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RARE BOOKS AND SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

PLEASE RETAIN
ORIGINAL ORDER

Tuesday, Mar. 31. 1:30 p.m.

Chairman - K. Shimizu.

Roll call. -

Present - 29.

Additions to Council: Ry Yasui, Bob Nakazaka, Bob Shimizu,
Fuji Tanaka, Harry Shibusawa.

Miss Uchida - No meeting with commissioners this morning
because of absence of Taylor and Mead.

Demand made to Pres. Taig. and Sec. Commissioner.
Cabled to Ottawa. Denis Murphy, Jr. engaged by nat.
citizen group. How about engaging him? Can't say. Has
to make demands to Taylor and person or to Ottawa.

Tanaka & Council to use same tactics as nat. groups.
Two roads open. make the with methods of Shimizu.

Miss Uchida. To get in touch with Taylor immediately.

Shibusawa and Shibusawa's stand not made clear yet.

Shimizu - As it is possible to postpone conversation of Tanaka
Council should

Not the commissioner anyway.

Go back to this action.

Kurita - council place back action.

Shimizu - If demand not met. Every man to be
own opinion. We do not force them to go
Encourage them to go.

Yasui - Only thing we can do is to try each action.

Thought plausible. The time we get interest or not.

Council should be ready. To get interest or not.

If majority opinion of man is to make demands
for supper tonight.

Kurita - We must remember that we have not far.

whole pop. in B.C. - not only man.

~~Shibusawa~~

Tanaka - If demands not met. We cannot force them to
go. But encourage them to stay.

Miss Uchida - Taylor and Mead cannot be located.

Shibusawa Secy said will try best to get them. Capt.

Jenkins is not.

Shibusawa - We must have something concrete to
present to commission.

Shibusawa - same idea.

Shibusawa - ~~same~~ Same ideas not to City. But should

be made up by man.

Shimoda - petition read. - "wholesale evacuation,
etc. - " - but no def. plans in it

Shimizu - same thing we have been doing up till now.

Mrs. Uchida - Nat citizen plan can be endorsed
by Council.

St. Shoyama - Council already put 2 members of
council on committee.

Nat citizens group plan read. -

\$1,000,000. settlement,

Total cost. \$1,554,000.

Wahau - provided free. If govt. cannot raise
sum. Jap community can raise.

Mrs. Uchida - Nat group already presented to King
and commission.

Sgt. McNeil said plan of proceeding for self supporting
families to evacuate on own. - considers only families
well off.

Kurita - plan from other committee. I think.

Tanaka

Yasui - Since movie driblet out - ~~new~~ ^{new} all present
we must wait until petition for program
accepted or rejected.

Tanaka - "ghost house" idea.

Kurita - compromise can be made, are ^{ghost} ~~ghost~~
house enlargement.

Yasui - If our plan ignored from first, then we
cannot do anything.

Shimizu - Are we going to endorse plan?

Yasui - we should.

Tanaka - If plan move endorsement.

Suzuki - second

Shoyama - move without making -

Motion carried -

Shoyama - should ~~encourage~~ ^{encourage} Murphy
to act as our legal counsel.

Shimizu - Are we to notify Murphy, that
we endorse plan? or ask another lawyer?

H. Suguchi - any diff. but using Murphy or another lawyer?
Mrs Uchida - Nat. City - will not vac. until dy.
ans. received. Mr Murphy said cannot give answer until commission replied.

T. Suguchi - Nat. City groups.

H. Suguchi - we should get. org. by getting lawyer

Shingen - use Murphy for time being

Mrs Uchida - case sound & stronger if we get other lawyer.

Tanaka - detailed plan re welfare, etc.

Mrs Uchida - nothing about welfare in

Dr Ishiwara - welfare being arranged now.

Shimoda - welfare, living, etc should be in plan

Mrs Uchida - heading. "reasonable means of subsistence"

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Shimoda - should have written guarantee of work.

Shimoda - asking too much.

Honma - no point in guaranteeing lives.

Shingen - no point in idea of commission

Suguchi - If good town idea let them go ahead

proceeding why not let them go ahead

Shingen - If Jap labour can be used for sure,

then I will ask for such ~~as~~ petitions.

Suguchi - Do you think consequences of

striking for written guarantee.

Saito - clarification re accommodation of single

men.

Tanaka - move for sep. lawyer.

Suguchi - Good point already. being spent by nat.

citizens. Cannot know cost of another lawyer.

Uchida - no points of law involved. and cannot

see another need for another lawyer.

Uchida - Will support during lawyer, if used as

general counsel.

Shingen - read. air mail letter to Fed. Court and

to commission. (written by legal counsel of

Nat. City). Resolutions of diff. org. re

enumeration programme.

Resolution re interview of legal counsel; Murphy

Gr. with Ministers of Fed. Court in D.C.

history org. represented. - 70.

Dr. Ishiwara - Duties and powers of commission - order in - council.

*Shayama - Resolution That Chairman of Jap. ~~and~~ Liaison committee shall not represent the Jap. community and said post be investigated. App to council to endorse.

Date.

Plan - endorsed.

1st Resol. - readiness to coop. multigraft re. evacuation - endorsed.

2nd Resol. -

3rd. Resol. - plan.

4th Resol. - ~~president of Liaison committee etc. be investigated and group ing govt. Shirokigeli~~

Endorsement motion - Council

~~Amended~~ Mover - H. T. ~~aviching~~ ~~scander~~ ~~Shiro~~ Mutauba. Motion - not carried. ~~defeated~~

Resolution ~~of~~ tabled.

Recess

Chairman - ~~Shayama~~
Meeting now open to non - council members.

Yasui - Find it

Kurita - Second telegram. To find. Court. to endorse. plan of stat. exiles and then Murphy seconded. - ~~Himma~~ representations to Sec Comm.

Shayama Motion - carried

Shayama and Murphy should be consulted immediately and to draft telegram. To attend to this matter. Appointed - Dr. Barnes; Dr. Pa. Ishiwara.

Re freezing of evoc. order.

Motion - to ask. Mr. Murphy to ask commission to freeze order until order comes thru from Ottawa.

Mutauba, see. Shimoda - motion carried

Tanaka - money for council needed?

Shayama - not needed for Murphy.

Suzuki - Frozen funds needed. from city organizations.

Mr. Akahida - Mrs. Nagata contributed \$10.

Shayama - should we ask Mr. Murphy to ~~ask~~ to act as our legal counsel.

Motion Shiro, sec. - Yasui - Motion - carried.

Shibuya - By phone. Mr Murphy say said phone back tomorrow noon, wanted it. us when not going to Ont. for sure. usual. known.

Tenji - meanwhile; those who got noticed report tomorrow morning, must report.

Tanaka - request. inf. reg. organization of council. Shoyama - circumstances such that such organization has not been possible.

Status of rep. on our liaison committee not yet known, but so far at indications are that they are recognized.

Much work still remains to be ~~done~~ done at Postings Park.

*Miss Uchida - Re word at ~~the~~ Sec. Com. office. Interpreted at office. appointed by other committee. Really should be cooperation with other committee. but no other committee has not asked per emp. We should pitch in without as waiting for other committee.

Shoyama - Resolution - endorsement of nat. Telegram - Resolution of Assoc. adoption.

Can Jap Canadian Assoc. - cc. - Shimada.

Mund - Miss Uchida, cc. - Shimada.

Motion - carried.

Volunteers needed for intip. at doctors' office. Man and woman. Together interpreters working in each shift of long day.

Shoyama - Each council member to go to office. Lead and person and phone int. to office.

Miss Uchida - together. Harry Tsuchiya - interpreter.

Chairman.

Miss Uchida - Information bureau - needed here. Re. custodian; etc. Beet farms, Ontario.

work, etc.

Shoyama - Capt. Jenkins reports that commenced now on job to secure equipment for council members.

Yasui - Subsequent action. ~~after~~ ^{after} paying order. not lifted. We cannot tell. members.

Information secretary - appointed. Rev Tenzji.

Assoc. Kant infirm. secy - Seiji Yama.

Installation of phone. - approved. {
Asst. Treasurer - signed contract.

Kazuko Hidaka - social service committee.

Various committees -

① Women's welfare

② Children's welfare.

③ Employment.

④ Educational.

⑤ Recreational and entertainment committee.

⑥ Clothing pool. - Masako Iguchi.

⑦ Mr. Kibary and ~~suggestion~~ committee.

⑧ ~~Family welfare~~ committee.

⑨ ~~Family welfare~~ committee.
more. that Kazuko Hidaka be a head of welfare department.

Resolution - that council should have power to ask any delinquent member to send in his resignation.

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Kazuko - If manning pool well handled, then we have to need not step in.

Miss Achida - In manning pool, women's committee and men's committee formed, much

motion. - Kohara, second. Kurita. Meeting to be held with committee inside the pool. Motion carried.

Tanaka - Volunteers to give out information re insurance questions.

Recreation - Reg. Yasin. - chairman. 10th Reg. Yasin. donated ping pong table.

Gileon Shitani - Hospital Bureau. set up voluntary dental clinic. set up voluntary

Dr. Banmo - dental service inside pool.

dental service inside pool.

Dr. Kuwabara - Med. doctors already inside.

doing voluntary work.

Kazuko - Work in progress improvements of buildings still proceeding. Workers required to help.

NCTA's plan
sub. to BCSC, March 29
for T. Kanbara

Naturalized British subjects of Japanese racial origin

Dear Sir:

We, the Undersigned, hereby request sincerely your most liberal consideration of the following representation in connection with the evacuation of persons of the Japanese racial origin, resident in the protected area of British Columbia.

In the operation of the evacuation order as prescribed by the Governor General in Council, we, the Canadians of Japanese racial origin, do wish to express our desire for full co-operation with the Government Authorities,

We demand, however, that every person of Japanese racial origin and his family, ~~evacuated~~ *be* such protected person, be assured by the Government of Canada of providing them with ~~xxx~~ reasonable means of subsistence and of their personal safety.

Furthermore, we will appreciate it greatly, if the Japanese and their families be removed to a selected site in the interior and concentrated there, providing them with employment and other activities. *This site is the one at the distribution center for Japanese laborers.*

For these suggestions, we should like to submit to you our proposed plan as follows:

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4. Site, Labor, Building Materials and Other Supplies.

A site for such a project should have an existing accommodation for 1,500 men who will be their first construction purpose.

Land, Materials and supplies *food for labor* to be provided by the Government. Labor to be supplied by the evacuees.

Under these arrangements, we have planned out to build 100 houses within a month by 1500 men. At the completion of these houses, about 500 families could be moved into the site, increasing the number of workers to approximately 2500. In this manner, the building capacity could be reinforced from time to time so that, we believe that within four months, all of 21,000 Japanese could be removed.

Wednesday, March 25, 1942. 10 a.m.
Chairman - H. Suzuki.

The Council approved the appointment of H. Tsuchiya to the Council. The chairman stated that Mr. Iwasaki of the Naturalized Citizens' Group wished the sanction of the Council regarding the formation of a women's organization to give moral support to the Council. Moved by T. Suzuki, seconded by Dr. Ishiware. Motion carried. Meeting of women under Miss Iguchi's chairmanship.

A letter from the Celtic Nisei Society was read by K. Shimizu. Many suggestions re the work of the Council were made in them. Motion for the filing of the letter made by K. Shimizu, seconded by T. Suzuki. Motion carried.

Mass evacuation plan proposed by the Naturalized Citizens' Group read by K. Shimizu. The plans provided for the evacuation of 21,000 persons. It involved the expenditure of \$1,884,000. 1,750 volunteer workers to be sent first. In 2 months time, accommodation for 500 families will be ready. In 4 months, the whole 21,000 can be evacuated. Chief difficulties economic. Source of income for the population is not definite. Discussion pro and con. Representatives from Council to attend committee meeting of Nat. Cit. Grp. to discuss plan: F. Nakamura, G. Ishiware.

Situation at the Manning Pool reported by K. Shimizu. The Niseis were told to leave for Ontario with only 24 hrs. notice. Much discontent among the Niseis in the Pool and refusal to leave apparent. Their grievances: (1) Families should be allowed to go with them. (2) At least 1 week's notice desired. (3) Prevailing wages should be paid in Ontario. Commissioner Meade gave men 24 hrs. of grace, and said 25¢ per hr. wages to be paid until manning pool built in Ontario and then men will be absorbed into the various industries and paid prevailing wages. 50 additional men called up from among the Prince Rupert arrivals who had come into town only the night before. Committee representatives will ask Commission for deferment for these men.

Re Manning Pool administration. General director from our Council will go there. Messrs. Yasaura and Kurita.

H. Yoshida's suggestion: Would like to have an official statement from the Council in writing to show the work of the Council. Moved by G. Ishiware, seconded by H. Suzuki. Motion carried.

Telegram to be sent to the Federal Government asking for an official statement assuring the Canadian-born and Naturalized Japanese of their citizenship status. Telegram Committee: Buck Suzuki, H. Yoshida, H. Tsuchiya, E. Yatabe.

Sho Takayama reported on his investigation of the method of settlement of Japanese properties by the Custodian of Enemy Property. The following statements are those pertaining to the disposal of ~~XXXXX~~ stores and are not to be deemed as official:

- (1) Before evacuation, sell all perishable goods as much as possible, even at a loss.
- (2) List all non-perishable goods and fixtures and hand over to Custodian when leaving. Also all perishable goods unsold. Claim only good for non-perishable and unremovable fixtures.

(3) Sell these properties after the war if necessary.

(4) Transfer all securities to banks and storage vaults in other cities in the interior.

(5) Difference between estimated ~~xxx~~ value and selling price will not be refunded, i.e. if property sold before Custodian has been empowered to take over.

(6) Balance left after debts settled may or may not be refunded.

(7) Balance left after debts settled cannot be refunded.

(8) Cash in banks and other securities can be transferred by Custodian or by self to nearby bank.

(9) The owner cannot force tenant to sell store at loss while tenant is still present. Eileen Shintani was appointed as chairman of the Magazines committee.

Masuko Iguchi was appointed as chairman of the Clothing Committee.

x Roy Yamamura was named as chairman of Recreations Committee.

Families left destitute by the leaving of the heads of families for work camps should be taken care of. Relief office to be established here? Must work in conjunction with the other committee if possible.

Dr. Banno reported that conditions in the Manning Pool can be improved tremendously. Referred to interview with Harold Winch re conditions at Pool. Mr. Winch went to see Commission about them. According to Mr. Winch, (1) People in town must be prepared to leave at anytime. (2) Shortness of notice given Niseis in Manning Pool is injustice and therefore he will report to Commission. (3) Prince Rupert people were given only 3 meals during their 2 days journey from the North. This was real injustice. (4) Kitchen staff at the Pool went on strike because of overwork. (5) Inside administration gradually improving. (6) Natal case ~~xi~~ are being given much freedom. (7) Whole of B.C. may become protected area soon due to the military situation. (8) Mass ~~xxxx~~ evacuation plan of Naturalized group will be investigated.

Mr. Tsuji reported that more privacy is required at the Manning Pool, especially with regard to the women's quarters.

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JAPANESE CANADIAN CITIZENS' COUNCIL

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Thursday, March 26. 9:30 a.m.

Meeting scheduled for this morning was not held in a formal manner. Men who were ordered to report at the C.P.R. station last night did not go there. 86 men out of the 100 odd stayed at the Tairiku Hall for the night. Around 10 a.m. the R.C.M.P. officers came to round up these men. 17 other men had been picked up during the night. All these men were detained at the Immigration Building. It seemed that only the men who reported at the barracks for their medical examination but failed to arrive at the station were detained.

