

City West End Registration To Begin March 4

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Weekly Whirligig

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You hardly realize the littleness and insignificance of one person amongst the innumerable two-legged ones that cover the face of this world in spite of the claim of the fundamentalists to the contrary that one soul is worth more than all the riches of the world put together. On the war front, stalwart fighting men are killed every day; here at home, many civilian lives are blotted out—the news is carried in the papers, people add their little say, the family and relatives mourn, but the world in general continues its daily rounds unmindful of the tragedy. In fact, if anyone thinks himself important and indispensable, let him hide himself to the sick-bed and the vacancy he has made in his daily environment will be like the splash of a stone on a pond—there'll be a ripple or two, then all will be smooth again.

The sick-bed is the ideal place not only for one's beard; but thoughts on the whys and wherefores of humankind will grow like weeds. And I've had a lot of time to ponder on the ways of women. There's a little tyke at our place who in her lively moments is the very epitome of babyhood. I am sick. Here she comes padding into my room on her chubby fours, straightens every fibre of her twenty-six inches and twenty-five pounds alongside the bed, give me her most cherubic and ingratiating smile, a teasing laughter lights up her large and expressive brown eyes and plays on her dimpled cheeks and roguish little mouth. Then I know I am conquered. I lift the tot up onto the bed. Scarcely is she there than she scampers across my prostrate form to the other side of the bed where with a gurgle of joy she messes up my books and pile of unanswered letters, and I—just a lump of long in the scramble. Niseettes! you had better look to your laurels, or else the Sansels will be taking them away from you.

Over a score of years ago I was just a baby so they tell me. Since then Canada's summers and winters have given me a goodly share of their store of life, knowledge and experience.

But a hard pillow, I found, is a good antidote for sloberly sentiments. The realities of life swirled around me. Out of the welter, I came to the cold conclusion that if I had any self-respect I would stick by Canada through thick and thin. My first duties are to her; she is my mother. Accordingly, if I had any honest trace left in my character, to her I would serve unswerving loyalty.



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On The Newsfront

United Church Y.P. Union Condemns Ghetto Plan

VANCOUVER.—City Council silently left Ald. H. D. Wilson, instigator of the move for zoning Orientals out of Occidental residential areas, to squirm Monday under the unanimous condemnation of Vancouver's 50 United Church of Canada congregations.

Ald. Wilson broke the silence to move that the correspondence be "received and filed." "The issue is not now before us," he said, referring to the fact that the council had dropped the move as quickly as it had taken it up at his request.

The Greater Vancouver Young People's Union declared that it could not "emphasize too strongly that such motives are not in keeping with the teachings of Christ."

"Nisei of Year"

Search has 24 Entrants

CHICAGO.—Some 24 Nisei in the U.S., including writers, scientists, civic leaders, singers, dancers, students, social service workers and violinists, have been entered in the search for the "Nisei of the Year 1940," the Yamagata Award committee announced on the closing date.

War Duties Prevent Filling of Tokyo Post

OTTAWA.—Prime Minister King told the House of Commons that he had been unable to fill the post of Canadian minister to Japan, vacant for two years, because some of those who were considered suitable had been needed for important war duties. Among these, he said, was Maj.-Gen. Victor Odium of Vancouver, officer commanding the Second Division overseas. Gen. Odium was born in Japan.

The prime minister assured the House however that Canadian interests in Japan were well looked after by an unusually capable charge d'affaires, D'Arcy McGreer.

American Nisei Form "Welfare Committee"

SAN FRANCISCO.—With increasing tension between the U.S. and Japan, and with eyes of the public focused upon the Nisei, the National Japanese American Citizens League announced the formation of a "Welfare Committee" charged with the task of supplying the American public with correct information.

Function of the committee will be to launch an immediate survey of the dual citizenship and language school questions.

STORY OF THE WEEK

We Serve on the Home Front

This week's story of the week is an odd one in a way, because it doesn't deal with an outstanding news story in our community at all. Rather, it's just a collection, a medley concerning five different groups of Japanese Canadians in five widely scattered points—but significantly to a nation at war, one can sense a unifying, rhythmic tempo, an underlying "motif," a scarlet thread of honor running through the unvarying routine of the home front.

And here are the brief facts:

Port Alice.—Employees of the B. C. Pulp and Paper Co. here unanimously authorized the management to deduct from each monthly pay cheque a minimum sum of \$4, the amount each Japanese Canadian employee will subscribe to war savings certificates "for the duration."

