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January 5, 1940.

Alderman H. D. Wilson. City Hall. Vancouver.

Sir:

I would draw your attention to a letter written by W. B. T. Santax Sete of 1142 Cardero Street, Vancouver, published in the Vancouver Daily Province of 23rd December, 1939. So far I have seen no reply from you to Mr. Sete's charge of racial intolerance made against you.

I trust that the New Year will bring you some wisdom and will enable you to learn that "God hath made of one blood all peoples who on earth do dwell". Only unity and harmony can produce happinesss and progress among the peoples of the world. We all belong to the same great family and our interests in one another's welfare are, in consequence, so closely interwoven that we are vitally inter-dependent upon one another.

As an officer of His Majesty's Imperial Army it give me pleasure to inform you that the Japanese are our friends and to remind you that that noble and gallant Nation stood by us when we were fighting at the first Battle of Mons on 23rd August 1914, and declared war against the Germans on that date, at a time, I may add, when a namesake of your own "too proud to fight" waged neutrality against us and continued to do so for three and a half years.

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VOLUME 1/3: H.D. WILSON, CORRESPONDENCE -JAN. - JULY 1940. Halford D. Wilson January 8, 1940 Capt. J. Bowen Colthurst, R.R. #2. VICTORIA, B.C. Dear Sir: I beg to acknowledge your letter of January 5th, and have studied the comments made by yourself with interest, and I would add, with some amusement. You make reference to the fact that during the Great War of 1914-18. Japan stood by our side as an Ally. It is true. May I also point out to you that at the Battle of Waterloo the Germans were our Ally. Time changes conditions and it is quite evident that you have not studied conditions as they are today, not only in our own Province of British Columbia, but in the Orient. If the insulting and degrading actions of the Japanese towards British Subjects in China fill you with admiration and respect for that Nation, then I am afraid, Sir, that we are unable to meet on common ground. May I further point out that Japanese born in Canada, unless they renounce their allegiance to the Japanese Crown before they are seventeen years of age, automatically become subjects of the Emperor, and thus are in that unfortunate position for themselves of holding dual citizenship; British, because of their land of birth, and Japanese if they have neglected to renounce their allegiance. I have not embarked upon a campaign pointing out to our own people the dangers of the Oriental penetration, without giving considerable thought and study to the matter.

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Capt. J. Bowen Colthurst

January 8, 1940

I have been informed by native-born Japanese that they would fight for Canada if attacked by Japan, but that they would not fight for the Empire against Japan. I have been informed by others that they would not, under any circumstances, fight against Japan, but should our Country become involved in war with that nation, that they would voluntarily enter concentration camps.

I would further add that I have not carried on my campaign with any thought of bitterness, as the attached brief will indicate, but, Sir, if you would take the trouble to investigate the situation in your own Province and in our own City, you will find that the Japanese particularly are not playing cricket, and until such time as they do, they may expect full resistance from those who desire above all things to keep British Columbia British and preserve those standards and ideals which have made us a happy people and an example to the rest of the world.

The reason I feel called upon to treat your letter lightly, and with some amusement, is your remark concerning a former President of the United States, by the name of Wilson. If, Sir, you endeavour to impose upon me all the mistakes and errors of anyone by the name of Wilson, then I must frankly confess that your arguments are puerile and futile.

As far as my loyalty to the Empire is concerned, I have already offered my services to King and Country, and stand prepared to answer the Call when it is made.

If in the near future you are visiting the City of Vancouver, I would consider it a pleasure to personally conduct you around the City and shew you the conditions of which I am protesting.

Yours very truly,

HDW: MH Enclosure. Halford D. Wilson ALDERMAN 2260. Ford Boad Pete Meadows BC. Jan 15: 1940.

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## ORPHEUM

VANCOUVER, B. C.

FEBRUARY 5TH, 1940.

Mr. H. D. Wilson, 1009 West 10th Ave., Vancouver, B.G.

Dear Mr. Wilson:

As the showing of the picture GONE WITH THE WIND, which opens at the Orpheum Theatre February 16th, is controlled entirely by the Producers, we regret to advise that under the conditions which we are showing this picture, we have no authority to accept our regular passes throughout the engagement.

This of course is only effective during the showing of GONE WITH THE WIND and your pass will again be honored at the conclusion of the engagement.

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ald H. Wilson City Hall. Dear Sir Jeb. 11/40 Hurray! for more men like Dr. Khirch of U.B.G., in regards to the important question. We as British people, defenders of democracy and everything that is good, should have our leds in shame, when we have the new to ask for restrictions on Canadian Chinese or Jopanese, as to wether or not, they are fit citizens to live beside some of our brothers, in The residential four this city.

