

Move 2500 From Island And Up-Coast Points

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Detailed Program to Gather Families By Train, Steamer

VANCOUVER, B. C., March 14.—Evacuation of some 2500 people from British Columbia coast points and isolated centres on Vancouver Island begins today, and will be completed under a vast transportation scheme within the next two weeks, the British Columbia Security Commission revealed today.

A detailed schedule has been worked out by representatives of various transportation companies, and arrangements completed to move men, women and children from as far north as Stewart, B. C. and from the distant West Coast of the Island.

They will be brought to Vancouver and accommodated in the two buildings at Hastings Park, which were taken over today from the department of national defence by the Security Commission.

WEST COAST TODAY

The movement began this afternoon, with embarkation of 100 people from Tofino and Clayoquot, via Port Alberni to the City.

Sunday, March 15, the trek to Vancouver will begin for 85 people from the Alert Bay area, via the Union Steamship "Cardena." 100 will leave the Powell River district via the "Lady Cecilia," and 10 from the West Howe Sound area on board the "Capilano."

The Portland Canal district will be evacuated by 50 people leaving on board the "Catala," on Monday, March 16.

Tuesday, March 17, Ocean Falls will be cleared by a special trip made by the "Princess Madeline," and Wednesday, March 18, evacuation of Port Alice will be resumed, evacuees coming to Vancouver via the "Cassiar."

Later in the week, the Powell River district will be cleared of some 120 people, and the west coast evacuation completed.

TRAIN FROM RUPERT

Removal from the important Skeena area begins March 20, when over 600 people will leave by Canadian National from Prince Rupert, across northern B. C. to the main line, and thence south to Vancouver.

The complete schedule follows: RIVERS INLET: Provincial (1). (Numbers are estimates of population of each point, but in most cases are probably less now because of recent voluntary movement.)

PORTLAND CANAL DISTRICT: Stewart (13), Naas River, Arrandale and Mill Bay, (37)—to be moved by Union Steamship "Catala," leaving Stewart, March 16.

PRINCE RUPERT & SKEENA: Inverness (58), Port Edward (58), North Pacific (39), Cassiar (15), Oceanic (12), Oslund (18), Carlisle (13), Claxton (56), Port Essington (109), Jap Inlet (3), Prince Rupert (206), the above from the area immediately adjacent to Prince Rupert to be assembled at that point and moved by C. N. special train to leave Prince Rupert, tentatively, March 20. This train to be delivered to the C. P. at Vancouver for delivery to the Exhibition Spur.

OCEAN FALLS: To be handled by a special trip of the S.S. Princess Adelaide," leaving Ocean Falls, 7 p.m. March 17.

BELLA COOLA: To leave Bella Coola, March 19, S.S. Cardena.

BELLA BELLA & NAMU: (33) Leave March 18, S.S. Catala.

RIVERS INLET: Provincial (1), Rivers Inlet Cannery (1), Beaver (4), Brunswick (5), Good Hope (6), Boswell (2), Goose Bay (6), Wadhams (5); above passengers assembled at Wadhams to leave via "Cardena," March 22, Sunday morning.

SEYMOUR & KNIGHT INLET: Allison Harbor (17), O'Brien Bay (23), Simoon Sound (23), Knight Inlet (16); above to move by "Chelohsin" from Knight Inlet, Friday evening, March 20; from O'Brien Bay, Simoon Sound, and Allison Harbor, Saturday morning, March 21.

ALERT BAY: Port McNeill (1), Alert Bay (17), Englewood (43), Telegraph Cove (14); S.S. "Cardena," leaves Sunday, March 15.

PORT ALICE: Special sailings of the "Cassiar," leaving Port Alice March 18, and 22.

QUATHIASKI COVE: "Chelohsin" leaves March 18.

READ IS. & REDONDOA BAY: (16) Lady Cecilia, morning, March 18.

TOBO INLET: "Lady Cecilia," Thursday, March 19, special call to Salmon Bay.

See "EVACUATION" p. 4

FROM AN EVACUEE

When I quit this coastal shore,
And mosey 'round this place
no more,
Don't weep, don't sigh, don't sob;
I may have struck a better job.
Don't go and buy a large bouquet,
For which you'll find it hard
to pay;
Don't mope around and feel all
blue—
I may be better off than you.