Royston.—Women of this small community, shaved their small housekeeping budgets still smaller last week, members of the Bukkyo Fujinkai, shaved their small budgets still smaller last week, and sent to the Comox Free Press the sum of \$50. They asked that it be remitted to the Department of National Defence in support of the war effort.

Chemainus.—The Nisei community organization, the local Japanese Canadian Citizens League Chapter, staged a movie night last week, and handed over the gross proceeds, \$22.60 to the local branch of the Canadian Red Cross.

Vancouver.—A spur of the moment sale of war savings stamps at the regular meeting of the Powell Y.P.S. went over the top, as members chipped in with their two-bit pieces which will go towards liquidation of the United Church of Canada national debt through the purchase of war savings certificates.

Haney.—This Sunday, a top-notch program of Nisei entertainment will be presented to a sold-out house. The proceeds? To the Red Cross.

Prime Minister King has asked the Japanese Canadian community to serve in ways other than military service. Such is the story of the week.

City West End First Area: Documents, Two Photos Needed: Parents Register Children

VANCOUVER, B.C.—In an official statement today issued by the R.C.M.P. it was announced that registration of all individuals of Japanese origin would be carried out by the Royal Canadian Mounted Police with headquarters for that purpose at 805 West Hastings St., in Vancouver. Registration will commence on the morning of March 4, and offices will be open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily.

In order to avoid congestion, all persons requiring to be registered residing in the area known as the West End, west of Granville Street between Burrard Inlet and False Creek, are required to register first. Residents of other areas will be notified when to register by a notice through the Press.

While registration affects all Japanese of the age of 16 and over, details of children under that age will be recorded by their parents.

All persons appearing for registration will be required to produce Birth Certificates, Naturalization Certificates, National Registration Cards, Passports or other documents which would be evidence of their legal status in this country.

Two Photos Required

All persons will also be required to present two recent photographs of themselves, size 1 1/2 x 1 3/4 inches. Such persons will be issued a registration certificate to be carried at all times on their person and this certificate will clearly indicate their legal status.

The first Registration Office will be opened in Vancouver and persons concerned may register there regardless of their place of residence. In due course it is intended to open offices elsewhere in the Province for the registration of those who reside outside of Vancouver.

Further information can be secured by telephoning MArine 1855.

M.P.'s. Have Things To Say Concerning The Nisei

OTTAWA.—Prime Minister King's announcement regarding Japanese registration provoked a verbal tiff on the part of several British Columbia members in the House Tuesday night, with Angus MacInnis (C.C.F., Vancouver East) defending Japanese Canadians on broad humanitarian principles, while A. W. Neill (Ind. Comox-Alberni) stoutly supported a policy of restriction and discrimination.

Mr. King declared that some Japanese Canadians "are only too anxious to lend assistance to the Federal Government in seeing that all Japanese are registered. They are rendering valuable assistance to the government at the present time in this work."

Mr. Neill declared that "whatever the opinion of the Prime Minister of the government here, we in British Columbia are firmly convinced that once a Jap always a Jap."

Mr. MacInnis said that the attitude of a "very few people" toward the Orientals in British Columbia was a "disgrace to the people of Canada." The Orientals were in Canada, and they were Canadians, and they See "COMMONS," Page 4.

Japan-America Students

Pacific Parley At U. Of Washington

SEATTLE, Wash.—Fifty to sixty Japanese students will arrive in Seattle sometime during the latter part of July to attend the Eighth Annual Japanese-American Students' Conference to be held at the University of Washington, it was learned here last week.

Striking a sharp note of contrast with the tense international scene, confirmation of the conference was received by a special wire from Carl Ronning, executive chairman of the parley and Washington State senior.

"Despite a further break in American-Japanese relations, the Eighth Annual Conference will be held as scheduled and we are proceeding on that assumption, Ronning declared.

President's Statement

"We are prepared to do our best and I am hopeful that circumstances will be such that at the time of the conference there will be nothing to inter-

fere with its success." President L. P. Sieg of the University of Washington, said.

"The conference is certainly a worthwhile instrument for peace," added Neil Haig, president of the Associated Students, "and Washington has been honored by its selection."

Before the Washington delegation of eight left for the seventh conference in Tokyo last summer, President Sieg invited the conference to meet here this year. A similar invitation was extended by the Student Council at that time.

Tentative plans call for fifty to sixty Japanese students to arrive in Seattle on July 29. The visiting Nipponese will be joined by approximately one hundred representatives from universities throughout the United States in eight days of round table discussions of political, social and economic problems.