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Sunday, 9:20 am.

March 29

103 men held at immigr. bldg. released if they would ^{report} leave at 4 pm at Manning Dvl.
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Resolution urging the 103 men to ^{report} leave

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March 22

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Resolution urging the 103 men to go to night.

Whereas 103 men's Adoption: Resolved Motion moved by Dr. Banno, seconded.

Resolution will not be delivered as an official resolution. ^{Resolution} ~~Resolution~~ ^{Mr. Staryama}, moved that resolution be sent out as a letter from the council to the men. Seconded by ~~Mr. Furuta~~ ^{Mr. Furuta}. Motion carried.

~~Resolution meeting~~

How to contact these men. ~~For Jackson Mr. Ogny~~ meeting at 4:30 pm. at ~~4:30 pm~~ ^{4:30 pm}. Individual contacts. The men are required to report at Manning Pool at 3:30 - 4:00 pm. Only the men concerned will attend men.

Mr. Nagano - sup. from 103 men concerned. ~~Arrive~~ to council. He thought so far as he knew men would go.

Red Call - March. 31, 1942.

Sunday, March 29.

9:30 AM.

Brown
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 July 20, 1942.
does not
do come!

Rec Call - March 31, 1942.

215 E. Cordova Street,
Vancouver, B. C.
March 31, 1942.

STATEMENT TO THE JAPANESE PUBLIC

from the

Japanese Canadian Citizens' Council

1. PROPOSAL FOR MASS EVACUATION

The Japanese Canadian Citizens' Council this afternoon endorsed a plan for the "mass evacuation of the Japanese Community in family groups" drawn up by the Naturalized Canadian Japanese Association, and submitted to the Government at Ottawa and to the British Columbia Security Commission.

St. Laurent
Endorsement of the said plan was wired to the Minister of Justice as follows:

"The Japanese Canadian Citizens' Council authorized to act as a central co-ordinating body for Canadian-born citizens of Japanese origin, today passed the following resolution:

"Be it resolved that it endorses the proposal re mass evacuation put in your hands by Denis Murphy Jr. on behalf of the Naturalized Japanese Canadian Association."

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2. REPORTING TO R.C.M.P. BARRACKS

The Japanese Canadian Citizens' Council has retained Mr. Denis Murphy as its lawyer, and requested him to convey the endorsement of the Council of the plan for "mass evacuation" to the B. C. Security Commission.

Mr. Murphy will also carry a request to the Commission that the departure of Canadian citizens of Japanese origin be delayed until consideration is given to the plan.

Mr. Murphy will visit the Barracks Wednesday morning to learn exactly what arrangements will be made by the R.C.M.P. and the Labor Department and contact the Commission immediately after.

The Japanese Canadian Citizens' Council itself urges that all citizens ordered to report to the Barracks conform with the order. To the best of its knowledge the only form to be signed at the Barracks is an assignment of wages, authorizing the Government to deduct the sum of \$30 from the wages of married men to be sent to dependents.

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Roll Call - March. 31, 1942.

1. Hideo Onotera
2. Kozuko Hidaka
3. Aya Suguchi
4. Mrs. Maekawa
5. Kay Oda
6. Norah Fujita
7. Fuji Tanaka
8. Bob Shimoda
9. Bob Katanaka
10. Reg Yasui
11. Tami Kurita
12. Mrs. Shiga
13. Dr. Banno
14. Jimmy Suzuki
15. Tom Shoyama
16. Dr. Ishiwara
17. Kiyoko Shibuya
18. Hiromu Fujiki
19. Rev. J. Tanji
20. Seiji Komma
21. Gertrude Murakami
22. Shiguo Matsumoto
23. Kenji Galabe
24. J. Saito
25. Mr. Furukawa
26. Mrs. Uchida
27. Harry Tsuchiya
28. Kanao Naruse
29. Galsburg Suguchi
30. Dr. Kileen Shintani
31. Hide Hyodo
32. Jay Kato
33. Kanao Naruse

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note. Jan. 7/60
J.C.C. Council for
Buck Quaker
Hon. Adachi

Tuesday, March 31, 1942.

1:30 pm.

Dear Sir:

We, the Undersigned, hereby request that

Released by British Subjects of Japanese
Ethnic Origin

1. Seamen's J.C.C. - Harold Hirst
Fuyiki Hirona
2. Meian J.C.C. - Tadashi Saito
Yutaka Ogawa
Malcolm Gunkan
3. Sanishi-kai - Yutaka Shimizu
Miss M. K. Saito
Mr. T. K. Saito
4. Kumpu Y.P.S. - Yoshitaka Michimura
Eiichi Shigeta
Kazuyuki Kagan
Kazuyuki Kagan
5. Asahi Baseball - Kazuyuki Kagan
Kazuyuki Kagan
6. Celtic Cannery - Frank Wakamura
Wakamura Sasaki
Norm K. K. K.
7. Kumpu Y.P.S. - K. K. K.
8. Maple Ridge Y.P.S. - Shiro O. O. O.
9. J. K. K. - Miss F. Saito
Miss F. Saito
10. Kumpu Y.P.S. - Kazuyuki Kagan
Kazuyuki Kagan
11. Shishi-kai - Miss M. K. Saito
Miss M. K. Saito
12. Pavell Y.P.S. - Henry G. G.
Miss Kay Gato
13. Stevenson Y.P.S. - Kazuo Norase
Kazuo Norase
14. J.T.S. - Kay Kagan
Charlie Saito
Miss M. K. Saito
15. Zumboranga - B. Murakami
Miss M. K. Saito
16. Fraser Mills Y.P.S. - M. Oda
M. Oda
17. Ocean Falls J.C.C. - T. K. K.
T. K. K.

(Note: Book (Museum of Science) 1/60 for the book)

8. Vampi JCL.

Marpole Semanitar

Kide Kyado.
Kagaku Kagawa

S. Fukumoto
Y. Fuyoku

Kumamoto Semanitar L. Mike

Mi. Mike Mid C. Sanakura

Sakikura H VPA, K. Nozaki

Okayama Semanitar

Gummi Sanchi

Catholic League, Kuroki
Kotoi and Kengo Semanitar

Chigusa Kurisu
Fumi Ikeda
Gimmi Nakamura

Furui YMBL

Co. Tebara

T. Nishikawa

" YVBA. Min. C. Azai

Min. K. Nishikawa

Kogyosseinika

Kyosaku Suga
Kiyotaka Kimura

Kitarland

Kyosaku Semanitar

T. Soga

Kyosaku Koyukia

T. Kamei
T. Ohashi

Rosko Semanitar

March Kabayashi
Noboru Takada

Maple Ridge Furui Baseball. H. Kuroki

Basketball League. Seiji Otagaki

Min. Koyama
Sam Ueda

New Westminster YMBL

Mike

Furui Toshi Shyokai Martha Star

Fumi Kura

Alumni Assn - Dan Waki & up Nishikawa

Seiichi Christen Fellowship. Bill Carey

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JAPANESE CANADIAN CITIZENS' COUNCIL
Thursday, April 2, 1942.

2 p.m.

19 present

With K. Shimizu as chairman, the meeting opened with the reading of the minutes of the previous day. The minutes were adopted as read.

The business arising from the minutes:

(1) Inter view with the federal ministers were refused by the Minister of Justice on the ground that the Security Commission has the power to do what they wish.

(2) Mr. Kinoshita, Yasuura and Murphy interviewed Taylor re mass evacuation plan. The plan was not accepted because of the difficulty in obtaining suitable land. No financial reason.

Mr. Kinoshita reported on his interview with Major Austin Taylor of the B.C. Security Commission. He explained the difficulties encountered by the Commission. The difficulty arises from the fact that other provinces and communities are not willing to accept families of the evacuated males.

Ghost towns will accommodate approx. 5,000 persons. We must work along the idea too. He thought that another lawyer should be retained by the Council. Murphy alone cannot handle all the work.

The sum of the discussion regarding the hiring of another legal counsel was that another man was necessary, because he can of great assistance in making more effective our demands. Perhaps a man of greater experience and prestige than Murphy would be suitable. Selection of the lawyer was left in the hands of a committee of 3 consisting of Miss Uchida, Messrs. Shoyama and Shimizu. Moved by T. Kurita, seconded by S. Matsuba. Motion carried.

K. Shimizu will make arrangements for a joint meeting with the men's and women's committees inside the Clearing Station.

Miss Uchida stated that the store at the Station will be started as soon as possible. The store will be operated for the benefit of the inmates, and retail prices will prevail. Trustees will be Mr. Galthrop, Shoji and Miss Uchida. H. Shibuya will assist Miss Uchida in making the general plans.

A joint meeting with the Naturalized Japanese Canadian Association members will take place tomorrow, possibly in the afternoon.

Miss Uchida said that Mr. Brown of the Station had informed her that a letter from the Council will admit any destitute single man into the Station. Permits will soon be issued.

H. Tsuchiya reported that he was asked by the Provincial Welfare Dept. to do some field work for them. He will investigate needy cases among the Japanese families and tabulate the results of the investigations.

K. Shimizu stated the Japanese Welfare Assn. for which he and K. Hidaka are working has only limited funds. The Provincial Relief Dept. is now undertaking the relief of the Japanese people. Dr. Grauer of the Security Commission says that a child welfare bureau may be set up within the Commission. Having not machinery to take care of relief cases, must press the Commission to set up the machinery to look after children orphaned by the departure to work camps of their fathers. Tsuchiya said he will get to work right away.

H. Shiga reporting on the Custodian situation. No interviews are allowed.

All information must be sought by writing. This being a case for a lawyer, Murphy was consulted. Murphy asked for \$50 in advance before this could be done. Shiga paid the \$50, i.e. a friend of his put up the money and agreed to foot half the bill.

The general opinion was that the Custodian himself does not know exactly the procedure with regard to many cases. The Custodian himself has stated at one time that there is not custodianship of citizens' properties. So how can they liquidate citizens' properties? The Custodian at Hastings Park asks for information of all properties owned by all Japanese coming into his office.

When the Custodian takes over, he may be free to dispose of the property. (Letter from the Custodian read) - the Custodian apparently does not know much in regards to many important points re Japanese property.

The advisability of letting the public know of the mass evacuation plan put before the Commission was debated. Since the possibility of acceptance of the plan is small, the information might give the public false hopes. The consent of the N.J.C.A. must be obtained before any such information is published.

Miss Uchida said that Miss Stanley, the social worker at the Station, stated that the Manufacturing Building is being converted into a gym and sewing and reading rooms. Parlour games, etc. should be collected. and brought to the office. F. Tanaka will phone R. Yasui who is on leave of absence to ask for permission to have Kiyoshi Suga take his place while away. K. Suga has been recommended for deferment by Carleton Clay as recreational work on the nisei sub-committee of the Welfare Committee of the Security Commission.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

In reviewing the plans released by the B.C. Security Commission, we find that an estimated five thousand, five hundred and seventy-seven persons, comprising of women, old-aged men and invalids, and children under the age of 16 years, have no definite place of evacuation.

We are informed that the B.C. Security Commission ^{has} pending plans for the rehabilitating of "ghost towns" to absorb a large number of persons. We respectfully request that these plans be extended, if possible, to absorb the whole of the above-mentioned population.

And should the B.C. Security Commission see fit to adopt its above-mentioned plans, we are fully prepared to assist in any capacity the reconstruction of the "ghost towns".

But as far as possible we urge that our dependents be moved prior to the adult male population, for the following reasons:

1. To have adequate help to ensure speedy evacuation.
2. To reduce to a minimum the hardships and inconveniences resulting from the absence of help.

New paragraph
 Since the past behavior of Mori in committing numerous acts of violence and his disreputable character make impossible our accepting his acting as the guardian of our families during the period of separation, or his having any control or direction in the affairs and welfare of our families.

We are well aware of the disreputable character of Mori; and his past behavior in committing numerous acts of violence make it impossible our accepting him as the acting guardian of our families during the period of separation, or his having any control or direction in the affairs and welfare of our families. ~~Therefore, we are well aware of this and we are not prepared to accept any Japanese committing~~

JAPANESE CANADIAN CITIZENS' COUNCIL

2:00 p.m.

Friday, April 3, 1942.

Chairman - K. Shimizu.

Meeting attended by 9 representatives of the Naturalized Japanese Canadian Association: Messrs. Nisaka, Yoshida, Tsuchiya, Ikenaka, Kinoshita, Yasuura, Umezaki, Ode. Council members: Misses Iguchi, A. Suzuki, Hyodo, Kato, Oda, Shintani, Kagawa, Fujita, Uchida, Messrs. Fujiki, Shibuya, Tsuji, Naruse, Hatanaka, Shimoda, Tanaka, Kurita, Kuwabara, Shiga, Shimizu, A. Suzuki, E. Yatabe. Total attendance - 34.

Mr. Yasuura explained that the mass evacuation plan originally submitted to the Commission had not been accepted by them, for the sole reason that the Commission found it virtually impossible to secure suitable land for establishing the settlement called 'ghost town' project which the Commission has been considering. The 'ghost town' would be enlarged sufficiently to accommodate the approximate 5,577 women children (under 16), old men, and invalids who would have no place for evacuation. These are the balance left after deducting for 2,500 dependents in the 1000 families in the Sugar beet farms, 5,800 in the original 'ghost town', out of the approximate 13,877 dependents, including the persons in the above mentioned categories, who must be cared for. The plan submitted by the N.J.C.A. suggested the enlarging of the Commission's project so as to absorb the whole of the above mentioned population. To insure this, the Assn. stated its wish in co-operating in the reconstruction of the town or towns, but, as far as possible to have the dependents moved prior to the adult male population for the following reasons: (1) To have adequate help to ensure speedy evacuation, (2) To reduce to a minimum the hardships and inconveniences resulting from the absence of help, (3) Because the community cannot trust or tolerate that certain men who by his previous record has shown that he is not suitable for the position of acting guardian of the families who are left behind.

Some Council members felt that the Commission had not pressed forward enough its demands for landsites, but the opinion of others, including the naturalized citizens was that the Commission had done its best in trying to find the land. Mr. Yasuura said that Mr. Taylor of the Commission explained to him the difficulties faced in the search: the opposition of other provinces, and the people of townsites investigated.

Some concern was felt over the feasibility of the families evacuating under that project members felt that the responsibility of the families evacuating under that project did not rest on their shoulders.

The N.J.C.A. members were of the opinion that the temporary separation of the families was inevitable, but that they wished to have the men sent out to the 'ghost towns' to construct the facilities there instead of being sent out to road camps. Mr. Ode ~~stated~~ that the N.J.C.A. has almost exhausted its supply of ideas and the present plans were the final ones, and therefore asked the Council to back them up.

The plan was endorsed in all respects with minor changes. The first two reasons were supported without comment but the third reason for the plan was discussed much more fully. The chairman explained the delicate situation in which the Nisei members of the liaison committee have been placed in respect to the relations with the Commission. K. Hidaka said that the 'white' advisory committee had considered the possibility of enlarging the liaison committee to nine with the addition of 3 white members. The motion to support the third reason was made by H. Tsuchiya, seconded by Y. Shimoda. Motion carried. Miss Hyodo suggested that a rider be added, urging the Commission to see that a proper governing body for the mass Japanese settlement is democratically elected by the people. H. Suzuki moved that a committee of three be elected to confer with the N.J.C.A. members to prepare a statement regarding this governing body. Seconded by H. Hyodo. Amendment: Committee be authorized to act on behalf of the Council. Moved by H. Suzuki, seconded by Kazuko Hidaka. Carried. Amended motion voted on. Motion carried.