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metter, when we bring them to be our neighbors, -Slawe Now I ask you, as a chistism gentleman, is that a spirit of "goodwill or Christian Brotherhood! He are teaching these things every day in day school and Sunday school and the when these same youngstus grow up They much forget these teachings, in that right? I as I kigh school graduate fact 10 years, I speak sincerely when I say I would be proud

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Dear Mr William:

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Halford D. Wilson

February 13,1940

Mr.R.Brechin. 2303 E. Hastings. Vancouver. B.C.

My dear Mr. Brechin:

I am enclosing herewith a list of licenses issued to Orientals for the year 1939. You will note that this list is complete to the 15th of November. The balance of the year, namely 6 weeks, accounted for a few additions.

I am also enclosing a copy of the Brief submitted to the Board of Review by myself, with the co-operation of Alderman DeGraves. On page 6, you will find the comparison of licenses for the years 1927 and 37. It does not show the total list, but selects the business groupings, which present a most serious aspect.

Trusting that this material will be of assistance in the preparation of your articles.

Believe me to be, Yours very truly.

Halford D. Wilson ALDERMAN

HDW: MH Enclosures.

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VANCOUVER, B.C.

April 19th. 1940.

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Mrs. H.D. Wilson,

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Vancouver B.C.

Dear Madam; -

You are cordially invited to

attend a Bridge-Whist and Tea, sponsored by the

Ladies Committee of the Vancouver Communities

Council, to be held in the I.O.O.F. Hall,

1720 Graveley Street, Thursday at 2:00 P.M.

April 25th. 1940.

Mesdames F. Braidwood and S.G. Brown

are co-conveners for this affair.

Trusting for your presence, 1 am

Ladies Committee.

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"BUILDING BETTER COMMUNITIES"

VOLUME 1/3: H.D. WILSON, CORRESPONDENCE -JAN. - JULY 1940. 3/9 Halford D. Wilson April 20, 1940 A. V. Hill, Esq., Secretary, Pacific Coast Fishermen's Union, 164 E. Hastings Street, VANCOUVER, B. C. Dear Vic: I wish to thank you for forwarding to me the resolution from the North Arm Local, concurring in my effort to have the City Council protest most vigorously to the Department of Fisheries against the granting of licenses to Japanese fishermen who return to Japan for the off-season months and take with them to spend in Japan monies that have been earned in competition with our own Canadian fishermen. I would also add that if you hear of any further support in fishermen's organisations, that if you would notify me of the same before Monday, the 29th inst., when my resolution will be debated in Council, I feel it would assist materially in securing the endorsation of the resolution. With best wishes. I remain. Yours very truly. Halford D. Wilson ALDERMAN. HDW:MH

Halford D. Wilson

April 20, 1940

W.K. Jacobs, Esq., 2114 East 4th Avenue, Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Mr. Jacobs:

Many thanks for your letter re Orientals operating under assumed names or Company names which are misleading as to the true proprietorship of the business concerned.

May I say that this is a matter which I am working on at the present time, and I appreciate hearing from you, as it indicates that there are others interested in the matter.

With very best wishes,

I remain,

Yours very truly.

Malford D. Wilson ALDERMAN

HDW: MH

Halford D. Wilson

May 8th, 1940.

Mr. Sidney J. Humphrey. 3439 W. 32nd Avenue. Vancouver. B. C.

Dear Mr. Humphrey:

I beg to acknowledge your letter of recent date, and I certainly appreciate the interest which you are taking in the local Oriental situation, and your particular reference to the matter of Japanese fishermen.

If there is any information which you would care to forward to me, upon which I could make further investigation, with a view to placing it before the City Council, and then to the Department of Fisheries, I would appreciate receiving same.

Again thanking you for you interest,

I remain,

Yours very truly.

Halford D. Wilson ALDERMAN

HDW: MH

Halford D.Wilson

May 16, 1940

Mrs. Margaret Brookes, 1438 Arbutus Street, Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Mrs. Brookss:

Some time has elapsed since you last wrote concerning the sale of 1420 Arbutus Street to Japanese.

I have been watching the situation, and would ask you to let me know if any change has taken place regarding ownership.

I appreciate your interest in the matter, and can assure you that I am doing all in my power to prevent any further intrusion on the part of Orientals in the commercial activities of our City.

Yours very truly.

