

# Policy Tightened As End Of Evacuation Nears

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### TRAIN TEACHERS FOR INTERIOR TOWNS

#### Victoria Disclaims Responsibility For Schools

VANCOUVER.—Over fifty young Nisei, nearly all of whom are girls, will tackle the problem of how to become a teacher in five days next week.

A short, concentrated course will be held at Building "L" from next Monday to Friday at Hastings Park to train the teachers who, it is expected, will carry the major load of education of Japanese children for the duration.

(Victoria announced last Wednesday it had declined to assume any responsibility for the education of Japanese children evacuated from the protected area. The provincial government claims that it is a responsibility of the Dominion, since the children were moved by federal order, and had they not been moved existing school facilities would have been wholly adequate.)

(The government at Ottawa thus far has not made known its views upon this vital subject.)

In charge of education at the Park, Stewart MacRae will direct the course, assisted by Miss Hide Hyodo, former Richmond school teacher.

Guest lecturers on specialised problems include Dr. Norman F. Black, W. Hardwick, and J. McClellan.

From nine in the morning to three in the afternoon, the teacher-trainees will take voluminous notes on subjects such as "Organization of Class Routine, Supplies, etc.", "Teaching of English and its Difficulties", and "Psychology of Handling Children and Classroom Presentation". Studies of all school subjects—writing, music, phonics, social studies, and so forth—will be made, with the differences between primary and older children noted.

It is expected that graduates of the course will qualify for teaching positions in the interior settlements.

### Single Nationals Still Pushing Highway Along

By Fred Okumura

THUNDER RIVER.—All the married men left this camp not far north of Blue River before August 10, and with only single men left here, work is still going ahead on road construction.

Only 200 feet now remain before we meet the crew working in our direction from Red Sands, and it is a moving picture to see the men hard at work, eager to complete the job.

On August 19 a ball game was played between the local Occidental team and our boys. Showing superiority from the start, our team finally wound up on top, 17-15. Playing on the nine were Kurashima, 1b; Okul, cf; Yamauchi, lf; Okumura, ss; Teyama, c; Terakawa, 3b; Tokitsu, 2b; Tsunoda, rf. (Umpire, Okul.)

### Preserve All Rights of Citizenship in U.S.A.

WASHINGTON.—The fundamental approach of the War Relocation Authority to the rights of citizen evacuees in its relocation centres is that the evacuees "preserve all of their rights and obligations as citizens of the state where they reside, as well as the United States, excepting only those rights and obligations which military necessity requires temporarily to be curtailed."

This opinion is set forth in a legal memorandum prepared by Philip M. Glick, solicitor of the WRA, on the question whether the lands on which relocation areas are located be brought within the exclusive jurisdiction of the United States.

The brief recommends that the federal government should not seek to acquire exclusive jurisdiction over relocation areas. The exclusion of state sovereignty from the relocation area implies a corresponding loss of the rights and privileges of state citizenship among the evacuees.

Some 15,000 Nisei voters will take part in the California primary election August 25, voting from relocation and assembly centres by means of absentee ballots.

### GOLDEN RESOLUTION

GOLDEN, B. C.—A resolution protesting the action of the Golden Board of Trade in requesting 500 Japanese evacuees be sent to this district, was passed by some 200 citizens.

### A BLESSED EVENT

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Akira "Sam" Matsumoto, (nee Jean Sugiura), at the Sandon Hospital on Saturday, August 15, a son. Both mother and baby are reported doing very well.

H. NOGAMI, (East Lillooet, B. C.) wishes to learn the whereabouts of TOMOICHI OZAKI, who was formerly a resident at Hastings Park.

MISS SUE WATANABE, (Kaslo, B. C.) is seeking to contact an American Nisei, MRS. KAZUO MASUDA, formerly Yae Nagai, of Livingstone, Cal.

### Draft Available Men to Push Construction; Committee Members Go ANXIOUS TO SETTLE DOWN

VANCOUVER, B. C. Aug. 22.—Developments this week—just six months after the decision for wholesale evacuation was made in Ottawa—indicate that the authorities charged with the task now feel that the removal phase of the program is clearly in sight.

A general tightening of policy, plus the partial or complete dissolution of a number of committees which have been working to effect evacuation, came as a sudden, though not unexpected jolt. Excitement and heated conversation, not without both humorous and unhappy angles, stirred Park and Vancouver folk in a manner reminiscent of earlier and more tense evacuation days.

The policy of confining all nationals to the Clearing Station, together with police action to enforce the same, is being rigorously carried out. Evasion on deferrals and upon recalls from road camps are being strictly checked upon.

#### Draft More Construction Crews

All available men still in the city and numbers of men in the Clearing Station are being drafted to move out with construction crews as the building program is being pushed more and more vigorously. The need for speed is obvious, if the removal of several thousand women and children is to be carried out before extreme cold weather sets in.

