

# Japanese Committee To Assist In Evacuation

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### The Curfew Hits An Unhappy People In Spirit And Body

Each night now, Powell Street pulls a long face as the evening sun goes down. When the sun goes down, it takes with it light and freedom, and makes a criminal of any person who dares venture out of his home onto the street. And when night comes on, it brings to thousands of Canadian citizens, the feeling that their citizenship is of little value to them.

The first generation—born in Japan—on the whole are restrained and patient. They smile at the curfew, even though they may justly feel that this measure, along with other restrictions, passes over others of enemy alien extraction, to restrict only those of Japanese origin.

The second generation, however, raised and educated in an atmosphere of democracy, inculcated with the idea of freedom, impressed with the value of British citizenship, are not quite so ready to give up the things in which they believe, simply because of their racial origin.

Fanning their resentment, deepening their bitterness locally, are the vituperative attacks and the contemptuous tone adopted by the Vancouver Sun in its contemptible campaign against a people without defense of any kind.

Businesses, already putting along one cylinder, coughed and spluttered to a practical standstill, as the curfew crystallized into effect.

### Deal Severely With Offenders

The law clamped down on the local Japanese community Sunday night and early Sunday morning, and before daylight had come along to bring a measure of freedom to 22,000 human beings shut up in their homes, police officers and constables had hauled twelve local Japanese off to jail for being out on the streets between sunset and sunrise.

Pleading guilty in Police Court, Monday, on charges of breaking the new curfew law, they were given suspended sentences by Magistrate Mackenzie Matheson.

Future infractions, however, will be severely dealt with" threatened the Magistrate.

### AN APOLOGY

The New Canadian regrets that this issue of the paper is late. A combination of events—the departure of Mr. Yoshimitsu Higashi, our business manager, to Gelkie, Alta., the curfew regulations; a new publication scheme required by war-time economy; and the fact that the editor and the assistant business manager have both been tied up in matters of community importance—has delayed the usual publication. We hope shortly, however, to be sufficiently reorganized to issue regularly as in the past.

confectioneries, chop suey houses, restaurants, once alive with laughter, are dark within as their proprietors close early. Many business men are taking stock in anticipation of the forthcoming evacuation.

"There's even a premium on cleanliness. I can't even get my daily bath now," glumly proclaimed a grime-covered laborer, as he paused in front of the Japanese "ofuro."

### Mothers Happy

Varsity students can just make their 6 o'clock labs, and then rush via bus and street car for home before dark. Many are troubled because they can no longer study late at the University Library, where long lists of books must be read for reference, where lengthy essays must be completed, where research in non-scientific subjects must be conducted.

"Perhaps it won't matter anyway," gloomed one student, "as in all probability we may not be permitted to remain for the exams."

"Well now mother won't worry about my staying out late," smiled a winsome Nisei girl, "I guess mothers are the only ones to have anything to be thankful for as far as the curfew goes, ne-ey?"

### COMMISSIONERS



Two of the members of the newly-appointed three-man British Columbia Security Commission are Austin C. Taylor, chairman, (top) and Assistant Commissioner John A. Shirras of the B. C. Provincial Police. Third member is Assistant Commissioner F. J. Mead, of the R.C.M.P., who was a member of the former Standing Committee.

The new commission is expected to receive very wide powers under the order-in-council authorizing it. It will take charge of the whole policy of "evacuation, entry and employment" of persons of Japanese origin in the province. It will consult and work through departments of the federal government, principally labor, justice, transport, and defense.

Named to the advisory committee of the commission are: Hon. R. L. Maitland, K. C., B. C. attorney-general; Hon. Geo. S. Pearson, B. C. labor minister; Harold Winch, M.L.A.; Capt. M. C. Robinson; M. H. Hamilton, Gen. J. A. Clark, T. M. Harnett, A. D. Darlington, Dr. Lyall Hodgins, and G. L. Fraser, Vancouver; General R. O. Alexander, Commodore Stevenson, Commodore W. J. Beach and R. H. B. Ker of Victoria; William Mott, New Westminster; J. McKinnon, Mission City; and R. G. Rutherford, Kelowna.

### Co-operate With Taylor Commission; Seek Just, Reasonable Plan

VANCOUVER, Mar. 3.—A working committee of first and second generation will act on behalf of the Japanese community and co-operate with the new Security Commission in effecting federal policy in the control and removal of all persons of Japanese origin on the British Columbia coast.

A meeting Sunday afternoon, attended by over 100 delegates and many interested observers, approved a plan advanced by the National Japanese Canadian Citizens' League to elect an advisory committee of representative members, and the setting up of a smaller committee, charged with the heavy responsibility of working with the Taylor Commission.

The drastic overhaul in governmental policy in dealing with the problem—calling for total removal and severe restrictions until it effected—has demanded a like overhaul in the effort of the community to deal with the situation itself.

It is therefore widely felt that only a representative committee can assume the huge responsibility of protecting the safety and welfare of the 20,000-odd persons—Canadian-born, naturalized and alien, men women and children—who face removal. The Taylor Commission itself has recognized this fact, and has asked for the selection of such a committee to meet with it.

Three meetings of the advisory committee have already been held to draft proposals to the Taylor Commission.

One of the chief concerns is that the evacuation of nationals now under way under direct orders of the R.C.M.P. be suspended temporarily, until necessary arrangements can be made for the families left behind. All of the men leaving under orders are concerned as to what is likely to happen to their dependents, once the general evacuation gets under way.

Methods for disposal of real property, buildings, stocks of goods, household effects and chattels, etc., will be one of the biggest problems to be solved locally. Accommodation and places where removed families can be placed is expected to be an even more difficult problem. There is widespread belief that for the duration at least, removed families should be concentrated in sizeable groups large enough to form self-sufficient communities.

Another fifty Japanese nationals left Vancouver for roadwork in the Rockies Monday night, under direct governmental orders. The group left from the C.N. station at 7.15 headed for Gelkie, Alta.

The men going are no longer volunteers, but are ordered to report for such roadwork. Failure to do so will result in orders for their internment, the R.C.M.P. details left Vancouver for roadwork. They are being employed for 25 cents per hour, and it is understood that a minimum eight-hour day will be provided under any conditions. From their wages, the men must deduct the cost of board, and if married, they are required to sign an assignment for such roadwork. Failure of \$20 from their monthly wages to do so will result in orders for their wives.

### Government Proclamation

- 一、日本人全部防禁地帯内に於ては毎日自分の常に居住する場所毎に毎日「日没より翌日出迄」留る事、更に前記期間中は屋外及街に出る事を禁ず
- 二、日本人全部の防禁地帯内に於ける自動車、無線機、無線受信機、無線受信機、銃器及爆発物の所有及使用を禁ず
- 三、日本人にして前項に記載されてある物件を所持する場合は直ちに之を治安判事の下に届出する事
- 四、各治安判事は第二項記載の物件を受領した場合は領收證を發給し直に此の旨アールシー、エム、ビー長官に報告すると同時に之を保留或は前記長官の指令に従ひ之を處分する事
- 五、警官及アール、シー、エム、ビーの人員は
- 六、日本人は、全部直ちに防禁地帯内を立退く事
- 七、日本人はアール、シー、エム、ビーの許可無しに防禁地帯に入る事を不得
- 八、本令中「日本人」とは純日本人のみでなく父及母を日本人と爲す者にして十二月十六日總督令に依りアール、シー、エム、ビー長官よりの書面の要求に依り登録をせし者或は書面に依る登録を要求されつゝある者を含む

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