

Account of the Work of the Research Committee of the
Institute of Pacific Relations as far as it affected Canada.

The main work of the Committee had to do with apportioning the funds at its disposal among projects for research. More or less definite principles were agreed on:

(1) The project must be submitted by a National Council, or originate from the Conference.

(2) The project must be presented in a standard form, a copy of which is attached.

(3) The proposed research must concern international relations and be specially related to the Pacific Area. (The Committee must judge how far a project relating to matters wholly within one country can be said to have a bearing on international relations - and there must obviously be some discretion).

(4) Funds are normally made available through some suitable trustee e.g. a university in the country in which the research is undertaken.

(5) Between conferences the Chairman and secretary have some measure of discretion in increasing grants or withholding funds.

In some cases the work of the Committee was limited to approving or encouraging or even initiating projects not involving financial commitments. For instance, every National Council is being asked to undertake (at its own expense) a research into the status of residents of alien race, both before and after naturalization, and of their descendants; and to take account of any discriminations imposed in fact under laws which are not on their face discriminatory.