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RCMP TO OPEN SUB-OFFICES SHORTLY

Language Schools Seek Government Approval

VICTORIA.—Japanese Language Schools have been most prompt in submitting applications to carry on their work under provisions of recent amendments to the B. C. School Act, it was disclosed here Tuesday, when Dr. S. J. Willis, Superintendent of Education, said that out of more than two dozen such applications, all but two were from Japanese schools.

These two are for a class in Punjabi at Hillcrest and a class in Russian at Brilliant in the Kootenay.

Japanese language school officials in Vancouver interviewed said that they were anxious to comply with the law and accordingly had hastened to submit applications. Study had been given to the question, they said, as early as last fall when amendments to the School Act vesting control over language schools in the Department of Education were first introduced by the Hon. G. M. Weir.

Dr. Willis said that no applications have been refused, although several have been held up, particularly because of objections raised in certain points.—Alberni, Duncan, Coombs and Rutland by local school boards. These objections have been based principally on grounds of health.

The Department is following the practise of asking local school boards if they have any objection to foreign language classes being carried on for pupils attending their schools.

Story Of The Week

VANCOUVER.—When some 300 teen-aged girls and their leaders, members of the Girls Auxiliary of the Anglican Church in the Diocese of New Westminster, gather at St. James Hall this evening for their annual rally, it will be an eighteen-year old second generation girl who will deliver the welcome address.

Daughter of Mrs. W. Muramatsu, 741 East Broadway, Kimi is the president of the Girls Auxiliary of St. Michael's Church at Broadway and Prince Edward.

She was chosen to deliver the address by her leader, Mrs. G. H. Wilson, whose husband is Canon at St. Michael's. Interesting note—Alderman Harold D. Wilson is their son.

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INSPECTOR R. C. M. P.



Here's a photostatic copy of a registration card such as every resident of Japanese origin in the province will be required to secure as evidence of legal status. It measures 4 1/2 x 2 1/2 inches, fitting into the average wallet.

On top it reads: "The bearer, whose photograph and specimen of signature appears hereon, has been duly registered in compliance with the provisions of Order-in-Council P. C. 117." It is stamped with date, place, and status, and signed by issuing officer, Inspector D. L. McGibbon.

On the reverse side are details as to name, address, age, height, weight, marks if identification, and occupation. In the upper right hand corner is the serial number, 0072 in this case, and in the lower right a black print of the right thumb. Officers, by the way, are good enough to clean the ink off your thumb with a special cleaning fluid. In general the public has been much impressed by the efficiency of the registration, as well as the unflinching courtesy of registering officers.

White cards are issued to Canadian-born, salmon-pink to naturalized British subjects, and yellow to alien Japanese.

Each card is embossed with the R.C.M.P. seal and numbered serially on equipment carefully guarded by officers.

Questions asked are simple and to the point, but time is consumed because of the care necessitated by the efficient system of cross-checking and filing employed.

On The Newsfront

Vancouver JCCL to Meet on March 20.

VANCOUVER.—The long delayed annual general meeting of the Vancouver Chapter of the Japanese Canadian Citizens League has been definitely set for March 20, Thursday, President Dr. George Ishiwara said. A speaker from the Co-operative Commonwealth Federation is expected, and election of officers and annual reports will constitute the principal business of the meeting.

Youth Congress to Discuss Economic Conditions

VANCOUVER.—Results of a recent questionnaire campaign on the economic conditions of youth will form the basis of discussion at the Third Annual B. C. Youth Congress, to be held Easter Week-end in Vancouver.

U.S. Nisei Wins Hawaii Lightweight Championship

HONOLULU.—Harold Hoshino, fistic pride of the Northwest Nisei, won the Hawaiian Lightweight championship here by knocking out Clever Henry in the tenth round.

Consul Feted by Vancouver Press.

VANCOUVER.—Guest of honour at a farewell press supper at the Yoshino last Tuesday given by the Continental Daily News was the Japanese consul, Kenji Nakauchi, who leaves shortly for a new post in Los Angeles. Guests at the dinner included Aubrey Roberts and Sidney Scott, Province; Alan Morley and William Short, Sun, and Robert Elson and Arthur Mackenzie, News-Herald, as well as representatives from the Japanese press.

