dr. G. Shewara, Ed. Kitagawa, W. Fukami, Kunio Shimizu, chairman, S. Yoshida, C. Yamaoka, Mrs. Endo, Ted Terada, Shoto Kondo, Ciji Yatabe, Dr. L. Banno, Hajime Suzuki, Kenzie Tanaka, Buck Suzuki, T. Shoyama, Kazuo Okano, Saburo Hayashi, Hiroshi Machi, Carl Kondo

Place - Tsuji at 4 P.M.

Minutes of the previous meetings were read and approved.

Abolishment of the two committees investigating the Anglo-Canadian Trade Treaty, Treaty of Navigation of Commerce and Questionnaire on Reciprocity Opinion was moved by Shigei Yoshida and seconded by Ted Terada.

Labour Study to continue under Buck Suzuki.

Announcements by General Secretary

1. Tying up of Japanese Canadian fishing crafts.
2. Compulsory registration of Aliens and those naturalized since Sept. 1922.
3. Japanese language schools are banned.

Suggestion by Ed. Kitagawa - to appeal to the Government to protect boats.

B. L. K. books be checked over and put away for the duration of the war.

Suggestion by Dr. E. Banno - since there are only three officers in Vancouver there should be a special committee of members available at a moment's notice to cope with problems which will come up time to time.

Special Committee Moved by Dr. Mrs. Ishiwara, seconded E. Yatake that a committee of adequate personnel which is fully authorized to act on behalf of the League and which is responsible to the National Council to deal with the issues and carry on negotiations with the Government.

Hunio Shimizu (Chairman) appointed the following.

1. Harry Naganobu.
2. Dr. Ed. Banno.
3. Buck Suzuki.
4. Tommy Shoyama.

Moved by Shigei Yoshida, seconded by ?

Labor Committee

to work with Welfare Federation with Kunio Shimezu as
 Chairman, Ed. Kitagawa, Jimmy Suzuki, Ernest
 Yamaoka, Kenji Tanaka, Ted Perada and Shota Honda
 to study unemployment amongst 1800 fishermen
 to make survey as to the number, age, dependents,
 skilled labor etc.

1. Every Chapter submit information
2. Basis for relief or welfare agencies.

Finance

1. Increase assessment.
2. Campaign to raise fund.
3. Appeal to C. J. U.
4. Each Chapter raise Special Emergency Fund.

This meeting - goes on record it is desirable to have full
 time secretary, to inform the Special Committee
 to make the final decision. ^{Proposed by S. Toyama}
 Suggested by J. Suzuki.

Special Committee, all ready set up to be instructed
 to draft campaign to raise \$ 500 and sub-
 mit report.