Moved by H. Suzuki, seconded by T. Kurita that the committee include the chairman and his two appointees. Motion carried. The committee will consist ~~xxx~~ of K. Shimizu and his two appointees. Motion carried.

The problem of obtaining permits to hold night meetings of the Council will be looked after by K. Shimizu.

Upon query as to who is holding power at the Clearing Station the chairman replied that nominally Isseis, but the Niseis actually have the power.

The lawyer committee had recommended Mr. Straith, K.C., M.L.A., of Victoria as legal counsel for the Council, but the majority opinion favoured the appointment of a Vancouver barrister. The two considered were (1) Mr. Anderson of Harper and Anderson, and (2) Mr. J.P. Smith, K.C.

Mr. Umezaki suggested that the women's federation endorse the plan of the N.J.C.A. and send delegated to the Commission and appeal for the acceptance of the plan.

Miss Uchida reported on the proposed store at the Clearing Station. Shoji had assured her that the store will be constructed. The trustees will be Shoji, Nishio, Miss Uchida. Mr. Nishimoto will be general manager. H. Shibuya was appointed by the Council to be the other trustee. Profits will be used for the benefit of the inmates of the station. Retail prices prevail.

H. Shiga reported on the custodian. Because no personal interview was allowed

JAPANESE CANADIAN CITIZENS' COUNCIL

Sunday, April 5, 1942. 2:00 p.m.

A meeting of the Council was held at the Council Room on Sunday, April 5th at 2 p.m. together with 2 representatives from the Hastings Park Clearing Station. These representatives were the following: Messrs. H. Machida, M. Sakamoto, H. Hamazaki, S. Kameda, I. Kishimoto, H. Yamanaka, M. Kadawaki, Shiomi. The members of the Council were the following: Messrs. Hyodo, Kagawa, Fujita, Shintani, Oda, Uchida, Okamura, Hidaka, Mrs. Maikawa, Messrs. H. Suzuki, Shimizu, Ishiwara, Banno, Kuwabara, Latsuba, Makamura, T. Suzuki, Katanaka, Naruse, Kurita, Yamamura, Shibuya, Yoshida, Shiga, Homma, Onotera, Tsuchiya, Mr. Kijoshita of the Naturalized Canadian Japanese Association was also present.

The meeting was chaired by K. Shimizu.

The chairman announced that 46 were required to provide baseball bats and balls for the Clearing Station. Kiyoshi Suga had been appointed to look after the recreation at Hastings Park. The motion for the expenditure of the 46 was moved by H. Suzuki, seconded by H. Onotera. Motion carried.

The chairman explained the purpose of this meeting to be the investigation of the conditions at the park, and the ways and means of improving them.

A report of the Station was made by Ken Shiomi of the Clearing Station staff. He stated that the conditions had improved considerably since the beginning and that the people were well satisfied. Sanitation and cleanliness cannot be improved. 6 nurses are working in 3 shifts, together with 2 matrons. Doctors are present every morning from 10:30 to 12:00. Dentists are starting to-morrow. Food plain but adequate. The present army diet is not suitable for children, but a dietician since Wednesday has been caring for invalids and children.

Mr. Shiomi then gave a report on the personnel of the committee working inside the Station. The personnel included the following: K. Shoji, M. Yanagisawa, K. Nagai, M. Sakamoto, K. Shiomi, I. Yamamoto, H.S. Kameda, H. Yamanaka, M. Yoshida, T. Sakamoto, N. Inouye, N. Kishimoto. The work of the committee is that of registration, supervision of the Men's and Women's Bldgs., sanitation, etc.

2 reps. from each town represented at the Station had a meeting and passed the following resolution: (1) Asked for evacuation with families, (2) Wanted to know their destinations when evacuated, (3) Asked for extension of time for preparation for evacuation.

One of the representatives from the Station stated that in the first impression of the inmates regarding the committee from the other street was that it was a truly representative one with both Isseis and Niseis duly elected to it, but they had been disappointed when they found out the true nature of that committee.

The discussion next centred on the ways and means of doing useful work inside the Clearing Station. The need for a permanent doctor inside the Station was emphasized by several members. At present the 1 1/2 hrs. service daily is not sufficient, to look after 1500 persons. Another problem was the lack of a suitable system for discovering cases of sickness among the inmates. Better co-operation from the Japanese nurses was requested. The nurses, however, were thought to be too busy with their usual work.

Regarding the collection of magazines for the Clearing Station, the chairman announced that 1400 copies already have been collected at the Hampa Kaikan ready to be transported to the Park. The difficulty arose in the securing of a truck from the Park. Mr. Yamanaka promised to see that the proper transportation is provided. Library facilities such as shelves, desks, etc. remain to be completed. Some person inside the Park should be appointed to handle the distribution and care of the magazines. Books are being collected for the use of women and children only, because the men do not seem to be interested in any form of recreation besides card shuffling.

The chairman asked if a messenger service inside the Park was desired, such as for the securing of exit permits for the men. A telephone was most urgently needed, but, for military reasons, its installation has so far been prohibited. Miss Hadaoka reported that a group of outside women are willing and ready to provide personal services for the women inmates, starting next Tuesday. Ladies to look after children of harried mothers were requested. Kindergarten facilities are not yet ready but the personnel is ready to start anytime.

A motion that a male member of the Council be stationed at the office in the Clearing Station to provide information, personal services and other contacts to the men folks was made by H. Suzuki, seconded by G. Ishiwara. Motion carried. Mr. Sakamoto asked that the personnel must be able to speak both English and Japanese. The following members appointed to the committee, H. Shibuya, T. Suzuki, H. Onotera, H. Yoshida will alternate in working half day shifts at the Park. The times are 9-12 A.M. and 1-4 P.M. A motion that carfare be supplied to the members above mentioned was made by H. Shiga, seconded by S. Matsuba. Motion carried.

Sunday, April 5, 1942.

2 p.m.

Regarding the circulation of the "New Canadian" at the Clearing Station, it was noted that many of the inmates were subscribers, and they had been receiving their copies indirectly from the hometown post offices. Notification of their changes in address was requested.

Mr. Shiomi reported that the administration at the Clearing Station is now headed by Superintendent Salt of the R.C.M.P., assisted by Dr. Hodgins. Mr. Calthrop is definitely out.

With regards to the recreational activities at the Park, the chairman announced that Kiyoshi Suga had already started them. Dr. Hodgins has expressed his willingness to spend some money in purchasing athletic equipment if necessary. Group leaders are being supplied and athletic equipment of all kinds are ~~being~~ now being sought. Toys are also required.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read by the secretary but not adopted. Miss Uchida reported on the situation regarding the proposed store at the Station. The other committee seems to have gone to work on it during the last few days and their trustee members say that the proceed will be used for the benefit of the inmates, the inmates of what institution remains to be seen. Mr. Yamanaka said that he had asked the purchasing agent Mr. Dean to buy the store equipment and goods from the Japanese stores now being liquidated, and the latter probably will do so.

Mr. Sakamoto announced that if plans proceed as expected, the Council will ~~benefit~~ become the beneficiary of the remaining funds of the No. 2 District Fishermen's Association.

Upon query by Mr. Matanaka, Mr. Shiomi fully explained the circumstances under which he had entered the staff at the Clearing Station.

A motion that the Council be augmented by 2 additional members from the Hastings Park Clearing Station was made by H. Suzuki, seconded by E. Shintani. The motion carried.

The thanks of the representatives from the Park was voiced by Mr. Shiomi.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:15 p.m.

JAPANESE CANADIAN CITIZENS' COUNCIL

EXECUTIVE MEETING

April 6, 1942.

11:30 a.m.

A meeting of the Council executive was held in the parlour room with the following members present: K. Shimizu, E. Benno, H. Suzuki, T. Shoyama, E. Yatabe. With K. Shimizu in the chair, the following business was conducted:

With regards to a request from D. Watanabe at Schreiber, Ontario, to the Council for financial help in printing and sending out stationery for his work as public relations man for the men at that work camp, the executive voted ~~in~~ the sum of \$10:00 to be forwarded to him. This sum is to cover all expenses incurred in his work.

The future action and policy of the Council was the next matter of discussion. The Chairman stated that the Council will probably be still organized and recognized by the B.C. Security Commission. Since there seems to be ~~some~~ some doubt as to the general opinion of the niseis regarding the policies and decisions of the Council, it was suggested that some means of surveying that opinion should be made. The idea of having a general meeting was abandoned because it was thought that the niseis would be ~~come~~ more confused than ever. The best attitude that the Council could take would be to ask the representatives of the various organizations represented which elected the Council to express their opinions regarding the stand of the latter. If any of these organizations are found to disagree with the policy of the Council, they should be asked to withdraw their support. The Council meanwhile will not change its established policy.

The third item of business brought up was the matter of a survey of persons volunteering to leave the protected area. It was thought that such a survey will prove valuable in giving the niseis some chance to express their preference of their destinations. A recommendation to the Council to sponsor such a survey will be made at this afternoon's meeting at 2:30 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 noon.

COUNCIL MEETING

April 8, 1942.

2:30 p.m.

A meeting of the Council took place in the Council room at 2:30 p.m. with K. Shimizu in the Chair. The meeting was attended by 23 members.

The secretary read the minutes of the executive meeting held earlier that day. The business arising from these minutes were then brought up for discussion.

The matter of the \$10:00 voted for public relations work at Schreiber by the executive was mentioned and was approved without any discussion since the Council had formerly given the executive ^{the right} to frame the required amount.

The chairman made clear to the ~~other~~ members of the Council that there should be no division among them after the Council itself had made its decision following discussion of any particular problem. It is the duty of all the members to see that ~~the~~ they abide with the decisions of the Council. Members who feel that they cannot do so will be asked to hand in their resignations to the Council. Since the B.C. Security Commission has given notice that ~~the~~ it will give audience to a three or five man committee representing any group of Japanese persons, these recalcitrant members can form their own organization and present their demands to the Commission.

~~While~~ Unforeseen circumstances at this time made it necessary to conclude the meeting in a rather abrupt way.

— Why? What happened?

Why? What happened?

JAPANESE CANADIAN CITIZENS' COUNCIL

April 11, 1942.

11:00 a.m.

The 4 meeting of the Council was held at the home of Dr. Ishizawa on Saturday, April 11th, 1942 at 11:00 a.m. The meeting was attended by 26 members. K. Shimizu took the chair.

The business starting the meeting was thereading of the minutes of last meeting by the secretary. Since that meeting was unusual in some aspects, ~~the~~ a motion asking for the more vivid recording of the minutes was introduced by T. Shoyama, seconded by B. Murakami. The motion carried.

The treasurer made a report on the financial standing of the Council up to April 6, 1942. The total income to date was \$668.42, the total expenditure was \$276.03, leaving a balance of \$390.39. Motion for adoption of the report by K. Hidaka, seconded by S. Homma. Motion carried.

The chairman announced that the two Council members, T. Tanaka and Y. Shimoda have been reported to have been engaged in activities contrary to the best interests of the Council. In order to investigate these reports and to ~~verify~~ ^{clarify} the situation with regard to these two members, a special committee should be set up. T. Shoyama moved, and H. Hynde seconded, that a committee of seven be appointed to meet and make recommendations to the Council dealing with this matter. Motion carried. Motion to have these members appointed from the chair made by T. Shoyama, seconded by H. Shiga. Motion carried. The following were appointed by the Chairman: chairman, 2 vice-chairmen, Atagi, Tsuchiya, Tsuji, Matsuba.

Ref. Yasui speaking on behalf of the three members, K. Shibuya, B. Hatanaka, and himself, who were elected to the Council after a public meeting held on gave his reasons for asking the Council to accept his resignation. He stated that due to the circumstances in which he had entered the Council, he cannot feel that he can do any useful work for the Council. He said that although his opinions regarding the work of the Council had changed completely since the time of his entry, he still represents the group which advocated more demands for mass evacuation. He felt that his presence might hinder the efficiency of the Council's activities. Other members thought that he was doing useful enough work at present and that since he agrees with the policies and the decisions of the Council, he should stay as a member. Although he had come in as a representative of a larger group of people, should ~~himself~~ ^{the whole Japanese population} feel himself responsible for the welfare of a larger group was exactly the same as that of Yasui. S. Homma and H. Tsuchiya felt that they were in a somewhat similar position as the three above, but they felt that their duty was to stay with the Council and do all they can to help with its activities. The three members concerned, R. Yasui, B. Hatanaka, and K. Shibuya retired at this time while the rest of the members debated on the stand that they should take. After considerable discussion a motion was introduced by H. Shiga, and seconded by S. Homma, recommending the Council to ask the three members to stay. After the three members had returned to the meeting, they were told of the Council's decision.

Minutes - April 11/42. 11:00 AM.
 Minutes of last meeting read.
 Motion - To record happenings of last meeting more vividly.
 Shoyama Sec. Murakami.

2) Chairman - K. Shingya.

F. Tanaka, Shimoda - not present. These have been engaged
 but in activities contrary

Till April 6/42.
 Income — 662.42
 Expenses — 278.03

Balance - \$390.39.
 K. Hidaka - same adoption; Homma - seconds.
 Carried.

^{moved.}
 Tanaka ~~not~~ home. Shoyama suggested committed to have Special
 and Committee Homma rec. recommended. K. Council
 meeting with Tanaka, second; Hyodo. Motion carried.

Committee appointed from chair - Motion - Shoyama,
 second - Shiga. Motion - carried.

Committeemen - Chairman; 2 Vice chair, ~~Tanaka~~
 Akagi, Tsuchiya, Fuke Tseyi, Motenaka.

Yasui gave reasons for not accepting asking for resignation. He
 cannot feel that he is in position to do any useful
 work for Council, since he the circumstances in which
 he entered it make it impossible.

He feels that when Council takes stand of asking members
 to leave, then he cannot follow. He cannot tell others
 not to go or to go.

He feels that several decisions
 depends on so individuals concerned, because he
 himself does not know which is right thing.

Then he considered his own position. He
 feels that since we must all leave at some time or
 other, he appreciates what has taken place up to
 now and can explain the situation. So others with
 giving his opinion.

Reg. over assistance he is doing
 Burita feels Reg. over assistance he is doing
 right now is good enough.

Members of 5 members who were elected by public
 feel that they should resign. Tsuchiya thinks he is taking

Homma feels same way. Tsuchiya thinks he is taking
 wrong stand.

Yasui feels he represents the section of public which want
 to back. His opinions have changed considerably since
 time of his entry.

Shingya feels that Yasui could do more by being on
 Council since he agrees with Council's decision,
 and

Kakazaka - feels that not all in trying to convince fellow who selected him. Kakazaka in heart cannot express own opinion. Same position as Reg.

Kurita -

Tsugi - Time for 'basket' inside Council, not to decide whether to back or to go.

Shiga - We have been discussing 'problem' democratically. Difference here - but our Council and Mori's Committee. Main issue -

3 members - retired at this time.

Homma - feels they have been thinking of future far ahead. Cannot explain.

Murakami - They might be accepted as individual members working for good of 23000 persons, not in interest of group which selected them.

Homma - Reason goes deeper. - question of whether we are Japanese or Canadians.

Shingiz - Being in good city of Canada we should be credit to Japanese people.

Iyado - High Jap. Govt officials feel that nice's should be loyal Canadians and obey all laws of country.

