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Morale Good

Journey to Rainbow in the Rockies

By Yosie Yasui

(Among the very first group of nationals going to road work in the Rockies was 19-year-old Yosie Yasui, of Vancouver. Yosie was born in Japan, but came to Canada a babe in arms of a few months. He attended school in Vancouver, graduating from Fairview Commerce last year.—Ed.)

RAINBOW, B. C. (via Red Pass).—No matter what happens, I doubt if I shall ever forget the past week. It has been a week of great significance, something to be remembered from generation to generation of the Japanese Canadian people in this country.

Even now I can clearly picture the masses of people standing on the platform that momentous Monday night, busily saying goodbye, shaking hands, bowing stiffly to those of us on board the train. Suddenly the whistle blows, the train jerks and pulls slowly out, and hundreds of voices and hundreds of hands are raised in farewell. But in a few, fleeting minutes, the throng is a shadowy, indistinct mass in the evening dusk, and then darkness and distance sweep them out of sight. And suddenly I realize more vividly, more deeply, that we are leaving Vancouver, leaving home and everything dear and familiar—starting out on a new adventure. No one is Depressed.

But with a last look, we settle down in our seats. Yet we cannot sit still. The prospect of a strange place fills us with curiosity, and we wonder what is in store for us. As I look around the countenances of those aboard, I am struck by the fact that sorrow has given way to a sense of excitement. Some are engaged in heated conversation; some are merry and jocular; the rest peer out through the double windows, trying to catch a glimpse of something unusual. I cannot see anyone who is depressed.

Excited by the thought of the morrow, most of us spend a sleepless night, looking out into the bleak darkness. As we leave the coast and push into the interior, the trees become smaller and smaller, and much less abundant.

Then we pass Lytton and until we reach Spences Bridge, we see the most picturesque sight of the whole journey—craggy mountains and the swirling waters deep in the canyon below. It has me gapping with awe.

About this time the news agent arrives. But he does not sell papers this time. It's coffee and sandwiches—at ten and fifteen cents a throw. After the welcome snack, we return to the windows. From here on there's quite a bit of snow.

Many hours afterwards, after stops and start and waits, the train stops with a jerk which we feel intuitively is "it." We have reached our destination.

Stepping off the train, we scan the place before us. Surrounding us on all sides are towering mountains, while a fairly large lake lies to the south of us.

So This Is Rainbow

On the tracks right before our eyes are the bunk cars where we are to stay for the present. And to the east a short distance away is a house for the section gang, the word "Rainbow" the name of this flag station, painted on the side. And that's all there is to "Rainbow."

After being assigned to our bunk cars, ten to each, we unpack and rest up for the morning. For the next two days, we carry on with odds and ends. But on the third day, we start to work clearing land for the building of our camp. When the camp is built, perhaps we shall call it "Pot of Gold."

A new order issued today by the Minister of Justice prohibits the movement of any person of Japanese race from the "protected area" to any other place, except with permission of the Security Commission. The Commission must approve of the destination of the evacuee.



ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER F. J. MEAD

Third member of the British Columbia Security Commission is Assistant Commissioner F. J. Mead of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, Okawa. Commissioner Mead was formerly stationed in Vancouver, and was a member of both the special inquiry committee of 1940 and of the Standing Committee on the Oriental question.

In a statement Thursday, it was announced that Charles H. Locke, K.C., has been appointed legal advisor to the commission and Grant MacNeill, M.L.A., appointed honorary secretary.

Additional members named to the advisory board are: Birt Showler, A. R. Morton, A. D. Darlington, Vancouver; Mrs. Mary Sutherland, Revelstoke; Mrs. Percy Scourrah, Victoria; George W. Nickerson, Prince Rupert.

The Commission has taken offices at 1131 Marine Building, and the telephone number is Pacific 7531.

THE MAGISTRATE WASN'T KIDDING

Magistrate Mackenzie Matheson apparently wasn't joking, when he warned the twelve Japanese arrested Sunday on curfew infractions, that future offenders would be "severely dealt with."

Six months in jail with hard labor was the sentence imposed by the Magistrate on Sotaro Saki, 66, of 245 Powell Street, who was arrested Tuesday night in the 200 block Powell.