Monday, Mr. Nakauchi was host to a large number of city business men at an after-five gathering at the Hotel Vancouver.

Nisei Dance Artist Appears on New York Stage

NEW YORK.—Scheduled to appear on a program at Madison Square Gardens, featuring stars of the stage, screen and radio here this month will be Toyo Dorothy Ohata, rising young dance artist from Seattle.

Among the stars billed are Joan Crawford, Al Jolson, Clark Gable, Errol Flynn, Ethel Merman and Gertrude Lawrence.

Close Checking System Employed

VANCOUVER.—With Royal Canadian Mounted Police familiarizing themselves with routine details in registration at headquarters on West Hastings Street, the establishment of sub-offices more conveniently located near the Japanese community is expected early next week in order to facilitate registration.

Inspector D. L. McGibbon and Sergt. J. K. Barnes, in charge of registration, said also that other offices will be opened in other centres, and travelling units set up, although no formal schedule has yet been drawn up.

Co-operation of organizations and leaders in other centres, however, will be sought to make registration efficient and keep expenses down.

Registration in the city was under way early Tuesday morning with a number of residents from the West End assembling at the office even before opening time. Officers have been kept busy by a steady stream of people, who kept the waiting-room well filled.

Three special constables, D. J. Hanford, William Bee and David Couper, all of whom have spent years in Japan, are acting as interpreters for those unable to speak English properly.

U.S. Nisei Swell

Uncle Sam's Army

SAN FRANCISCO.—Some 350 Americans of Japanese origin will have entered the service of Uncle Sam's army for a year's training by the second week in March, estimates compiled by Nisei sources disclosed here.

Of these, including both volunteers and draftees, 300 are from California, the remainder from Washington and Oregon. Los Angeles itself has supplied 81, and San Francisco 52.

The National Japanese American Citizens League announced the adoption of a program to aid the Nisei in training camps. Each district council of the League will be asked to appropriate funds to be turned over to the chapters nearest training camps to be used in entertainment of soldiers.

Names of all Nisei soldiers, too, will be inscribed in a permanent "Roll of Honour."

Down under this week Australian Prime Minister Menzies made a speech which came as a surprise to a great many Brits. Referring to popular belief concerning relations between Australia and Japan he struck out at the peculiar war psychology of people which sees in a potential enemy an actual and inevitable enemy.

Mr. Menzies' speech, in which he declared that war with Japan was not an inevitable fact, indicates a far healthier attitude than that of many Canadians, Americans or Australians. We may go to war with Japan in the Pacific—many experts believe that we shall. But in preparing ourselves for such a war, it's a grave mistake to decide that there is no possible escape from such a war. That frame of mind only brings the war closer. Peace time is not the only time for a "positive will to peace." We can use that "will" as an invaluable strategic weapon to guard one flank when we are already engaged in a war upon the other.

International line-ups have been known to change with startling rapidity in this day and age. We owe it to ourselves not to work ourselves into such a frame of mind as to slam the door absolutely tight upon any chance for peace rather than war.

Pertinent Note . . . from American Niseiana. The Nisei press down south point with pride to the fact that Japanese Americans have a larger percentage of young men entering the army under Uncle Sam's military training program than any other racial or community group. They attribute this to the very favorable age distribution; and point with equal pride that no cases of "draft dodging" or unwillingness to serve have yet come to notice.

Spring, 'tis said, has come to Vancouver, and 'tis good to feel merry conglomeration of gusty winds and trickling rain and strivng sun. Still at this season one regrets not having seen and felt the winter—a real winter that one knew for eighteen changing, yet unchanging years.

Truth to tell, I have a hard time of it stifling a trace of contempt for these hot-house human products of the mild coastal regions, who snifle from one equinox to another. But yesterday I saw a picture in the Christian Science Monitor that brought regret, and dispelled contempt.

"Frost is brother to the cold. Where they walk a crystal path seals the hour fold on fold. On the gray and lonely stone they carve the imprint of a leaf. On the empty window-glass suddenly a garden grows lists its tracery of flowers in a summer white and brief. On the thin and brittle twigs traceries of jewels appear, and the trees that lift on high empty branches to the sky, bend in the wind that brings this way cold and his quiet brother, frost . . . bend in the wind and suddenly bloom with buds of light, with beauty lost until this white, this radiant day . . ."

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