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Feb. 25.

Inspector S. F. M. Moodie,
A. R. P. Division,
British Columbia Police,
Parliament Buildings.

Dear Inspector Moodie:

Attached hereto is copy of letter from Mrs. Pearl Howe,
Recording Secretary of the Ladies' Orange Benevolent Association,
Star of the North, No. 452, Prince Rupert, B.C., together with
copy of correspondence referred to therein.

I would appreciate your looking into this matter, reply-
ing to Mrs. Howe direct.

Yours faithfully,

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Feb. 25.

Mrs. Pearl Howe,
Recording Secretary,
Ladies' Orange Benevolent Association,
Star of the North, No. 452,
Box 211,
PRINCE RUPERT, B. C.

Dear Madam:

I have for acknowledgment your letter of February 20 with reference to matters of civilian protection.

Please be advised that I have taken up your representations with Inspector S. F. M. Moodie, of the A. R. P. Division of the British Columbia Police, from whom, no doubt, you will hear during the course of the next few days.

I may say, at this time, that the Provincial Government is fully cognizant of the gravity of the situation in respect to the presence of Japanese on this coast, and has made every effort to impress the seriousness of the situation upon the Federal authorities. As a consequence of these representations, we have been assured by the Dominion Government that speedy action will be taken to remove these aliens from vulnerable zones.

Yours faithfully,

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LADIES' ORANGE BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION

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PRINCE RUPERT, B.C.

February 20, 1942.

The Hon. John Hart,
Premier of British Columbia,
Parliament Buildings,
Victoria, B.C.



Dear Sir,

Enclosed please find a copy of a letter, sent to
Hon. J. L. Galston, Minister of National Defence, by our
Organization.

Yours sincerely,
(Mrs) Pearl Howe,
Recording Secretary.

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February 20, 1942

The Hon. J. L. Pateon,
Minister of National Defence,
Parliament Bldg.,
Ottawa, Can.

Dear Sir,

It is within a few short weeks the tragic events in the Pacific have changed the status of Prince Rupert from a city of comparative safety to one that can be considered in imminent danger. As the possibility of an actual emergency increases we are forced to request that you, as Minister of National Defence, take immediate action to safeguard the lives of our civilians.

As you probably know we are situated on an island connected to the mainland by a railroad bridge. As Japanese fishermen and cannery workers have made the district in the vicinity of this bridge their home for many summers and know of its vital importance to Prince Rupert, its chances of remaining intact for evacuation purposes are practically nil. You must readily see, then, that if we cannot get from the island we must have some means of civilian protection on it.

In view of these facts we do not think we are asking overly much when we demand that we have suitable air raid shelters. Visitors to our city from war zones in England have repeatedly told us that with very little labor and expense excellent air raid shelters could be built into some of our rocky cliffs. One of our schools is es-

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pecially in need of a shelter, as it is just a stones throw from our Dry Dock, which can surely be turned a military objective.

• We do not think we are asking overly much either, when we ask that our A. R. P. Organization be given a little encouragement from our Federal Government. They are doing a splendid work in spite of trying conditions. Our sirens, while they can be heard on a quiet Sunday afternoon fairly well, would stand no chance of being heard in a house with windows closed and a radio playing.

• Again we do not think we are asking overly much when we demand that enemy aliens be removed immediately from our coast before we are faced with some real disaster.

• We also notice that our men in uniform have been equipped with gas masks. If it has been deemed necessary to issue gas masks to the Forces why not to civilians?

• We think that we are truly entitled to these few demands and request immediate action. If they are ignored we will be forced to come to the conclusion that you are indifferent as to our safety.

• With every anticipation that speedy action will be taken we remain,

Yours sincerely,
Star of the North Lodge No. 452,
Ladies Orange Benevolent Association

(Mrs) Pearl Howe,
Recording Secretary.

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Feb. 27.

Wm. E. B. Monypenny, Esq.,
City Clerk,
The Corporation of the City of Trail,
TRAIL, B. C.

Dear Sir:

In the absence of the Premier, I am acknowledging your letter of February 23, together with resolution attached thereto.

Your representations in connection with the Japanese situation have been noted, and I am at liberty to point out that the Provincial authorities have made repeated pleas to Ottawa for speedy action in the removal of all aliens from the vulnerable coast area.

Yours sincerely,

Secretary.