Iyado - Work of Council to take harshness out of evacuations only.

Shingiz - If persons who are backing are sincere, they should

Recommend that Council should ask 3 to stay in Council. Shiga - move, second - Homma. Carried.

Shingiz - Our decision is to ask you to stay. Your usefulness in Council is more.

Murakami - You might regard as up of org. you have been representing and should be reinstated as ind. member working for 23000 people.

3 members retired again with Homma and Furukawa to explain to them the real situation.

Shingiz - Perhaps if Council had not formed, this misunderstanding would not have arisen.

servant everybody to tackle questions in most serious and thorough way. He feels that Shogame and Shingo are carrying out much what they should more divided among Council members. The old work of Council might be improved. Ask everybody to do their utmost, and to carry it more unequally.

Hatanaka - Wants Shoy. and Shing. to do more the brains of Council.

Much to be improved in Council, more seriousness wanted among Council members.

You work can be possible.

I want time until next meeting to consider my acceptance or rejection of recommendation of Council.

No concrete suggestions for improvement.

It might be more useful and more of a hindrance to Council than an asset.

Yasui - Our only worry is that our position might

Hidaka - If any member knows of any destitute families, to report to our office. He will give details. We will contact Miss Stanley and other responsible authorities.

Any family not whether destitute or not can apply for entrance to Harkney Park. Apply to our office.

Shimizu - motion to have committee appointed to

Ryuzaki - motion to have committee appointed to help K. Hidaka with relief work.

Second - Homma Shoguma. Motion carried.

Appointees: Best Murakami, H. Isechiya, Fujiki - Surgery. Kay Oda - Stenographer. City member from city will be appointed. Japanese member from city will be appointed. There made.

Placards, etc. and other arrangements still exist. Will go on of Council still exist.

Relief relief city relief. If not as citizen - bill to City - administered by city relief department - bill to Fed. Govt.

If relief needed in city, families will be sent to Manning Pool.

⑦
 Mrs Uchida - ~~to~~ Best way to work with Mr. Oaltheys.
 Also good idea to set up a store inside one of
 buildings. I will approach Mr Oaltheys.
 Mr. Shikawa to help as assistant.

Recast.

Shayama - Placement of mice at barracks
 in case of deferment. Perhaps better to
 leave at moment. Better to work at Sec.
 Commission.

Re Custodian - disposal of property. - Mr.
 Shiga will help have talk with custodian
 and make report to council.

Re
 Men reported to ordered to report tomorrow
 Shimota. Much confusion and fear regarding.
 Publish a pamphlet regarding work and revolution
 passed by council today. To inform men
 that their excitement will die down.

Rev. Tenji - Tad Saito came into town with report
 re Mission conditions. New broke connections
 with Marie Yang. J. B. Shink of Foref. Corp.
 Graver. sarge. bury covers must be kept in.
 farm. to grow. buried for P. B. I thought on some
 successfully. Telegram from Ottawa -
 saying. Issei and misissimale. are to be evacuated.
 But families will be allowed to remain.
 They are satisfied. They can go to either Alberta
 with families, or leave women and children
 behind and go to work camps.

Mr. Fuyiki - As far as Soney was concerned families
 of nationals could remain behind from first
 danger of prowlers in Soney. P. Could do
 happen in Mission. Patrol from D.C. Police
 provided when asked.
 Miss Uchida - How about approaching Mr Shink?
 Fuyiki - Shink is remote from Soney.
 Tenji - As far as Mission City concerned - as
 much longer. I think

Yasui - Would survey women prefer to come to Wood Park
or remain home?

Fuyiki - Women prefer to stay at home.

Dzukei - Re finances, -
General Secretary -

Shusaton and attending district members should
be paid their fares.
Any financial obligations of members, or
council business shown will be reimbursed.

Mie Akhoda - any man or family financially
down will be allowed to stay in Hastings Park.

(3)
 Re. - Hastings Park committee.
 Addition to committee - Seiji Homma - Ed Yoshida
 had. resigned because he must go to camp.

Re protection of country homes.

Provincial police doing best under circumstances.
 They are understaffed.

Reston - Mrs. Okada - being remodelled - 1 ft too
 high. Mr. Morrison replaced Mr. McCallthorp.

Mr. Sakamoto said 50 handy men reg'd in
 doing carpentry and other handy job in bldgs.
 Cannot get inside men. Pay \$2.00 a day. with
 50¢ for board. Mrs. Okada will confer
 with T. Sakamoto and Wharage of Paid and
 confer with Salt or Hodgson.

Complaint from inmate - workers have to
 pay their own board ~~a~~ from their pay.

Adjourned

Homma - move; second - Shibuya
 1:23 pm.

Recommendations from Special Investigations
 Sunday, April 12/42. Committee. 2:00 P.m.
 Committee - Frank Nakamura, K. Shimizu, E. Banno,
 T. Tsuji, Secy - E. Gotoke.

Recommend that the ~~two~~ ^{two} members, F. Tanaka and K. Shimada, ~~be~~ ^{be} asked
 appointed to the Council on ~~for~~ ^{for} ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~resignations~~ ^{resignations} ~~that~~ ^{that} ~~they~~ ^{they} ~~have~~ ^{have} ~~not~~ ^{not} ~~reasons~~ ^{reasons} ~~that~~ ^{that} ~~they~~ ^{they} ~~are~~ ^{are} ~~known~~ ^{known} ~~to~~ ^{to}
 the Council.

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JAPANESE CANADIAN CITIZENS' COUNCIL

Monday, April 13, 1942.

5:30 p.m.

A meeting of the Council was held at the home of Dr. Ishisara on Monday, April 13th, at 5:30 p.m. with K. Shimizu. The number of members present was 20.

The meeting opened with the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting which was held on Saturday, April 11th.

The chairman reported on the Discipline Committee meeting which was held on Sunday, April 12th at 2:00 p.m. The Committee had met

note name of
committee

Shimizu, Hamura, Hayama, Fujita, Oda,
H. Suzuki, Shibuya, James Kodaka, Shingus,
Fujita, Shiga, Gatake.

Meeting: Dr. Shunawa's home. 11:30 A.M.

Monday, April 13.

J.C.C. members do not, cannot gain admittance to
Custodian's office at Park. Dr. Sinclair would not let
Matsuba into buildings. Matt Gourd will see
Jenkins of Commission.

Re Discipline Committee report.

Re Discipline Committee members present, the recommendation
of committee will not be discussed or decision made.

Since not enough members present, the recommendation
of committee will not be discussed or decision made.

Meet again in afternoon at 5:00 p.m.

JAPANESE CANADIAN CITIZENS' COUNCIL

April 14th, 1942.

12:45 p.m.

A meeting of the Council took place at the home of Dr. Ishiware on ^{Tuesday} ~~Monday~~, April, 14th, 1942, at 12:45 p.m. with K. Shimizu in the chair. There were 20 members present, as well as Messrs. Iwasaki, Yasuura, Hisaoka of the Naturalized Japanese Canadian Association.

The meeting opened with the reading of the minutes of the ~~xxxxxxx~~ ^{xxxxxxx} Monday, April 14th, meeting. The minutes were adopted as read.

Mr. Shoyama reported on his and K. Shimizu's interview with Dr. Hodgins at the Clearing station this morning. He stated that it was the intention of Dr. Hodgins to clear the buildings out at the station of all of the members of the committee from the waterfront street, as far as he was concerned. He will try to get more noise in, if possible. His sympathies were with the Canadian-born, and he wished to help them in all ways possible. Dr. Hodgins will see to it that more improvements will be carried out in the women's building, in kitchen and dining room facilities for children, and also in the recreation building. He also added, that, in his opinion, the waterfront camp were much smarter and more professional while we were just amateurs. With regard to his opinion regarding Capt. Salt of the R.C.M.P., the honourable gentlemen was not so tough as he was thought to be. He had issued more deferment permits than in the days of the Galtrop regime. Concerning the men detained at the Immigration Shed for refusing to comply with the R.C.M.P.'s order to evacuate, Dr. ~~xxxx~~ Hodgins intimated that an appeal board has been set up to listen to the grievances of these men. Those who are thought to be merely delinquent and willing to leave when next ordered will probably be released and allowed to entrain again, but those who are ~~xx~~ found to be still recalcitrant and dangerous will be sent to concentration camps. The personnel of the three man board was not revealed, but Dr. Hodgins promised them to be three good men.

Mr. Shimizu then stated that since the relationship between Shoyama and himself and the R.C.M.P. is not exactly sweet, he could not himself intervene on behalf of the men who did not report when called by the R.C.M.P. Therefore, those who had refused to go but are now willing to leave, should give themselves up by reporting to Shoyama or himself who will refer them to the appeal board through Dr. Hodgins. In his talk with Capt. Jenkins, Mr. Shimizu had been asked for the foremost reasons for the men refusing to leave when ordered. He had replied that these men disliked the separation of the families in the present scheme of evacuation, and also the concern for the welfare of the families who are left behind temporarily. When asked for suggestions as to what the Commission could do to allay the fears of these men, Shimizu had answered that the sending of carpenters and other workers from the Japanese community to the interior 'ghost towns' to help remodel them and the experimental model evacuation of small groups of families will do a lot to make the men feel that the Commission is carrying out its promise of evacuating the families to these towns. Jenkins felt that the most effective evacuation method was the sending out of the men in the present fashion.

Mr. Iwasaki stated that the N.J.C.A. had made representations to the Commission regarding the improvement of the administration at the Hastings Park Clearing Station. The presence of many enemy nationals among the personnel of the other committee working at the Station was deplored. When questioned as to the housing plan in the 'ghost towns', Mr. Iwasaki replied that investigations are now being carried out by his group on this question, and he was not sure as to the exact nature in which the housing will be carried out. The chairman suggested that such investigation should be carried out by the Council and that their suggestions be given to those members of the Security Commission who are in charge of this matter.

Motion to appoint a committee to investigate the conditions and plans of the 'ghost towns' in co-operation with the N.J.C.A., introduced by ~~xxxxxxx~~ ^{xxxxxxx} Mr. Onodera, seconded by B. Suzuki. Motion carried. B. Suzuki suggested that one feminine member be included among the committee members. The personnel of the committee as appointed by the chairman were: R. Yasui, T. Kurita, H. Shibuya, Miss Uchida. Upon the request by Mr. Hatanaka to be included in the committee, the chairman ~~xxxxxxxx~~ appointed him also.

The matter of the imminent but unwelcome resignation of the three members, Yasui Hatanaka and Shibuya was brought up for discussion. Mr. Yasui explained the situation again as in the previous meetings, and asked the members of the Naturalized group to express their opinions regarding the matter. Mr. Iwasaki thought that if these three realized that the work of the Council is for the benefit of the whole Japanese community, they should remain and contribute their share. Mr. Yasuura declared that as Council members, they have the responsibility of carrying on for the best interests of the Council. They must realize that criticisms and undesired pressure are coming from those of different opinions altogether. Mr. Hisaoka stated that those people who are trying to buck the evacuation do not know the reasons for their action. They are oblivious of the consequences of such an action and they do not even stop to figure out the advantages or the disadvantages. They talk about 'Minon danshi' while they run around like criminals. The chairman informed the three members concerned that the final decision rested on themselves. The Council asked them to stay.

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Speaking for the three members, Mr. Yasui agreed to withdraw their resignations. The rest of the Council was very pleased to hear of the decision.

Upon query from Mr. Yasui as to whether the the groups, the N.J.C.A. and the J.C.C.C. would touch upon matters concerning the nationals, the chairman replied that since the problem embraces all the people of the Japanese race, whatever their category, it was the duty of these groups to work for the benefit of the nationals also.

Mr. Katanaka advised investigation of cases where widowers having children leave them behind worrying about their welfare. These men should be made to leave after assuring them that these children are in safe hands. Mr. Shimizu stated that according to Dr. Hodgins, men in over the age of fifty will not be sent to work camps.

Motion for adjournment was introduced by Shiga, seconded by Onotera. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 1:50 p.m.

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to be the most suitable. In Miss Hidaka's opinion, such persons could serve as key women and heads of the various departments.

Miss Hidaka then reported on the plans for the meeting of the Welfare Committee scheduled for next Sunday at the Powell United Church. There were to be five discussion groups under the headings: (1) Adult education, (2) Library work, (3) Community enterprises, (4) Sports, (5)

The idea of this discussion meeting was to start the training of potential leaders for work in the evacuation towns. With respect to the commercial enterprises, some research was to be carried out to determine the businesses which might conceivably be carried on in the evacuation towns. One business especially mentioned was the manufacture of clothing, such as dresses. Such a business would necessarily be conducted on a co-operative basis. Mr. Shiga thought that the department stores in town might accept these dresses, but the source would come from other dress manufacturers. Miss Hidaka declared that there should be an investigation committee to look into the matter of these commercial enterprises.

Regarding the financial setup of the evacuation towns, Mr. Karita brought up for discussion his favourite thesis that all women without any income living in these towns should be granted an allowance of ten dollars or thereabouts besides being given free lodgings and board. Persons of other categories, such as disabled men, aged men should also receive this allowance. Mr. Shinizu stated that the present indications were that the women will be allowed to work on farms around the evacuation towns, and thus be allowed to earn some extra money.

Mr. Katanaka felt that some sort of liaison should be established between the Council and the men detained in the Immigration Building in order that we can appreciate their feelings and be able to work better. We should at least let them know of the work that is being done by the Council and the Commission with respect to the welfare of their families. No definite course of action was decided on since the situation with regards to the detained men was not yet clear.

Miss Oda reported that the Steveston J.C.C.A. had held a meeting yesterday to determine its stand concerning the evacuation. Out of 26 different sections, 16 had voted to support the Council in all its decisions, 6 had voted for the Tanaka or the 'Ganbaru' group, while 2 were non-committal. The 6 representatives of the Tanaka faction had handed in their resignations from the J.C.C.A. at the conclusion of the meeting. Since the men of the 500 families forming the Council's backing faction are concerned with the welfare and safety of their families, they had asked if it would be possible to have some of the young men left behind to help with the evacuation of the families. Mr. Shinizu will consult the Commission with regards to this request. This arrangement had been possible in New Westminster, according to K. Hidaka.

Mr. Shibuya reported that B. Suzuki at the Clearing Station had told him that one of the members of the committee inside the Station had requested the Council to give a diplomatic reminder to the R.C.M.P. officials that they should not treat the people coming in to-day from Vancouver Island East Coast points like they treated the first groups. Those people had protested that they had been treated like pigs, and trouble will again arise if repeated.

Miss Oda asked what the consequences of failure of families on the beet farms to produce their crops due to illness in these families would be. The chairman replied that according to the order-in-council, the B.C. Security Commission is responsible for the welfare of all families evacuated from the protected area under its orders, and hence, the Commission will no doubt look after such families.

Miss Oda then wished to know if Japanese nationals already in work camps could proceed with their families to the beet farms if they made such applications. The chairman believed that it was possible to do that. There had been cases of similar nature heretofore.

Motion for adjournment made by Miss Suzuki, seconded by Miss Fujita. Not on carried. The meeting was adjourned at 2:45 p.m. In celebration of their 5th Wedding Anniversary, the host and hostess, Dr. and Mrs. Ishiwara, served delicious refreshments to the tired members and hungry members who polished off the plates at an unbelievably rapid speed. Hajime Shiga delivered an eloquent speech of thanks on behalf of the Council members.