On the other hand hundreds of families are waiting anxiously for the day when they can quit the protected area and set about adjusting themselves to new homes and new conditions in the interior. Both within and without the clearing station, families are ready and anxious—and have been for a long time—to move to the interior towns in time to make everything as shipshape as possible before summer has gone. Many have been confined to the clearing station for months. Others, expecting early removal, have been packed up and living with temporary facilities for months longer than they had anticipated.

The indications that large movements will shortly be under way, as well as the manner in which policy is now being pushed, are welcome news.

#### Committees Winding Up

Numbers of committee members who have been active in the work of evacuation have already left this week or will leave very shortly. Among these are the Japanese Committee at the clearing station which was dismissed this week. Minoru Sakamoto, Yoshio Ono, Wataru Inouye left Wednesday for Tashme, and will be joined shortly by Ichitaro Uyeda, Haruo Kimoto, Mamoru Yoshida, S. Kameda and Iwao Yamamoto leave tonight for Slokan.

The key baggage crew, and members of the staff at the Park, however, will remain for a short time longer.

Members of the Nippon Club committee including Y. Kondo, E. Kawano and Kazuo Umetsu left yesterday for Tashme, and M. Umetsu and Y. Uwate follow Monday.

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### R. C. Brown Commission Appointee in Manitoba

R. C. Brown, Winnipeg has been appointed temporary official representative of the British Columbia Security Commission in Manitoba, as supervisor for the Japanese families placed there on the sugar beet farms. Mr. Brown's office is in the Somerset Building, Winnipeg.

The regular representative, C. E. Graham, has been transferred for a short time to work on the farm placement program Manitoba. It is understood, is anxious to secure more Japanese families for the farms.

In Lethbridge, J. N. Lister, supervisor for Alberta and Manitoba, is filling the office of official Commission representative in Alberta, pending a new appointment for that province.

### LABOR NEED DESPERATE

#### Vernon District Withdraws From Okanagan & Mainline Committee

VANCOUVER, B. C.—It was understood here yesterday that a number of evacuees now working on farms in the north Okanagan valley would be removed and transferred to the Slokan settlement project, since their employers had brought them into the valley without authorization from the British Columbia Security Commission.

The evacuees had settled on independent projects in the district between Kamloops and Vernon. Later, with the desperate need for farm labor to harvest this year's bumper crops, they were approached by farm employers to take jobs in the northern Okanagan district.

Officials here recalled that at the beginning of the evacuation program when plans were being explored to move many families to independent farm employment in the Interior, the Okanagan area was especially hostile.

Although opposition was centered in the northern districts, the entire valley united in closing its doors to any Japanese labor. It went so far as to ask the removal of a number of families who had settled there before regulations restricting the movement of Japanese were issued.

VERNON, B. C.—Withdrawal of Winfield, Okanagan Centre, Oyama, Vernon and Coldstream from

the Okanagan and Mainline Security Commission was reported in a C.P. report this morning.

The withdrawal, coupled with formation of an organization to secure labor to handle the fruits, vegetable and other primary products, marked the culmination of a meeting of representatives of those bodies in Vernon Friday.

The British Columbia Security Commission is being contacted in an effort to secure the retention of ten Japanese workmen employed by R. H. MacDonald and brought in with the knowledge and consent of the Okanagan Valley Security Committee and after consultation with the police, but without the consent of the British Columbia Security Commission, says the report.

An eight-man committee to direct efforts of the growers to secure the necessary labor to get off a MacIntosh apple crop which threatens to drop on the ground has been formed.

### Nisei, Issei Find Internment Camp Less Pleasant than Fondly Expected

Nisei and naturalized citizens in internment camps will be treated Canada, and the consul-general as Canadian citizens, and the official interest of the consul-general for Spain does not extend to them, already loud and idle complaints are spreading over the camp. Issei, too, are realizing that what was said outside and what they are really experiencing in the camp differ greatly.

"...Although there is nothing here that is bad," says the communication, "our future looks very dark, since we do not know when we will be freed."

"Although we do not think that anyone would wish to lead the pitiable life we experience, yet it is peculiar to find so many coming here to join us."

"We believe that there are quite a number here who have been misled by rumours that if they become interned their families would be supported by the government and that when the war is over they would receive a large indemnity. However, since the federal government has issued a statement that Nisei and naturalized Cana-

dians will be treated as citizens of Canada, and the consul-general for Spain has revealed that he is not concerned with these groups, already loud and idle complaints are spreading over the camp. Issei, too, are realizing that what was said outside and what they are really experiencing in the camp differ greatly.

"What situation actually exists in the Japanese community we do not know. It is surprising, however, to note that there are very few who might be of the so-called 'intelligentsia' among those who become interned voluntarily. Moreover, it seems that the few 'intelligentsia' who are confined here are those who had camouflaged their real selves beneath social standing and occupation. Hence what they do and say now is most illogical and astonishing us greatly.

"Camp life here is exceedingly strict and also unpleasant. In addition, the climate here is cool, and even in August we have to wear sweaters and seek the warmth of the fireside."