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File 3875

December 27, 1945.

MEMORANDUM.

Re: Yachihiro UCHIDA, Reg. No. 01456, and the
Vancouver Japanese Welfare Association.

Mr. Simmons of the Department of Labour, Japanese Division, telephoned relative to some medical equipment borrowed by his Department from the above named association of which I. Uchida represents himself as Vice-President. This medical equipment is presently in use in one of the Department of Labour housing centres. Mr. Simmons inquired as to its ownership and the disposition of same when its use is finished.

Upon making inquiries I was informed by Mr. Broome, Chairman of the Greater Vancouver Community Chest, that the Vancouver Japanese Welfare Association was a branch of the Greater Vancouver Federation and he recalled Mr. Uchida as being associated with it. He stated that the Japanese branch was in existence from 1934 up to and including the first half of 1942 when the share of the budget received by them had reached an annual figure of \$2000.00. For the first part of 1942 the Japanese Association received \$1130.00. He stated that the budget provided for a manager's salary, office and other equipment for this welfare branch and in looking up his records in the belief that this equipment should ultimately be returned to the Greater Vancouver Community Chest headquarters. He is writing a letter covering this situation. In the meantime, Mr. Simmons has been advised by telephone.

W. Uchida

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has file being opened for
Vanc. Jap. Welfare Assn.

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Community Chest of Greater Vancouver

649 SEYMOUR STREET
VANCOUVER, B.C.



MANAGER
DOUGLAS BROOME

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December 28th, 1945.

The Custodian of Enemy Property,
506, 675 West Hastings St.,
Vancouver, B. C.

EVACUATION SECTION	
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File No.	15646, 7873
Ans.	
Referred	<i>McArthur</i>

Dear Sir:

We have received an enquiry from your Mrs. McArthur regarding the ownership of property and equipment previously in the hands of the Vancouver Japanese Welfare Association.

Over a period of years from 1934 to 1942 this Association had been in receipt of funds to the extent of approximately \$10,000.00 from the Vancouver Welfare Federation (now the Community Chest of Greater Vancouver). These funds were used for the conduct of welfare work among the Japanese community and the operation of a T B Clinic in co-operation with the City Health Department.

We feel, therefore, that this equipment should be used for general welfare work in Vancouver and as the bodies engaged in this work are members of the Community Chest and Welfare Council of Greater Vancouver, it would seem logical that these assets should be handed to us and their disposition left to our discretion with the assurance that they will thus be put to the use for which they were originally provided.

Yours truly,

Executive Director
Community Chest & Welfare Council

Remember "The Vancouver Foundation" as you make your Will.

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December 29, 1945.

Community Chest of Greater Vancouver,
649 Seymour Street,
Vancouver, B.C.

Attention: Mr. Hugh Allan, Executive Director.

Dear Sirs:

We have to acknowledge your letter of the 28th instant relative to equipment used by the Vancouver Japanese Welfare Association.

This equipment, according to information received by the Custodian, was inventoried and loaned to the Department of Labour, Japanese Division, for use in one of the interior housing centres for Japanese evacuees. The Japanese person who arranged this matter was Yorisaburo Uchida who represents himself as Vice-President of the above named Association.

In view of the fact that this property has not been declared to the Custodian nor brought under his control, we are forwarding a copy of your letter to Mr. M.L. Brown, Department of Labour, Japanese Division, 360 Homer St., who will no doubt get in touch with you regarding the ultimate disposition of these things.

As long as neither Uchida nor any other Japanese claim any of the articles personally, the Custodian has no interest in them.

Yours truly,

A. G. McArthur,
Administration Department.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOUR
JAPANESE DIVISION

EVACUATION SECTION	
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Ans.	<i>[Signature]</i>
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360 Homer Street,
VANCOUVER, B.C.,
July 18th, 1946.

Our file No. 365

Executive Director,
Community Chest and Welfare Council
of Greater Vancouver,
649 Seymour Street,
VANCOUVER, B.C.

Dear Sir:

Re: Vancouver Japanese Welfare
Association

Further to our letter of January 17th, 1946,
we have now received a reply from Mr. Y. Uchida, a
copy of which is attached hereto for your information.

We would appreciate your further advice in
this connection.

Yours very truly,

DEPARTMENT OF LABOUR - JAPANESE DIVISION

[Signature]
D. V. Simmons
Comptroller &
Administrative Assistant

Enc.

cc. Department of the Secretary of State,
Office of the Custodian,
506 Royal Bank Bldg.,
Vancouver, B.C.

*Mr. R.
Please advise
if that be custodian
will take no further
action regarding
these charges.
[Signature]*

3451 Prudhomme Avenue,
Montreal 28, P.Q.,
July 12, 1946.

Mr. D. W. Simmons,
Department of Labour - Japanese Division,
360 Homer Street,
Vancouver, B.C.

Dear Sir:

Re: Equipment of Vancouver Japanese
Welfare Association

The opinion of the majority of directors of the Japanese Welfare Association is that we are perfectly willing to have the Community Chest of Greater Vancouver or any other organization use the equipment to the best advantage for the time being as there is no necessity of it among the Japanese at the present time; but the statement alleged to have been made by the Community Chest of Greater Vancouver and quoted by you in your letter to me of January 3rd, that "the equipment in the name of the Japanese Association was actually their (Community Chest's) property and that same should be returned to the Community Chest and Welfare Council of Greater Vancouver instead of to the Japanese Welfare Association" should not be passed uncorrected. The statement is an error for the following reasons:

1. While the Japanese Welfare Association might have received approximately \$10,000.00 from the Welfare Federation, we, the Japanese, paid into the Federation a larger amount of money. In no year did we draw more than the amount we paid into the Federation.
2. Moreover, the money received was used for the conduct of welfare work and not used for the purchase of equipment. The latter was raised among the Japanese themselves.
3. The Japanese Association was federated in the Federation and not owned by it. The Japanese Association existed long before it came into the Federation, and many of the equipment was purchased before it went into the Federation.
4. If the statement of the Council is correct, does the Community Chest own all the equipment being used in all the federated Associations, e. g. First Church Fresh Air Camp? We did not understand it that way when we went into the Federation.

In the meantime, we are willing as we said above, to have the equipment be used by the Community Chest under the same terms and conditions as agreed with the Department of Labour, then known as the Security Commission.

Yours truly,

(Sgd.) Y. Uchida
Reg. #01456

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July 27th, 1946

Attn: Mr. D. E. Simpson

Department of Labour,
Japanese Division,
360 Homer Street,
Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Sirs:

Re: Vancouver Japanese Welfare Assn.

We have for acknowledgement your letter of July 18th regarding the equipment loaned to you by the above Association.

As far as the Custodian is concerned the matter of determining ownership and disposition of this equipment will be left to those associations for settlement.

Yours truly,

A. G. McArthur,
Administration Department

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