The magistrate's first warning, combined with the stiff sentence handed out Wednesday, has apparently had the desired effect and violations of the curfew have been few and far between since Sunday.

Under the Defence of Canada regulations a maximum penalty for violation of this regulation is \$500 fine or twelve months in jail, or both fine and imprisonment, when the offender is tried before a magistrate.

Lower Mainland Only.

Cars, Radios, Cameras To Be Turned In From Monday

VANCOUVER — Radios cameras and motor vehicles will be turned in by all persons of Japanese origin living in the protected area to the Royal Canadian Mounted Police beginning next Monday morning at 9 a.m., it was announced in orders posted today.

First action taken under the government regulations, the Monday surrender date applies only to the southern portion of the protected area and excludes Vancouver Island and the Gulf Island. Surrender dates for these districts will be posted later.

It is understood on advice from Ottawa that such articles when surrendered, may be reclaimed by the owner once he has moved from the protected area. Receipts are issued by the authorities when the articles are handed in.

Motor vehicles, including automobiles, trucks motorcycles and trailers, must be turned in at Hastings Park, where they will be stored and looked after. Radios and cameras must be surrendered to the R.C.M.P. at the barracks, 33rd and Heather Street.

Residents of Greater Vancouver, North Vancouver, West Vancouver, Steveston, New Westminster and the Fraser Valley, including Maple Ridge, Mission, Chilliwack, Abbotsford, etc. must comply with this order.

Car owners, when turning in their cars, are asked to take with them all documents relating to ownership. These should include the licence slip, bills of sale, or conditional sales agreements.

The Order issued by the federal police declares:

(1) Under provisions of Order-in-Council, P.C. 1486, no person of the Japanese race may have in his possession or use a motor vehicle, radio receiving set or camera in the restricted area.

(2) Radio receiving sets and cameras are to be delivered up by all persons of the Japanese race to the Royal Canadian Mounted Police Barracks, 33rd and Heather Street, Vancouver, B. C., commencing at 9 a.m. Monday, March 9, 1942.

(3) All motor vehicles, which includes trucks, trailers and motorcycles, in possession or use of persons of the Japanese race, are to be delivered to the Royal Canadian Mounted Police at Hastings Park Exhibition Grounds, See "SURRENDER" p. 3)

本日アール、シー、エム、ビーより左の布告があつた
一、總督令一四八六號に依り防禦地帯内に於ける日本人の自動車、無線受信機、寫真機の所有及使用を禁ずる
二、日本人所有無線受信機及寫真機を三月九日(月曜)九時より晩市三十三街及ヘザード街の角のアール、シー、エム、ビー官舎迄持参しなければならぬ
三、日本人により所有及使用されてある自動車、トラック、トラクター、モーターサイクルは三月九日(月曜)九時より晩市ヘスティングス展覽會場アール、シー、エム、ビーの下に手渡さなければならぬ
四、本令は防禦地帯南部に居住する日本人に適用され、晩香坡局及ガルフ、アイランド諸島(ペンダー、アイランド、ソルト、スプリング)

グ、アイランド。メイン島)等住民を含まない、本令の適用される地域は大阪香坡、北晚香坡、西晚香坡、ソレザバレー、ステグストン、新西院、アボツフォード、チリワック、ミツシヨン、ヘネー、ハモンド等である
五、他の防禦地帯内に在住する日本人の所有に依る禁止品を持参する場所は追て發表される
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尚アール、シー、エム、ビー當局者は自動車を持参する場合は賣買契約書及ライセンス受取證等關係書類も共に持参する様云つてゐる

No Rental Restrictions On Homes

In answer to numerous inquiries directed to The New Canadian regarding the new restrictions on the purchase and rent of land, in the order-in-council signed on February 24, attention is drawn to the fact that it deals particularly with the question of farm land.

A clause in the order specifies that nothing in the order "shall deprive a person of the Japanese race of capacity to lease any building or part of a building for residential purposes only, for a term of less than one year."

Special permits from the Minister of Justice, authorizing the purchase or leasing of farm land, are being handled through the general office of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police in the federal building in Vancouver.

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