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A meeting of the Council was held at the home of Dr. Ishiwara, on Monday April 15th, 1942, at 12:50 p.m. with K. Shimizu in the chair. The number of members present at the meeting was 19. Mr. Kinoshita also attended the meeting. The meeting opened with the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday, which were adopted as read.

Regarding the appeal board which was thought to have been set up by the Commission to hear the grievances of the men detained in the Immigration Department, the chairman stated that, according to the legal counsel of the N.C.C., such a board was not now being planned. Mr. Kinoshita had heard this first that morning. Present indications are that all the men detained will be in concentration camps.

Mr. Shoyama reported that Commissioner Mead had told him yesterday that the Commission would like to use the New Canadian as the official publication of the Commission. The paper will be used to serve as an intermediary between the Commission and the Japanese people who will have been evacuated. Shoyama had felt that although the paper was a private enterprise, the J.C.C.C. and the N.J.C.A. should be consulted before any definite answer could be given. Mead's plan was to have an official spokes man from the Commission edit the news about the Commission's work. There will be a certain amount of independence, according to Shoyama, and the paper can do a certain amount of criticism, if necessary. The Commission is ready to publish its own sheet, if this offer is declined. The treasurer felt that the Council's finances would be eased considerably if the Commission is willing to foot all the expenses of the paper. He also thought there would be closer connection with the Commission for the New Canadian, and also for the Council indirectly. Mr. Kinoshita expressed concern over too much connection with the Commission. He felt that the New Canadian should at all times express the opinion of the Niseis only. Others felt that the advantages outweighed the disadvantages, and, anyway, as Mr. Shimizu, expressed it, there was not much choice in the matter. The Commission itself, said Mr. Shoyama, did not wish to make public the official connection of itself and the paper. He stated that there would be no outwardly difference in the appearance of the paper, and thus there will be no danger of the Japanese public assuming a suspicious attitude towards the paper, as Mr. Hatanaka feared. Mr. Shiga stated impressively that the members of the Council should keep this whole matter under their hats and to keep their traps shut. A motion was introduced by ~~Mr. Shimizu~~ K. Hidaka, seconded by H. Suzuki, that a Council committee be formed to confer with the naturalized publishers to accept the offer of the Commission, and recommended the New Canadian publishers to accept the offer of the Committee: K. Hidaka, H. Suzuki, Y. Hatanaka. The committee, together with the editor of the New Canadian, will confer with the Naturalized Citizens at their meeting to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

K. Hidaka next brought up the matter of business discussed at the meeting of the Nisei Advisory Board on Welfare held earlier that morning. At that meeting, Mr. Carleton Clay had mentioned that if classes in home nursing, first aid, etc. for girls could be started at the Clearing Station, they will be of great use in the evacuation towns. Mr. Shimizu declared that there already was a class of 15 girls training in home nursing at the Park under the guidance of a nurse from the General Hospital. This class was open to girls living in the Park only. In order to set up classes for outside girls Mr. Clay had suggested, according to Miss Hidaka, that a canvass of the girls wishing to undertake such training be made before approaching Dr. Hodgins to start such classes. Mr. Shimizu felt there was a danger of the girls thinking that such classes are in operation. He should get reasonable assurances ~~before~~ of these classes being started before canvassing for the girls. Dr. Hodgins himself was much concerned over the welfare of the girls especially, and he was willing to do all he can to help them.

Miss Hidaka then introduced the question of adult education for women in the evacuation towns. To provide possible leaders for this work, Mr. Clay had suggested that women university graduates could be used for this work. ~~Other~~ ~~mentioned~~ Miss Uchida's name was mentioned as being very suitable. Others mentioned were Miss Hyodo and Mrs. Shinobu, who although not university grads were capable of conducting classes for adult education. It was generally felt that it was easier to teach ~~the~~ adults than ~~the~~ children, who must be under constant supervision. Informal education was being planned for the women at Hastings Park, such as, cooking, English language, Canadian citizenship classes. Miss Suzuki cultural education classes were also possible, because many Nisei girls have taken such courses and are in a position to teach them to others. Persons like Mrs. Shinobu especially were thought to

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Thursday, April 16th, 1942.

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A Council meeting took place at the home of Dr. Ishiwara on Thursday, April 16th, at 1:00 p.m. The attendance at the meeting was 17. Mr. Harry Nagatoku was also present. The chairman was K. Shimizu.

The meeting opened with the minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday, April 15th. The minutes were adopted as read.

The business arising from the minutes were then discussed.

The Chairman brought up the matter of the request from the delegates from Steveston to have a certain number of young men left behind to take care of the evacuation of the families from that area. He had approached Commissioner Mead with that request, but was told that it could not be granted. Mead gave assurance, however, that the evacuation of the families will be carried out with the minimum of suffering. If necessary, the members of the Council will help in the evacuation.

With regards to the presence of the gang from Alexander Street at the C.P.R. station who were allegedly helping the officials ~~at~~ with petty jobs, H. Suzuki said that the sight of these ~~enemy~~ nationals helping to send these Niseis off to work camps griped him, and he felt that something should be done to stop them. The chairman reported that he had made a mild protest to Dr. Hodgins about the matter and had received ~~the~~ his sympathy. The possibility of having a petition sent around to Niseis was scouted and Suzuki will make an investigation into the matter.

T. Shoyama read the telegram which had been despatched by the Provincial Police officer in command at Revelstoke to the Vancouver office advising it of the accidental drowning at Three Valley, B.C. of Yoshio Shiraishi, 22, of Vancouver, at 11:30 a.m. on Wednesday, April 15th. Shiraishi had been drowned while playing on a raft on Three Valley Lake. The coroner's inquest had decided that the drowning was purely accidental, and no blame was attached to anyone. The immediate relatives were not as yet determined, but through the efforts of Miss Shintani, the parents of the deceased youth were located. They were Mr. and Mrs. Y. Shiraishi of 757 East Hastings Street. They will be notified of the death by representatives of the Council and the Naturalized Citizens.

Harry Tsuchiya read two letters from his cousins at Three Valley. These letters were enthusiastic in their praise of the conditions at the camp. The scenery was beautiful, the men were mostly young and congenial, and the grub was really good. Their bunks were not as yet completed, and they had to sleep in tourist cars.

S. Homma reported that he had received a wire from his brother-in-law, Kanao Nishi, saying: "Everything O.K. Come."

With respect to the men who had given themselves up at Hastings Park after failing to report at the train, the chairman reported that the following incident which took place at the Clearing Station. These men had reported to the J.C.C.C. office at the Park and the member on duty at that time took them to Mr. Yamamoto of the Park committee who in turn passed them through the labour department and got the pardon for them from Mr. Moriarty who told them to report back to the Park the following morning. Somewhere inbetween, some officious green buttoned fellow by the name of Sasaki tried to butt in to put in his two cents worth of gook-ban authority, but it seems that he did not get very far with his efforts. H. Tsuchiya stated that Miss Uchida had told him that Commissioner Mead had told her that these fellows will be free until to-morrow. T. Shoyama said that Mead had told him that those 'ganbaru' fellows who are picked up by the R.C.M.P. will be 'sent down', probably to some Ontario concentration camp. Someone suggested putting such warnings in the New Canadian, but Shoyama said that such news would be censored. Shimizu saw the possibility of a riot occurring in the city if our friend Halford D. got wind of such trouble in the Japanese community.

In regards to the Commission's offer to take over the New Canadian, the committee had met with the N.J.C.A. in the morning meeting, and evidently the meeting favoured the acceptance of the offer. T. Shoyama said that he was supposed to report to the legal department to see about the necessary papers required for the transfer. The Commission's plan was to publish only twice a week. If the paper is published more often, the extra cost must be borne by the Council.

The chairman then read an outline of the mass evacuation plans of Japanese poultry farmers, as will be submitted to the Security Commission by Mr. H. Nagatoku. In order to maintain the present rate of egg production necessary for the export of eggs to Britain, the output of the Japanese farms in the Fraser Valley must remain unchanged. Some reasons for the submission of the plan ~~was~~ were given. (1) Poultry farming is an essential industry, (2) A self supporting community can be formed. (3) It is a permanent industry. (4) The families are left intact. (5) Man power is not wasted. (6) Different services can be introduced, making possible the utilization of more people. The plan requires an initial capital of \$240,000, which conceivably can be loaned by the Government or as an equity for the properties left behind by

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the Japanese farmers. The plan explained in detail the manner of evacuation, the construction of hatcheries, chicken coops, etc. which were not discussed, because the members of the Council were not well acquainted with the ways of our ~~fatcheries~~ domesticated feathered friends. Onotera saw the possibility of this plan conflicting with the sugar beet project. Shimizu felt that the plan might be accepted by the Commission since it could be incorporated into the Commission's land settlement scheme, but at the present time, the evacuation momentum probably would not be checked. Since Mr. Maganabu knew definitely that the poultry farm scheme will offer no competition to prairie (Alberta) industries, Commissioner Mead's fears for that will be allayed. Mead had said that in that case the plan might be considered. Motion to endorse the Poultry Farmers' Scheme was made by Onotera, seconded by H. S. Suzuki. Motion carried.

T. Kurita then reported on the situation at Hastings Park. The men who had given themselves up this morning had been released and told to report back to the Park to-morrow. Mr. Yamamoto of the Park Committee had asked him (Kurita) to get the members of the J.C.C.C. to act as intermediaries for other such men, since his position was becoming jeopardized. Mr. Kurita thought that Comm. Mead should be asked to make such action possible. S. Matsuba stated that access to Mr. Moriarty of the Labour department was absolutely imperative, and that Miss Uchida was the most suitable person to act as an intermediary. Shimizu will consult Mead to see what could be done. The naturalized citizens had been working for the same ends but they have not yet reached first base. ~~Dr. Hedgins~~ has not yet been able to convince Supt. Salt that the J.C.C.C. is not a bunch of trouble makers. Mr. Kurita thought that 'peaceful penetration' might be the best way to work ourselves into the buildings at the Park.

B. Suzuki reported that the people who were brought in from the points on the east coast of Vancouver Island were much better treated than the first groups. The only complaint was that the people were not allowed to talk freely by the officials. The first groups had been very ill-treated by the officials in charge, and cases of their being sypped out of their boat fares were reported. Suzuki also mentioned the ~~xxxx~~ requests from the people in the Park: (1) Laundry service. At least one truck a week should be allowed into the Park to collect soiled garments. (2) Entertainment wanted. ~~He~~ He also reported that 3 men of the second group of 30 who had applied for work through the J.C.C.C. had found work inside the Park independently.

S. Homma reported on the latest developments at Hastings Park. He was still refused entrance into the building of the labour department as an interpreter, but managed to wriggle past the well-known Const. Sinclair, who turned out to be a tough fellow but a square shooter, by using applied psychology. He later bawled out the aforementioned green-buttoned one for not trying to help out these men who had given themselves up.

The men leaving to-night were not as yet aware of their destination. Capt. Jenkins when consulted could give no information. The Labour Department was not able to be contacted at the time of the meeting.

S. Homma declared that 'those guys are still agitating.' Miss Fujita said that F. Tanaka was in Marpole last evening still doing his 'dirty work.' According to Mr. Homma, these fellows are agitating kids who do not know enough to make up their own minds and to see things straight.

Motion for adjournment introduced by Onotera, seconded by B. Suzuki. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

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Wednesday, April 22, 1942.

12:30 p.m.

A meeting of the Council took place at the home of Dr. Ishiwara on Wednesday, April 22nd at 12:30 p.m. 27 members attended the meeting, which was chaired by K. Shimizu.

The business opened with the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting which was held on Thursday, April 16th. The minutes were adopted as read.

The business arising from the minutes was then discussed. The matter of the funeral of Yoshio Shiraishi who drowned at Three Valley Lake was brought up by the chairman. The expenses had been borne by the Security Commission who gave \$75 towards the cost, while the remainder was borne by the Council. The funeral service had been held under the auspices of the Council and representatives of the Council and the Naturalized Canadian Japanese Association had attended it. When questioned by Hidaka as to whether this incident will set a precedent for other such cases which may arise in the future, the chairman replied that the Commission will probably treat them in the same way, providing the deaths were caused by actual work causes, or the families of the deceased persons were destitute. If the deaths were caused by other causes, the Commission probably will not pay the expenses. In any case some kind of arrangement must be made with the Commission to deal with similar happenings in the future.

With regard to the matter dealing with the Commission's offer to take over the "New Candadian", the chairman asked that it be tabled until 11. Shoyama arrived at the meeting since he (Shimizu) had nothing to report on it.

Concerning the mass evacuation plan for poultry farmers as submitted by H. Naganobu, the chairman reported that he and Naganobu had approached Capt. Jenkins at the Commission with the plan. Capt. Jenkins had thought that the plan was good, but the difficulty arose in the fact that the plan would take at least 4 months to complete the evacuation, which time allowance the Commission could not grant. The plan may be incorporated into the land settlement scheme being planned by the Commission itself, which is working for the permanent rehabilitation of the Japanese people in Canada. The land settlement scheme is still in the dark, Taylor not having given out any details.

S. Homma reported on the situation at Hastings Park with regard to the matter concerning the interpreters. Six interpreters from our Council were able to work in the building guarded by that intrepid gentleman by the name of Sinclair on Monday when Ken Shimoi led them into the building armed with a slip of paper with Supt. Salt's signature written on it. Sinclair was pop-eyed and could not ~~not~~ believe his own eyes, but his protests were in vain for he was facing superior forces. The green-buttoned ones also kicked feebly. On Tuesday, however, the tables seemed to have been turned on us. Our ubiquitous Harry Tsuchiya was kicked out as were the other boys. Seiji Homma managed to squeeze past the Costable guarding the entrance. He knew from the air that there was something smelly, especially when a Constable McLellan told him that the chief of the green buttons was supposed to be the head man of the interpreters. According to this man Sasaki the only qualifications for an interpreter were to have a high school education and to belong to a certain athletic club. Homma said that Mr. Moriarty of the Labour Department wants our interpreters in the building instead of the other fellows. Messrs. ~~Mr. Moriarty~~ Moriarty especially wants Buck Suzuki to stay in his office. Mr. Sinclair does not know why he does not like the J.C.C.C., especially when our members at the Park aren't especially troublesome people. K. Shinizu will confer with Commissioner Mead in the afternoon to straighten out this matter.

The letter of resignation was received by the chairman from the Council member, Hideo Yoshida. It seems that Mr. Yoshida had refused to get a deferment permit like the other members, and was supposed to leave Vancouver on the 10th of April. The letter was written from Vancouver on the 16th. Mr. Yoshida's resignation was accepted.

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The chairman read a letter accompanying the donation of ten dollars from the men at the Work Camp No. 2, Decdigne, via Jasper, Alberta, which money was to be used for welfare work for children at the Hastings Park Clearing Station. The letter had been signed by Mr. Genzo Nakamoto the treasurer at the camp. The secretary was instructed to acknowledge the donation. ~~Afterwards~~ Accompanying this letter was a second one, which asked the Council to approach the Commission with the following requests: (1) To have the present \$1 medical fee paid by the Commission, (2) To have speedier mail delivery service between the camps and outside points, (3) To have two or three representatives of the men at the camp to visit the various homes and families of these men in order to bring back first hand information concerning the evacuees, (4) To have immediate information from the Commission as to the movements of the families of the men, if and when they are evacuated. According to the chairman, the Commission's Order #10 states that all grievances from the men in any camp could be brought to the engineer in charge of the camp who in turn will refer them to the Commission. With respect to the second request stated above, Shimizu said that Commissioner Mead had told him that from now on letters from the camps will not be censored, which action will speed up the mail service considerably. A motion to have the Council present the petition of these men to the Commission, made by Yasui, seconded by Homma. The motion carried.