All Island Cars In, But Locals Lagging

A total of thirty-eight motor vehicles were surrendered to the official custodian of enemy alien property at the Willows Park in Victoria, by Japanese residents of Victoria and other island communities.

Royal Canadian Mounted Police reported that all other motor vehicles owned by Japanese throughout the Island have either been disposed of to new owners or turned back to dealers.

Five cars and one truck formed one convoy from Duncan, while the upper section of the island, Cumberland, Royston and so forth, sent another caravan consisting of 19 passenger cars, five trucks and a motorcycle.

In Vancouver over 400 vehicles were surrendered by Friday and impounded at the Hastings Park race track. The automobiles, according to officers in charge, are not coming in at a rate sufficient to keep the receiving crew fully occupied.

Commission to Provide for Education, Social Welfare

VANCOUVER, March 14— assurance that the B. C. Security Commission will do all it can to assist in the education of an estimated 5000 second generation school children, whose schooling is disrupted by evacuation, and will direct its attention to the social problems arising daily was given in a statement issued Friday following a meeting of the Commission and its advisory board.

The commission will assume the cost of education, thus relieving the places to which the families are sent of the burden.

Rigid supervision of all movements, works projects and settlements, with a necessary regard to receiving communities will be followed by the security board, the chairman indicated.

Social Welfare Needs

His statement in part reads as follows:

"The chairman undertook on behalf of the commission to establish facilities for the proper supervision of all movements, work projects and settlements. These enterprises or settlements will be conducted with due regard to the interests of the population of adjacent communities and public safety.

"Special consideration was given to social welfare needs and the announcement was made that the commission will assume responsibility for the education of Japanese children affected by the evacuation. This will relieve local districts at points of reception of any undue educational costs."

Glen W. McPherson, authorized the meeting that under present regulations all property owned by evacuees passes into control of the custodian when the order for evacuation is issued. Forms are also available for those wishing to transfer the management of their property to the custodian before evacuation.

B. C. Teachers

Consideration was given this af-

Commission Statement

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ternoon by the committee of the B. C. Teachers' Federation to the educational problems facing Nisei school children. First, the disruption of the school program and the loss of a school year; second, the problem of placing pupils in schools in the areas to which they are sent.

It is obvious that the removal of some 5000 children will also pose certain questions from the point of view of teaching staff.

A plea that university students should be allowed to remain at their studies until the completion of the year in May has also been submitted to the Security Commission by the International Student Service.

Of 72 students enrolled at U.B.C., three were born in Japan. They have already left the protected area, but will be permitted to write their exams at other universities.

Some criticism appears to have arisen over the alleged slowness of the Commission in effecting total removal, and requests for a public statement on what the commission is doing have been placed from Vancouver Island and the Fraser Valley.

Experiment in Communal Living

A new experience in communal living is in store for some 2,000 first and second generation—men, women and children—who will be housed in two buildings at Hastings Park, before being evacuated out of the protected area.

The movement is expected to begin next week, Security Commission chairman Austin Taylor said, indicating that evacuation of whole families from strategic points within the protected area will shortly commence.

Work on the buildings has been rushed since Wednesday by 200 civilian and military workmen on three eight-hour shifts under direction of army officials.

Women and children will be housed in the Women's Building. Men and boys will form a huge dormitory in the Livestock Building at the East End Park. The concrete floor of this structure has been carefully cleaned by the application of steam under der pressure, brushing and cold water.

Carpenters, plumbers, and tin-smiths have installed wash basins, kitchen stoves, hot-air furnaces, showers and sanitary facilities. Hundreds of double-deck steel bed frames and springs supplied by the army, and straw

mattresses have been installed. The beds are spaced out in groups, ranging from two to ten. Recreation even if only for a short time, is not being neglected. The building formerly used to display poultry, is being transformed into a social centre for the miniature communal town.

Mr. Taylor indicated that the Commission and its advisory board would inspect the set-up before it is brought into use.

Along Powell Street the folks are thinking it might not be a bad idea to move in. At least curfew nights would not be so lonely, and the company of the opposite sex might be enjoyed, provided that gimlet-eyed mothers could be circumvented.

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