Halford D. Wilson ALDERMAN

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2521 Hemlock St. Vancound SC. June 1, 1940. aldernan Halford Wikon. lily Hall, Vancouner. Bic. fles In Wikon: hows . Torald report, of a meeting addressed by you recently on the Priental situation in Vancouner; inly member of Carniel awake to the ener increasing menace of this situation, and I am writing to ask you just how interestist sincere you are in this matter! apparently, the fact that talking has achieved nothing is obnious, and what is needed now is concentrated action on council. To my mind, the condition here is a disgrace to lanada. Young men of this tronine enlisting and risking Their lines for the hencist of Quentals who go blithely along training the francise of much needed money for was funds, and was supplies! I personally, am prepared to denate a good deal of time and energy. to bring pressure to hear on the

3/13 proper suthorities. Nrankly. I have spoken of this matter to one frotend order here. and I have the support of the whole organization in Vencouver westminoter. a special meeting of its admissing council is called for next week. Now, the point is this -I am prepared to repeat my work in other organizations. Have me you support & cooperation? Tany we have your suggestions and adnice? I would appreciate your unswer as soon as possible, and if Convenient would, appreciate seeing you for a few minutes, time 9 place at your convenience. yours very buly, Pet Bailey. Bay 5371.

VOLUME 1/3: H.D. WILSON, CORRESPONDENCE -

## Urges Oriental Registration

Registration of all citizens, with Orientals, 21 years of age and over, being required to take an oath of allegiance to Canada was suggested by Ald. H. D. Wilson addressing the English Bay Improvement Association in Sylvia Court Monday night.

Until the Dominion government gives the provinces and cities the power to deal with the Oriental penetration question, Ald. Wilson said, registration and an oath of allegiance were two requirements that would at least help the situation.

He had contended there are many Japanese in Vancouver who had made illegal entry to the country and registration would provide a survey of the Japanese population. He explained there had been no Chinese immigration since 1923 but Japanese come in on a quota determined by the Tokio government on request of the Canadian government.

The alderman told of Japanese being dropped from freighters into fishing boats which meet the liners in open water. The men are taken to small fishing coves and then farmed out to different parts.

Members of the association earlier had complained of Oriental competition and there was suggestion of combined effort to offset it but action was deferred until the the association can study a brief to be supplied by Ald. Wilson.

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Halford D. Wilson

June 12th, 1940

Mrs. J.C. McGillivray. 3802 East Hastings St., VANCOUVER, B. C.

Dear Mrs. McGillivray:

I beg to acknowledge your letter of recent date, and to thank you for the opinions voiced therein.

It is only because I realize the unfair competition that you and many more of our people are meeting at the hands of the Grientals, that I persist in pressing the matter before the City Council and public bodies.

It is my earnest hope that by continuing my policy, public opinion will become aroused and demand action by elected bodies.

Thanking you for your interest in writing me.

I remain,

Yours very truly.

Halford D. Wilson ALDERMAN

HDW: MH

Halford D. Wilson

June 12th, 1940.

Mr. Arthur E.T. Rokford, 116 East 17th Street. NORTH VANCOUVER, B.C.

Dear Mr. Eckford:

Many thanks for your letter of recent date and for your suggestions in connection with the registration of Orientals and aliens.

May I say that, like yourself, I favour Dominion-wide registration of all citizens as being the only effective means of keeping track of the activities of all people resident in Canada. This policy has already been approved by the City Council and forwarded to Ottawa.

I would also take this eppertunity of thanking you for your general interest in the Oriental problem and I am living in hope that by persistent effort in bringing to the attention of the public the true situation as it exists, that action will be taken by Senior Governments to curtail the inroads being made by Orientals in this Province.

With very best wishes,

I remain.

Yours very truly,

Halford D.Wilson

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## Home Investments

2421 South Burrard St.

Telephone BAyview 9465

VANCOUVER, B. C.

June 17, 1940.

Alderman Halford D. Wilson,

Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Sir:

Just a line as an appreciation of your splendid efforts in connection with the Japanese.

I must say I am fully in accord with your views, and should you ever require some assistance, I would be very glad to do all within my power, to help along your good work.

I remain,

Yours very truly

HOME INVESTMENTS.

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Halford D. Wilson

July 12th, 1940.

Mrs. A.M. Robb, Secretary, Vancouver South-Pt.Grey Women's Idberal Club, 5520 Cypress St., VANCOUVER, B.C.

Dear Mrs. Robb:

Will you kindly convey to the members of your Club my grateful appreciation for their expression of support, as indicated in your letter, to my efforts in restraining Japanese penotration in our Province?

It is in knowing that there is a mounting support of public opinion to this question that I am encouraged to continue my efforts.

You may rest assured that your letter will be of assistance to me in convincing others that behind the movement to curtail the Oriental activities, there is a body of responsible citizens, such as the members of your Organization, who support it to the full.

Thanking you again for your timely support in this matter.

Believe me to be,

Yours very truly,

Halford D. Wilson ALDERMAN