The chairman next brought out the matter of the request from the men at the Princeton work camp to the Council, through R. Yamamura, to have some softball equipment sent up to them. They had asked for nine mitts, but it was felt that only two were sufficient for playing softball. Although the men had asked that the equipment be sent to the camp C.O.D., it was generally felt that the Commission should be approached and asked to provide the equipment free of charge. If the Commission should refuse, the different sports equipment stores should be approached to see if they will sell at low cost. The men were willing to pay up to \$20 for the equipment.

Since there was a scarcity of some types of recreational equipment for children at the Hastings Park Clearing Station, a motion was introduced by Miss Shintani, seconded by Miss Iguchi, that the \$10 donation received from the men at Decdigne be used for the purchase of such equipment. The motion carried. The treasurer was instructed to look into the matter.

K. Hidaka reported that the welfare branch of the Council had received a \$50 donation from the Steveston J.C.C.A., and \$5 from Mr. Sadao Nikaide in Schreiber, Ontario. Miss Fujita submitted at that time a donation of \$25 to the Welfare department from the Powell Young People's Society. The welfare secretary will acknowledge the receipt of these donations.

The matter of the Interior Housing Scheme was then brought up for discussion. Y. Hatanaka of the Special Investigations Committee stated that doctors and nurses will be able to go to these towns. Japanese baths will be made to especially suit the Japanese people. Some 20 odd carpenters and plumbers are leaving for Greenwood to-morrow to help in the repairing of these towns. The chairman felt that the Committee, together with the N.C.J.A. should make some sort of a survey of the personnel of the people going to these evacuation towns and then make concrete suggestions to the Commission as to what they would be able to do with regard to services, facilities, etc. Mr. Homma said that the Catholic Church was working on Greenwood, while the other Churches were concerned with other towns, such as Kaslo. Shimizu thought that the religious groups should not be allowed to segregate themselves to the detriment of other people. Miss Oda stated that the Steveston Catholics were taking Buddhists along with them to Greenwood. Mr. Hatanaka reported that according to the naturalized people, each family would be allowed to take 1000 pounds of baggage with them free of charge. Stoves and beds will be provided. A three man committee composed of a representative each from the Security Commission, the white community, and the Japanese

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living in the town, will control the expenditure of the money from the Commission and buy commodities in quantity lots. Mr. Kurita said that each person would be sure of at least 70 cubic feet of air inside the houses. As to how much space that would be is still unknown. Banno stated that the Council should ask the Commission for permission to have a representative or two to go up to inspect the proposed settlement towns. H. Suzuki said that the N.C.J.A. had sent up Mr. Frank Uyehara up to the Lake Christine area to look over their proposed self-sustaining settlement. The general opinion of the meeting favoured such a move. It was generally felt that first hand inspection by Council members will do a lot to make the public feel that everything is on the level. As to the requirements in the towns, the Commission should be consulted, was the opinion of Kurita. Shimizu felt that the attitude of the Commission was increasingly stiffening and the request for a man to go out to Greenwood to look over the town would naturally meet with opposition, since the Commission, having made its plans, would dislike outside interference. Homma suggested sending out a man on the pretext of looking for possible new places. Shiga suggested sending out a man as a reporter from the New Canadian. Miss Oda stated that the Catholic people have sent representatives to Greenwood and have made good plans. The self-supporting community plans are meeting with opposition from because they tend to segregate the rich and the poor people. Dr. Banno thought that the rich people are not getting the gravy. Even they would have to live in tents for a time when they move to Clinton, according to their plans. Tsuchiya said that each family concerned in that group had to dish out \$38 each up till now, in paying expenses for engineers, surveyors, etc. They will have to dish out a lot more in shacks before they are through. Manpower conscription, if adopted, will probably affect the men in these settlements, and probably the women too, was the opinion of Yeou. Regarding Greenwood, the movement of families, probably starting with Steveston, will begin next week, according to Mead. Hatanaka said that the Catholics will accept people of all denominations in their town, but they will run the town. The schools will be run by nuns, to which all children must go, but the attendance at the Catholic church services is not compulsory. Shimizu thought that the best thing for the Special Investigations Committee to do was to confer with the N.C.J.A. and then to press the Commission to release their plans regarding the "ghost towns" as soon as possible. Mr. Yurita also would like to press the matter of the allowances for women and other dependent people. The chairman's opinion was that the Commission was unwilling to publicize the interior house scheme until the sugar beet project is finished. Since the capacity of the "ghost town" is limited, there is a great danger of the towns being overtaxed if insufficient number of families go to the beet farms. Homma thought that about 60% of the families had filed application for the beet farms merely to get deferred. Miss Oda stated that Mrs. Steveston was weeding out families suitable for the Beet farms and persuading them to go. With regard to the plans for work in the interior towns, Mrs. Kitagawa stated that a census should be ~~made~~ taken of the people who were able to teach in primary schools, as well as for other occupations, such as the commissariat work. Hidaka thought that a census of towns" will confer with the Naturalized Citizens and HS discuss this matter, this evening. Hatanaka said that the naturalized people are going to meet Father Katsuno of the Catholic Church and have a discussion on their mutual problems.

Concerning the volunteers who had been locked up with the rest of the delinquents at the Park on their day of their departure for Schreiber, Homma reported that something should be done about that matter. According to other reports, some of the volunteers had been given their freedom until the time of their departure, and cases of their being locked up was probably few. Tsuchiya asked that such cases be referred to Constable Davidson who will straighten things out for them. If he cannot do anything about it, such cases were to be referred to

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Mr. Tsuchiya himself.

The secretary then read a letter from the legal firm of Murphy and Murphy, signed by Paul Murphy, regarding the policy of the Custodian with respect to his handling of Japanese property. In his letter, Mr. Murphy stated that all Japanese are treated in the same way with respect to the handling of their property. The only difference comes in when the Japanese persons are interned. All persons of Japanese origin when evacuated from the protected area can take all his removeable assets with him. If they own real estate, the Custodian files a vesting order in the Land Registry Office, which vests the control of the properties in him. He will be able to prevent any mortgage foreclosures if the Japanese have sufficient equity in the properties. If the property is being bought on an Agreement for Sale, the Custodian will attempt to realize as much as possible from the property to pay the carrying charges. If the revenue is in excess of the charges, the excess amount will be paid to the owner forthwith wherever he may be. If insufficient, the owner must pay the sum lacking. No claims can be made for loss of business due to war conditions, until after the war unless such laws are passed by Parliament after the war. According to Mr. Shiga's letter from his accountant, the control of the Custodian over any property owned by Japanese is nominal until the time of his evacuation from the protected area.

Mr. Murakami reported that Hiromu Fujiki has left for the Sugar beets farms in Alberta. Komma asked if it would be able for the Council to have Mr. Fujiki's deferment permit transferred to another person, so as to keep the number of Council members more constant. Shimizu will look into the matter.

It was moved by Hidaka, seconded by Komma, that the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 2:15 p.m.

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April 30th, 1942.

1:00 p.m.

A meeting of the Council was held at the home of Dr. Ishiware on Thursday, April 30th, 1942, at 1:00 p.m. The attendance was 20. The meeting was chaired by K. Shimizu.

The minutes of the meeting of April 22nd were read and adopted after ascertain change was made. B. Suzuki moved, and Miss Oda seconded that the section of the minutes re the relations of certain gentlemen with certain other gentlemen be deleted and struck off the record. The motion carried. The secretary obeyed the instructions forthwith.

The business arising from the minutes was then discussed. With regard to the request from the Princeton work camps men for sports equipment, the chairman reported that Capt. Jenkins had turned it down on the ground that the Commission is not a philanthropic body. R. Yasui was therefore asked to get in touch with various sports equipment stores and try to get the best possible bargains. He will buy a maximum of \$20 worth of softball and baseball equipment. Concerning the transfer of permits from members who have resigned ~~to~~ from the Council to other persons who may be appointed in their stead, it was generally felt that such a move was unwise and, at the present time, unnecessary, since there was no need for additional members to the Council. For work inside the Park, there have been a great influx of young people from the Island points who were capable of doing any work that they may be called upon to do. Regarding the 'ghost town' investigations committee, R. Yasui reported that the N.C.J.A. members were up to their necks with their self-supporting schemes that they had not found time to work on the 'ghost town' project. Consequently there was nothing further to be reported on it since the last meeting. The chairman stated that it was not necessary to register for the 'ghost towns' with any of the religious groups, if a group of 25 families, or an equivalent of 135 persons, can be arranged to register for the same town. Such registration was being carried out by the naturalized group, and Kurita and Yasui were supposed to be on the registration committee. Miss Oda reported that Miss Phyllis Lea, the dietician at Hastings Park had asked her to try and get applicants for two positions open in Ontario, one for a single cook in Toronto, and another cook for ~~KAMM~~ Hepburn. They must be Al cooks.

B. Suzuki declared that the baggage to the ghost towns exceeding 1000 lbs. must be paid by the families. Tsuchiya reported that the first group to Greenwood took their stoves, but the second group was asked not to bring theirs.

According to Yasui, the Steveston people are taking their stoves along. Tsuji stated that the Commission wants cook stoves to be taken. With regard to able-bodied men being allowed to stay in the ghost towns, the Commission's attitude was that no such men be allowed to remain. There was a possibility that some may have to remain since a bull gang would be necessary in those towns. Shimizu said that sewing machines, preferably treadle operated, should be taken. Electric appliances, at the present time at least, were frowned upon.

Miss Hidaka reported that some money was required to buy clothing material for the women folk at the Park. She was of the opinion that the welfare worker at the Park should supply the ~~for~~ money from her fund set aside for welfare work.

With respect to handicrafts work at the Park, Tsuchiya reported that after an interview with Dr. Hodgins and other welfare workers at the Park, he had been granted some space in the Recreation Building for such use. He required about 2 sets of tools and ~~and~~ in order to get them he would need a grant of at least \$10.00 besides the donations of tools. Some discussion was had

concerning the provision of these tools by the Welfare department at the Park, but, according to Tsuchiya, he had already 'hounded and haunted them' without any success. The Alexander Street committee was supposed to have available about \$1500 which was to be used for welfare work, but they will not be approached. It was moved by H. Suzuki and seconded by R. Yasui, that the sum of \$10.00 be granted by the Council for the purchase of tools and materials for handicrafts work at Hastings Park. Motion carried.

According to B. Suzuki, the people in the Park feel neglected and left alone by the people living outside. Their spirits were getting low. Alexander Street and the Naturalised group had been approached by them, but were told that they were too busy at present. The chairman thought that the J.C.C.C.'s attitude was to look after the people in the Park as long as possible, and as such, the Council will endeavour to carry out its aims.

Upon Miss Oda's query as to whether the Council had any connections with self-supporting schemes, the chairman answered that there were no connections.

With regard to educational work at the Park, Kazuko Hidaka thought that the Council was the best body suitable to approach the Commission with such matters.

She said that Miss Hyodo was worried about the whole thing, because of the phlegmatic way in which preparations for grade school education are being carried out at the Park. The chairman thought that it would be a very hard task to provide suitable education for 550 public school age children with proper facilities. There were not enough qualified teachers able to handle such a large number.

The matter of the cancellation of Roy Yamamura's deferment permit was then brought up for discussion. He had been ordered to report with baggage to Hastings Park on April 30th, without having had any previous warning. The chairman stated that he had interviewed Capt. Jenkins convening this matter. Jenkins had been annoyed that this action had taken place and investigated the reason for the cancellation. Later on he ~~was satisfied~~ appeared to have been satisfied with the reason and stated that nothing could be done about the cancellation. Murakami thought that the Council should take some action with regard to this, or the same thing may happen to other members of the Council. The chairman said that the reason for Y. Hatanaka's cancellation was given by Jenkins, as being the result of a recommendation from the R.C.M.P., but in the case of Yamamura, the reason was not given. After considerable discussion, the net result was that Roy should report to the Park as instructed, on the strength that the order was due to a clerical error, and can be easily straightened out if such is the case. Hatanaka had his deferment now on the grounds that he is helping in the Interior Housing Scheme. If Yamamura cannot get his deferment on the grounds that he was a member of the Council, some other arrangement must be made.

Motion for adjournment made by Miss Oda, seconded by Miss Hidaka. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 2:15 p.m.

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REPORT ON WELFARERe Hastings Park

Education : 143 High School students are taking correspondence courses under supervision of 4 Niseis. Text books are needed.

? 145 children are registered in the Hastings Park kindergarten conducted by the United Church and the Anglicans. We are helping to supply toys, crayons, books, etc.

Plans are being made for informal classes for grade school age children. Miss Hyodo is working on this matter. It looks as if the plans for this have gone through.

Recreation: Fumi Ohori is trying very hard to get her entertainment programme into the Park. Kiyoshi Suga, Yoshi Ono, George Obokata and - are supervising sports for the Boys, and Chiye Nishikaze (from within the Park) is supervising girls. Equipment for sports is being supplied by the Welfare Committee and more would be appreciated.

Magazines are still being held at many places waiting for one of the trucks to pick them up. A few books have gone in as a beginning of a library for a group of girls. This may be the means of a larger library.

Women's Activities: The sewing room is ready and waiting for sewing machines. There are 14 in the Park owned by the women. We are at present working to get the women to let them be used. In the meantime, we are getting one or two to be donated from without. The women members of the Council are canvassing stores and dressmaking shops for leftover materials to be used for making toys for the nursery. and kindergarten and also for quilts or any other uses that can be thought of.

Classes in English are being conducted by Miss Cox of the Anglican Church.

They are held three times weekly.

The nursery has been improved by lighting and a supply of toys and it is reported that many mothers are taking advantage of it while they do their work.

Girls' Activities: Miss Suttie of the United Church and Miss Hawkins of the Anglican Church are leading a group of girls who are interested in skits, handwork, singing, games, and other such activities. This group has received a donation of materials with which to make layettes for babies.

Boys' Activities : Space for a workshop for girls the boys have been received and Harry Tsuchiya has been very active in collecting materials and tools to be used. They will toys for the children and other more useful things as they are able. The important thing is to find something to occupy their hands and time as they have no regular school hours.

Grundy

Meeting with Dr. Hodgins, Miss Stanley and Mrs. Cassidy(?) :

On Wednesday morning (April 29th), Miss Oda, Yamasaki, Hidaka, Mrs. Isomura and Harry Tsuchiya met with Dr. Hodgins, Miss Stanley and Mrs. Grundy (in charge of women's building). We discussed the two matters: better ways and means of organizing the women and the dining room and the handicrafts for boys. Dr. Hodgins, Miss Stanley and Mrs. Grundy gave full consent to our organizing the women and setting up a system for the Dining Hall and to Harry Tsuchiya starting a handicrafts projects for the boys. He was given a space for a workshop. Another conference of the girls with Miss Stanley and Miss Moscrop, newly appointed social welfare head, was planned for Friday, after-noon at 3 o'clock.

Meeting with Miss Phyllis Lee (dietician)

This meeting on Thursday, at 10 a.m. was to discuss plans for the new dining room for children 3 years old and under. Seating capacity for this room will be 200

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200 and it is thought that 20 girls will be needed to care for these children at meals and ten more ~~for~~ to care for the babies who do not go to meals but be in their beds. Members of the Council Welfare Committee will speak to the mothers, then help choose the 30 girls and organize them for their duties. These girls will receive pay.

The matter of sewing was also discussed and ways of getting machines from outside and getting consent of the women in the park to release their own for use.

Training Groups Formed

In preparation for the evacuation towns)

The Home Nursing Group is meeting weekly on Thursdays from 4-5 p.m. at the Japanese clinic led by Mrs. Isomura and Miss Yamasaki for Issei and Nisei women. The outline for study followed by this group will be the same as that of the practical nursing class at Hastings Park.

Group Leadership - A group of girls interested in leadership are gathering notes and pamphlets on forming and conducting groups and all the activities which might be of interest. Each girl is responsible for one or more aspect on such ~~xxx~~ group activities such as gym work, folk dancing, music, handicrafts, discussions, etc. Working in this group are Kou Higashiyama, Fumi Toyama, Emi Okukawa, Aya Suzuki, and Kazuko Hidaka.

Kindergarten Teachers - Two girls are being taken into each of the kindergartens now being operated to observe and ~~xxx~~ practise. This is to help meet the anticipated shortage of teachers in the evacuation towns.

Adult Education - The plan is to be in touch with all sources of material and assistance. An outline of methods of organization of camps was to be drawn up which could be applied to work camps as a first step towards developing group activity and educational programmes. It was later decided to correspond ~~with~~ first with members of camps to find to what extent the camps were already organized.

In adult education for women, the first practical move is to gather pamphlets relating to good nutrition, clothing, homemaking and child care. These can be had by applying to Health Boards and Adult education departments. A study will be made as to what is the most feasible plan for forming study groups for women.

Submitted by Kazuko Hidaka.

K. Kato

Secretary (pro tem)

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Japanese Canadian Citizens' CouncilJoint Meeting of the Executive with the Naturalized Can. Jap. Ass'n.

May 7th, 1942.

3:30 p.m.

An informal meeting of the Executive with the members of the Naturalized Canadian Japanese Association was held in the reception room at the Tairiku on Thursday, May 7th, 1942, at 3:30 p.m. The meeting was attended by 11 members of the Naturalized people and the following members of the Council Executive. # The meeting had no chairman. Mr. Kinoshita made a report on the finances of the Naturalized Association.

Concerning the members on the Council who are doing yeoman work for the Japanese people preparing to evacuate from Vancouver, the members of the Association felt that they should be given some form of recompense. The longer they stay in Vancouver, the more money they must pay out of their own pockets to live here. At the same time the need for a bull gang to help in the moving was becoming more and more necessary since the movement to the ghost towns was starting within a few days. Since the Council has promised the men who had been sent to camps previously that it will do everything possible to help their families during the evacuation, the Council must do its best to abide by that promise. Although the Commission would pay the necessary transportation and cartage expenses of the families evacuating, nevertheless, some help must be extended to them. The members of the Association asked that the Council submit to them a budget in which the gratuities to the bull gang members were to be included. The Association felt that its need for existence was nearing its end, but it saw the necessity for the presence of having an organization kept in order to keep keep the other committee in check. Only 8 members of the Association had their deferments extended till May 31st. The others had their all cancelled.

The Association members thought that the New Canadian subscribers should give donations to help the paper in its work. The publishers should not be too timid in asking for donations whenever new subscriptions are received. The paper was being sent to all the work camps regularly.

Some comment was had concerning a complaint from ~~the~~ from a man at the Decoigne work camp who had injured his fingers while working, and was forced to lay off his work for two days. According to his letter, which had been sent to the three committees now existing, ~~wasides~~ ~~the~~ aside from the Council, the man did not receive compensation for his injury, and furthermore, board was deducted from his paycheck for the two days that he was absent from work. An inquiry was felt necessary, and K. Shimizu was asked to look into the matter.

The Council members who were present were K. Shimizu, H. Suzuki, F. Nakamura, and E. Yatabe.

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plan for educational work, in the 'ghost towns', more details of the structure of the towns must be got. Mr. McRae will endeavour to get other lecturers for the instructors classes for the grade school pupils.

H. Suzuki made a report on the financial condition of the Council. The total income amounted to \$830.37 from March 31st to April 30th. The total expenses amounted to \$593.30, leaving a net balance of \$237.07. For welfare work there has been donations totalling \$80.00, which has as yet been untouched. For recreational purposes, a donation of \$10 has been received, but the expenditure for such uses has amounted to \$19.93, the deficit of \$9.93 being paid ~~by~~ from the general Council expense account. After some discussion, the report was adopted upon motion from H. Suzuki and seconded by Banno.

H. Tsuchiya declared that he had a filing case ready to receive applications for work in the Park, 'ghost towns' or elsewhere ~~xxxx~~ as carpenters, cooks, stenographers, etc. which, up till now, had been left to various agencies. He had received the consent of Capt. Jenkins to go ahead with this work.

The chairman next reported that he was about to hand in his resignation to the Council because he had orders to report to Hastings Park on Monday morning. He had received a deferment for two weeks when he had reported last week on Friday, and it was strange that he would receive an order countermanning the original order. The members of the Council were indignant that such an action had been taken by the authorities. Considerable discussion was ~~and~~ had concerning ways and means of getting and extension for Kunio. According to information received, Commissioner Mead was out of town ~~and~~ during the weekend and evidently did not know of the order which had been delivered to Shimizu. The text of a proposed telegram to Comm. Mead was read by Dr. Banno. A committee was appointed after a motion made by Miss Hyodo and seconded by Shiga, to interview the chairman of the Commission, Mr. Taylor, to ask for the reason for the issuing of the order. The committee consisted of the following: Miss Uchida, T. Shoyama, E. C. Banno, H. Tsuchiya and E. Yatabe. The committee will try to see Mr. Taylor to-morrow morning.

Miss Oda reported that ~~xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~ she had received a letter from a friend of hers who had gone to a sugar beets farm in Alberta in which he stated that he had approached Mr. Andrews, the representative of the Security Commission, regarding the question of medical care in case of need. Mr. Andrews allegedly did not answer who was responsible for doctors' fees.

Miss Kagawa stated that she required the voluntary help of at least ~~two~~ two girls as interpreters in the office of the Custodian on Powell Street. Shizuo Matsuba mentioned the names of two Steveston girls who might offer their help. He was instructed to try to get them for to-morrow morning.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:25 p.m. ~~after~~ after motion by Miss Shintani and second by Shiga.

The next meeting will be to-morrow afternoon at 4:30 p.m.

JAPANESE CANADIAN CITIZENS' COUNCIL

May 11th, 1942.

4:30 p.m.

A special meeting of the Council was held on Monday, May 11th, 1942, at the home of Dr. Ishiware at 4:30 p.m. 21 members were present. The chair was taken by Dr. Banno.

The minutes of the meeting held yesterday were read and adopted. The business arising from the minutes was then discussed. With respect to Kunio Shimizu's case, the following discussion was had. T. Shoyama reported that he and H. Tsuchiya had been to see Commissioner Taylor in the morning asking him the reason for the deferment permit of Kunio's was cancelled. According to Taylor, he was unaware that the order to Kunio had been issued by the R.C.M.P. and he will therefore have a meeting with Col. Hill of the R.C.M.P. to determine the reason for the order.

The meeting will be held in the morning, if possible, and Shoyama and Tsuchiya were to come back in the afternoon to hear the answer. The meeting could not be arranged for until late in the afternoon, and consequently, Taylor's answer could not be given until around five o'clock. As was feared, Taylor told Shoyama that nothing could be done about Kunio's case, therefore, he must leave on the evening train. Kunio had refused the three days of grace allowed usually because he had wanted to go to Schreiber than to B. C. points, and since there would be no more Schreiber trains for some time. Shoyama also said that he saw a list of Isseis who were blacklisted by the R.C.M.P. as being undesirable and would be shipped off to camp in a few days. Some of the men, in fact most of them on the list were known to be men of high moral integrity and clear-thinking leaders, that it was ridiculous to have them termed as undesirable and potentially dangerous.

Considerable discussion was had concerning the possible stand that the Council should take now that the Council's position with regard to its relations with the Commission was becoming insecure. Some members thought that the Council men should hand in their permits as a form of protest to the Commission and then try to get a thorough investigation made of the causes for the cancellations of the various permits. Since the Commission evidently thinks that the Council is in some way linked with the mass evacuation group, the Council's name, as well as Kunio's name must be cleared of any suspicion. Other members thought that the Council should attempt to carry on in the same way that it has in the past and do its best until the bitter end.

Upon motion of Dr. Ishiware and seconding by Homma, a committee of three to decide on the amount of remuneration to Kunio before he left was formed.

After considerable comment on matters pertaining to the current problems, the meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m. after which the members went down to the CPR station to see off Kunio and the rest of the boys going to Schreiber and other work camps.

Meeting of Consultative Council

May 12th

Personnel of delegation to see Mr. MacNeil.Rev. Norman and Rev. Stewart.

Better to see Taylor if possible.

Mr. Pool - Murphy made appointment for Mr. Pool and Mecky Sato to see Taylor. He was broken ship.Mr. Neil now is assistant to Taylor.Why not approach Commission with ~~question~~ ^{create} idea that for the generally good of the situation, people with high ideal and good leadership should be left to help with evacuation. Mr. Jamieson - approach is a damn better.Norman - Interment of Norii will result in repercussions here.

A lawyer to prepare documents to Ottawa.

Norman - Mr. Bob McManter is good man.Council - Rev. Stewart, Mr. Pool, Dr. Black,Mr. Jamieson, "Mr. Achida, Kiyoko, Kidaka,

Circular letter sent out by Mori had been sent out by with approval of RCND. Mead had copy of financial report concerning donations. \$4900.00 had been collected and \$5000 paid out by Mori. Mead said Mori should be reimbursed.

Translation of magazine article re Mori will be sent to Ottawa as soon as completed.

Meeting

7:30 A.M.
Chairman - Suzuki

Tuesday, May 12th

- ① Minutes of yesterday's meeting
- ② Remuneration, to Fund - \$50. given at 11am last evening.
- ③ Nominations for gen. secy.
Miss Uchida.

Committee to contact Mrs Uchida - The executive will.

④ Re standing Council from now on.

Burns - Two ways of looking at things (situation). Virtues equal in either case. RCMP responsible only to govt. and need not give any reason for cancelling permits. We have taken a stand where taken with great difficulties and against great setbacks. Saw a Karabai of member picked off one by one. Had we can resign and hand our permit to whomever. In other hand we duty to community and do all we can to help it.

Uchida - Carry on until end. We have come thru great difficulties up till now, and now since we have been hit and the "solar planes" it would be shame to break up now. We are helping the Japanese people and we have to work with the Commission although we are not working for the Commission.

We have promised the members to go and ahead that we will look after their families.

Suzuki - My contention is that not to disband the Council, - but just to hand in permits and carry on to the best of our ability. We should ask for investigation of costs situation from the beginning.

Uchida - We should do all we can do to help at least a few families.

Suzuki - We should wait for a few days for development.

Suzuki - Taylor had said that all necessary help will be extended to families as well as any money we can.

Sanjita - Not only the Council, but the leaders of other community organizations are being removed, so that some thorough investigation necessary.

Church organizations are also making investigations. Demand - We can demand thorough investigation of why Fund was shanghaied.

Sanita - according to reports, Mori is paying money to mass evacuation groups who have submitted the blacklist to Taylor.

Sanjita - Only stand we can take. Council should stand for decency all the way along. We should try to blast the whole situation open.

Adjourned - 10:10

JAPANESE CANADIAN CITIZENS' COUNCIL

Tuesday, May 12th, 1942.

9:30 a.m.

A meeting of the Council was held at the home of Dr. Ishiware on Tuesday, May 12th, 1942, at 9:30 a.m. The meeting was chaired by H. Suzuki. The attendance was 19.

The business opened with the reading of the minutes of the meeting held on Monday afternoon. The minutes were adopted as read.

The business arising from the minutes were next discussed. Dr. Banno reported that after the committee to decide the amount of the gratuity to Kunio Shimizu had met, the amount decided upon was \$50, which was given to him at the station on Monday evening.

In order to fill the vacancy created by the departure of Kunio, nominations were accepted for the general secretary's position. The only name submitted was Miss Uchida who was to be contacted by the executive because of her absence from the meeting.

The next item of business was the discussion of the Council's stand in the future. As Dr. Banno expressed it, there are two ways of approaching the situation. The virtues of either path are about equal. We may take the stand that we have been taking up till now, that is, to co-operate with the Commission even against great opposition from many quarters and do what we can to help the Japanese community to carry out the evacuation as safely and as comfortably as possible. It probably will mean the slow starvation or strangulation of the Council because sooner or later the male Council members at least will be picked off one by one. The other way of settling this question is to hand in our permits in a wholesale manner and break up the Council at once, at the same time to demand a thorough investigation of the reasons for the cancellation of the permits of Kunio and other indispensable community leaders. One school of thought was represented by H. Tsuchiya, who felt that we should carry on in the present fashion until the very end, even though the Council may become weaker and weaker. We have managed to struggle through up till now against great obstacles, and even though we may have been hit in the 'solar plexus' by having Kunio taken away from us, it would be a shame to break up right now. We have been instrumental in improving the conditions at the Park; we have been able to help many people in getting deferments; we have been able to help the delinquents in going to work camps; we have been able to help with the educational facilities at the Park; we are helping the Japanese people in Vancouver while at the same time working with the Commission, though not for the Commission. We have promised the men who have gone ahead that we shall do, all we can to help their families, and therefore we must keep our word. T. Kurita thought that the Council members should hand in their permits as a protest to the Commission, but not to disband the Council. We should carry on without the permits and carry on to the best of our abilities, until the bitter end. At the same time, the Council should all in its power to demand from the government a thorough investigation of the local situation. Since Taylor had told our liaison committee members that all necessary help in the packing and cartage work will be provided by the Commission, the bull gang of the Council probably will not be needed, and therefore bringing up another reason for breaking up the Council. Tsuchiya declared that we should do ~~it~~ all we can to help at least a few families. Suzuki thought that before the Council should take any great step, we should wait a few days for new developments. Miss Fujita said that not only the Council, but also the leaders of other community organizations such as religious groups and the naturalized citizens' groups are being ordered to be removed. Some thorough investigation into the matter was necessary. The church organizations, such as the Vancouver Ministerial Association ~~was~~ were making representations to the Commission already. Someone mentioned that he had reports that Alexander Street was financing the mass evacuation group which had submitted the names on the alleged 'blacklist' of the R.C.M.P. to Taylor.

To sum it all, Suzuki thought that the Council has always stood for decency, and as such, we must carry on in the same way, trying to banish the rotten elements.

JAPANESE CANADIAN CITIZENS' COUNCIL

Wednesday, May 13th, 1942.

10:30 a.m.

An informal meeting of the Council was held on Wednesday, May 13th, 1942, at 10:30 a.m. in the reception room at the Fairiku. With Miss Uchida leading the discussion, the meeting was attended by 13 members.

The business opened with the reading of the minutes of yesterday's meeting. Since the minutes were not as yet compiled and in writing, they were not moved for adoption.

The discussion centred on the work of the Council from now on. Miss Uchida thought that the women members should now step in and take on more of the work of the Council since the men members are gradually being picked off one by one. If necessary the membership on the Council may be augmented by the addition of several women, who would not be subject to call to leave ~~the~~ Vancouver at a moment's notice. The New Canadian should at all costs keep its grip on the camps both Issei and Nisei or the other outfit will try to gain control of the paper. More girls might be enlisted to help with the paper. Reg. Yasui was of the opinion that the New Canadian has so much influence over the Japanese people here that the other outfit will certainly try to destroy it. They are finding that their influence is gradually waning. Kazuko Hidaka warned that the girls themselves would be helpless if the editor was removed, so that every effort should be made to keep him here and to make sure that his health is not impaired by overwork. The general office ~~has~~ work could be done by girls, such as typing out copies and looking after circulation. Kunio Hidaka stated that since his welfare work was becoming slack he could help with the paper as well as carrying on the welfare work. Miss Kagawa was already helping with the welfare work. R. Yasui also observed that girls make better interpreters than men because they have better access to the Commission officials. Miss Uchida felt that the Council should make some plans to help families in their evacuation to the interior by discovering more 'ghost town' communities to show that the Council has done some work along this line.

The discussion next centred on the question of the 'ganbaru' fellows. Some of these men are 'ganbaru' just because they think that ~~they will get more~~ comforts in the internment camps than in the work camps without even working for them. They do not realize that freedom for themselves and for their families would be impossible for the duration. No reunion for them will be possible for a long time. They will always be living in an atmosphere of fear and uncertainty. Miss Uchida felt that at this ~~time~~ time, a certain amount of trusting of the Commission and the government is absolutely necessary for the benefit of all the Japanese people in Canada. F. Nakamura declared that according to information received by him, although not confirmed, the families of Italians interned in Canada are receiving \$35 per month for their wives, and smaller allowances for their children. Miss Uchida stated that the families of Japanese nationals interned on Dec. 8th and thereabouts have not as yet received their allowances. They probably will be loaned some money from the Canadian government which will be repaid by the Japanese government. Mr. Hiseoka is heading the committee to contact the Spanish Consul with regard to the relief of these families. Miss Uchida declared that the Mass Evacuation Group is divided into two factions; one, which consists of niseis who are really fighting for their rights as Canadians, the other, using the mass evacuation argument merely as a front for other purposes.

JAPANESE CANADIAN CITIZENS' COUNCIL

May 17th, 1942.

10:40 a.m.

A meeting of the Council was held on Sunday, May 17th, 1942, at 10:40 a.m. in the office of Dr. Uchida. The meeting was attended by 19 members, and chaired by T. Shoyama.

The business opened with the reading of the minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday, May 13th. The minutes were adopted as read.

The discussion which followed centred mostly on the ways of improving the coordination of the work of the Council. It was suggested that more women members be added to the Council to take up the work that the male members may have to leave behind undone.

Miss Uchida, who had been nominated to succeed K. Shimizu as general secretary at the last meeting, declined the nomination for the reason that she wished to continue with the type of work that she has been doing up till now. E. Iatabe was therefore asked to take over the work as secretary to coordinate the work. Kunio Hidaka and Kazuko Kagawa will act as assistants.

Some concern was felt over the reports that at present no provisions have been made with regard to cases of temporary disability occurring in the work camps. Under the setup at present, there is no compensation paid to cases of temporary injuries. Only medical attention is given to men in such circumstances. The children's allowances will come as usual, but the \$20 paid to the wife will not be given. In full. Kurita gave the information that Mr. Harper, the legal counsel for the Security Commission, is making inquiries regarding it from the legal standpoint. A standing committee to make investigations on the compensation problems was set up with the following members on the committee: K. Hidaka, T. Kurita, R. Yasui, Miss K. Kagawa.

With respect to relief for internees, Miss Uchida stated that the following committee, consisting of Messrs. Hisaoka, Tanaka, Rev. McWilliams, and the Spanish Consul, was to take care of the families of such men. Rev. McWilliams had stated that he had not been approached by anyone concerning this committee. Mr. Hisaoka has not been able to see the Consul so far, because the latter had been told unfavourable stories concerning the former. Hisaoka had been asked to come into the Committee by the Japanese Consul after Tanaka had taken no action. The families of the internees had been misinformed of the facts, and were said to be resentful towards Mr. Hisaoka.

Because the Naturalized Canadian Citizens' Japanese Association will close up by the end of this month, the Council has been asked to take over their work. All the members of that organization except for Mr. Umezaki had received orders to evacuate. Messrs. Yoshida and Umezaki from the N.O.J.A. were present and gave their views on the work that the Council should do from now on. They also brought in the total remaining assets of the Association, consisting of \$596.68 in cash, and \$82.36 in cash, or a total of \$679.04.

Mr. Yoshida stated that, if necessary, more donations can be received from members of the Association going to the camps, to carry on the work of the New Canadian as well as the Council. The cheques had been sent in entrusted to Messrs. Shoyama and Umezuki.

With regard to the work of the bull gang, T. Kurita thought that the present committee was too small to handle all the work that would be brought to them. Miss Uchida suggested asking the Veterans' Association for their help, but the others felt that these men were too old to be of much use. The committee will find out from the Commission as to who will pay the transportation expenses of the baggages from the houses of the evacuees to the station. The people going to Greenwood have been paying their own transportation expenses to the station. ~~Some~~ Some families have had to pay double expenses due to delays in the dates of departure for the ghost towns. All foodstuffs are included in the 1000 pounds of free baggage. Some families who tried to take 10 sacks of rice had to leave 9 of them behind. Kurita thought that the Commission should make definite assurance that enough men will be left behind to help on the bull gang.

Miss Uchida reported that Miss Kaufman, Y.W.C.A. worker from Toronto has come into town at the request of the Commission to make a survey and make recommendations to the Commission for social welfare work among the Japanese in B.C. So far she has been satisfied with the work being done at the Park. Miss Hyodo read an outline of the suggestions made by Miss Kaufman with regard to the placement of single girls in Eastern Canada. The Y.W.C.A. has definite connections with the ~~Employment Service of Canada.~~ Several members of the Council will meet Miss Kaufman at a meeting at the home of Dr. Uchida this afternoon.

The meeting adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

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What date?215 East Cordova Street,
Vancouver, B.C.

Major Austin C. Taylor,
Chairman of the B.C. Security Commission.

For the past year and more I have had the honour to serve as the president of the Canadian Japanese Association, which was established some thirty-four years ago.

During past years the Association has made every endeavour to promote goodwill between Japan and Canada, and we have impressed upon the Japanese people their obligation to fulfill their duties as residents of Canada. We have also tried to make ourselves worthy of all our rights and privileges enjoyed as citizens and residents of Canada. At times we have also found it necessary to safeguard these rights from unnecessary infringement. At all times we have endeavoured to comply with the policies of the Government of Canada, and with the established and respected traditions of this country.

You may recall that during the last World War, Mr. Yasushi Yamazaki, as president of the Canadian Japanese Association, volunteered to raise a battalion of fighters to assist the war effort of Canada and Great Britain.

Since the declaration of the present war with Germany our association has done its best to aid in the defense of Canada. For example, we urged the Japanese people to make monetary contributions and to purchase war bonds to the limit of their ability.

Since the state of war between Japan and Canada after December 7, 1941, we have not hesitated to further express our willingness and desire to cooperate in the defense of Canada. Unfortunately, and with a deep sense of regret on our part, our loyalty to Canada has neither been recognized nor accepted.

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Since the issuing of the Government order that all persons of Japanese racial origin be evacuated from the coastal area of British Columbia, the Naturalized Japanese Canadian Association was formed to assist in this evacuation in any way possible. We have carried on our work as best we could under the circumstances. As chairman of this organization I have worked with the confidence, goodwill and faith of our members and other persons of the Japanese population which we have been able to serve.

But ignoring the above-stated facts, it becomes apparent by recent developments, that even this activity has been misconstrued and considered unacceptable, and as a result I am held in suspicion. I have furthermore received an order from the R.C.M.P. to evacuate immediately. I raise strong objection to the apparent reason for the issuing of this order and hence I find the order most disagreeable. I submit that the circumstances concerning the issuing of this order are not in accord with the established and respected procedures of this country, and that they will not be acceptable to persons who have the good and welfare of this country and her people at heart. May I emphasize, I do not protest the order to evacuate, but I most thoroughly protest the manner in which my evacuation order was issued. With full review and consideration of the circumstances prior to the issuing of the order and with full respect for the spirit and purpose of the established traditions of this country and her administrative procedures I am forced to look upon this irregularity with contempt.

I hereby announce my intention to challenge this violation

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of the spirit and purpose of the authority delegated and placed in his trust on the part of the person responsible for my evacuation order. I reject the order as an entirely unnecessary and avoidable injustice.

I am willing to bear the resulting consequences and await them at the address given.

B. Hisaka.

Delta East Richmond Survey JCC. Buck Sugita
 T. Arakawa
 George Sasaki
 T. Arakawa
 Sanehiko Saito.

Torrey Kendo Bu.
 Coakuyukai Kazuo Suga
 Koji Sano

Kokikai Haruki Maruno
 Tam Ozaki.

Marukai Rube Tanabe
 Y. Kagawa.

Torrey Ski Club.

Wakulest Fishermen's
 H. Fukuyama.

Washienkai - Kenzo Hayashi
 Dave Murakami.

Japanese Canadian Citizens' Council

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Minutes of J.C.C.C. Meeting

July 3, 1942

The meeting was called together at 7:15 P. M. under the chairmanship of H. Suzuki. There were 14 members present - H. Suzuki, E. Yatabe, S. Matsuba, T. Suzuki, T. Tsuji, T. Shoyama, M. Iguchi, H. Onotera, K. Hidaka, K. Kato, S. Homma, T. Kurita, H. Tsuchiya, R. Yasui.

The purpose of the meeting was to hear Eiji, Tommy, and Buck's explanation of their meeting with Mr. Eastwood that morning. It seems that the Alexander Street Gang and the Nisei Mass Evacuation Group were recognized by the Commission as agents to look after the removal of the Japanese still in the Defense Area to the Hope-Princeton region and Slokan Valley respectively. Our three members met with Mr. Eastwood to see why the Nisei Mass Evacuation Group was also not recognized since they have been to see Mr. Eastwood. The only explanation seems to be that our cooperation was just taken for granted.

The reason why such a delinquent group as the Mass Evacuation was recognized, - so Mr. Eastwood told our boys - was because this work would keep them out of further mischief.....so the Commission hopes.

The J. C. C. C. was granted permission to operate along with the Mass Evacuation Group in the Slokan Valley. There will be no definite line of demarcation setting off separate areas for each group, but both organizations will be responsible for registering and preparing families willing to go to Slokan Valley.

No religious organizations will be operating henceforth except the United Church of Canada, which has been given permission to get 250 of their group ready to go to an Indian Residential School near Edmonton.

The Nisei Mass Evacuation Group claim that the Commission is providing office expenses for them. A suggestion was made that if this were the case the J. C. C. C. should also endeavor to get the Commission's financial backing.

Tommy has talked to the Rev. Mr. Komiyama regarding families registered with the United Church and having no place to go. There are about one thousand such persons ready to leave for an interior town, and the Council might start by working with such families.

More staff, particularly additions to the bull gang will be required if the Council is to take on the burden of looking after the evacuation of a large number of families. There is enough in the treasury to tide the Council over July, but if evacuation drags on into August and September, some step must be taken to get additional money.

There is great need to send at least two members from our midst to Slokan almost immediately. Kunio and Buck have volunteered to go.

Buck suggested that an item be put in the "New Canadian" regarding this move of the Commission, explaining in detail that it was not because the felles went to Fetawawa that this change in policy occurred, but that it was just the fulfilling of a promise made by Austin Taylor at the beginning of this evacuation - that eventually family groups would be united as far as possible.

REVIEW OF THE WORK OF THE J.C.C.C.

JUL 3 - 1942

For the past three and a half months the J.C.C.C. has been engaged in work which has been of great value to the Japanese community. Without much publicity, the Council has been quietly but steadfastly carrying on the work which it had pledged itself to do when the organization was first formed on March twenty-second. Tracing its history since its inception, the hectic days of the ~~early part~~ early phases of the evacuation will always be remembered by its members. The mass evacuation plans which had been formulated by the members of the Naturalized Canadian Japanese Association with the help of the Council and submitted to the Commission had met with little success. Although the plans were not accepted at that time by the Commission, the N.C.J.A. and the J.C.C.C. were informed that the utmost efforts will be made to re-unite the families. Satisfied with that promise, the two groups ~~had~~ no longer pressed their appeal. Now with the Slocan Valley projects now in the offing that promise now seems about to be fulfilled. In spite of the reluctance on the part of certain people in the community to co-operate with the Council in its work, in spite of the obstacles ~~that~~ placed before it by some of the authorities who had been misinformed as to the true intentions of the organization, the Council has continued to do the work that it had first set out to do. Due ~~to~~ mainly to the co-operative spirit of its members, the Council has been functioning smoothly all along.

In myriad ways they have toiled to help the families in evacuating safely and comfortably. They have formed a 'bull gang' among themselves which for the past two months have been busily

engaged in helping many a man-less family in packing and crating their baggage. The number of families aided in this way would run over seventy-five. The interpreting and general troubles shooting staff has done wonderful work in bringing joy and ~~relief~~ relief into the hearts of many worried families whose fathers, husbands or sons had run into difficulties with the authorities. In this work alone several hundred persons have been affected. Persons wishing to go to ~~camps~~ or work projects of their choice, families wanting to go to ~~different~~ different communities also have been helped. Aid in wording and transmission of telegrams has also been, provided extensively, due to the Council's easy access to the C.P. and C.N. Telegraph Offices. The Council as cooperated with the ~~Naturalized~~ Naturalized C.J.A. as well as other groups in helping to promote several self-supporting projects such as the Lilloet Trout Lake and the Cariboo Project. The Nicola Project was an ambitious one, although the Commission turned thumbs down when the project was about to be accepted. In the matter of welfare and social service the members of the Council have been very active. The welfare during the early part of the evacuation on in investigating and aiding needy families, occasionally with financial contributions from its limited funds. When the Commission undertook the relief and welfare of all Japanese families in the city, the work of the department was directed more towards making representations to the Commission for worried wives and others whose monthly cheques were delayed or missing. Other workers have directed their attention towards ~~physical~~ education recreational and vocational work at Hastings Park and in the evacuation towns. Council members have been largely responsible for the setting up of the high school and public schools system at Hastings Park. Upon their recommendation, the women's sewing room was started, a separate children dining room together with its staff was set up.

The handicraft and manual training classes were started by a Council member. Three of its women members were found to be so indispensable that they received a special call to Kaslo where they are engaged in welfare work. With in a few days the handicrafts instructor will go to Kaslo when he will start anew the work that he has been doing at Hastings Park. It is his hope that some form of industry will result from his efforts. The employment and information department has helped considerably in the placing men and women in the East. Through its connections with the various departments of the Commission, information concerning employment opportunities in other parts of Canada reach the Council office regularly. A considerable number of the carpenters and plumbers in the ghost towns have been placed at the recommendation of this department.

In reviewing the work of the Council on pertinent fact is outstanding: The policy of the Council has always been honest and straight forward. It has never used subterfuge or threats in carrying out its work. It has always abided by the Commission's decisions while at the same time it has done what it could to safeguard the interests of the Japanese people who are being evacuated.

November 2/42.
Co-operation with Commission:
Resolution of March 29/42.
Japanese and English.
" See minutes of March 25/42 re
Prince Ruyter's ad joining to Schieles.
" For dictating of Miss Gooch's
plan see April 3/42.
" Co-operation see April 7/42.
" English re minutes of meeting of
March 15/42. (Mr. Miyaaki of Sanborn)
R. D. D. D. Mori, Ishio + Washiguchi
refused to come out.

