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JAPAN.

AUG. - DEC. 1940.

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TaiHo Ku.

Hallo Old Chappie:-

Just ringing you up, to thank you for the tidalwaves of reading matter, - wit and smiles, - all much needed, for the past week was the worst we have lived through so far.

The news from "Naichi" coming on top of the outstanding ghastly episode loyalty; made us wonder where the axe would fall next, - we discussed things, and decided that we would not standa chance, if for any reason, (or none at at all) we were picked on and locked up. We decided that death would be preferable, and decided to carry round in our pocket-books a small pill which would finish the job if we were pinched.

I am against such things naturally, BUT perhaps not under these circumstances. My Body is a very precious thing, which God gave to my soul, expecting me to keep it in good condition for it is also a Temple of the Holy Ghost, and I'll not see my body abused my any-one - especially a heathen, - tortured, half-starved, possibly done to death, which is not common in this part of the world and even John Bull pays no notice, , and I believe that we are perfectly justfied in cheating our enemies of the joy of keeping or killing us. There is nothing in the Bible that forbids us taking ourselves out, when the enemy plans to do so.

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Inside myself I am still enrident that I am somehow imune, and that I am going to survive everything until the Master arrives, and His coming is now very mear, - even the expected and overdue volcanic upheaval which seems to have started, delights me, - the sooner the better.

I was arrested once, and have tasted their brutality,

I was arrested once, and have tasted their brutality.

IF, - I repeat IF, I have a second dose, I will not be responsible for the consequences, BUT my inner sould insists that there is NOT going to be any second time.

We have all be under a cloud for six days, not daring to "call our souls our own", but suddenly last evening came the news that in London two "smiths" had been arrested, - That's the stuff, sauce for the goose is sauce for the gander, - BUT how they hate it, - and hate us!

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At Sprice Queensborough. New Westminster.

August 5th 1940

Mr. M.J. Coldwell M.P. Ottawa .

Dear Sir.

I January 1938 I sent to you and to other M.P's of the C.C.F. a let letter which dealt with the alienation to the Japanese of some natural resources of B.C., also of their economic and military pene tration. Grant MacNeil, latter brought something of this kind to the attention of the House.

Conditions, at that time, were not as acute as they are today, nor as they likely will soon be worse. Previous attempts at calling a attention to and creating an earnest interest in the activities of the Japanese might also have appeared to many as unduly alarming or as premature. Ottawa is very far away from B.C., which accounts for the fact that the East never pays much attention to the complaints and of the West.

An energetic and fearless campaign of publicity of the very real and immediate danger of the Japanese activities is urgently needed otherwise our FIFTH COLUMN, composed of wealthy and politically influential elements, who so distinctly collaborate with the Japanese and who shield them ( also the Italian Fascists ), will do great harm; for which the common people will have to suffer .

I beg leave now to furnish you with some data as they came to me far from time to time. I would suggest that, through your many contacts, you check up on these informations. I am sure you will receive additional rich and valuable material.

### Japanese colonies ;

South end of Blenheim Street ( Point Grey) . A strong Settlement, controls North Arm of the Fraser River . Observes The Sea Island Flying Fields, is close to the Government's reserves and to the the Radio Stations .

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ferry which also connects with U.S.A. border. It reaches MMA the east east end of Lulu Island and includes several islands some of which are settled exclusively by Japanese. It controls and observes the port of hew Westminster, the new Fraser Bridge and the Railroad Bridge, both & main connecting links win the U.S.A.

Port Hampind and Hankey on the CPR Hailway and settlement at Port moo Moody Control the C.P.R. Railroad The latter also keeps under observ—wation the Imperial Cil refinery and their tanks.

There are many smaller settlements some of which only temporary.

Their many boats, some of water speedy and of considerable tennage and wide operating radius enable them to cover a vastly extended teritory.

Their movements, especially at night, are difficults to control with the present means.

Here are a few more items well worthy of scrutiny which should include the search what transfers have been made lately in order to cover up the tracks . .

Naval Captain Kuridji Mabata was supervising the work of establishing bases on the West Coast of Vancouver Island, particularly at Surf Ma Inlet Minding Camp. Dredging was done there to bring it down to a depth of 60 feet. Tunels were constructed suitable for Storage of Cilta Was this work done with the knowledgeand the permission of the Department of Marine under the Navigable Waters Act. Has it been done by a the Department or by the Japanese. Who paid for it? Was it gazeted? Have the following Departments full knowledge of these and othersuch undertakings by the Japanese? i.e. the supervisor of Tidel and Currents. The Director of Naval Service. The Chief Hydrographer. Queen Charlotte Island Group;

- I) Moresby Island Extensive Timber limits .
- 2) Louise Island. See the enclosure A Study in Black for some details. The Iron Duke Property is represented by the Louise Mining Company (Japanese) have build five miles of railroad.

  Japanese workers were landed from floating Japanese canneries.

  If so, has the dept of Custom and of Immigration any knowledge of this?

  On the same Island is the

Queen Charlotte Timber Holdings Ltd .

Directors are. Chuhei Fukukawa , Vandouver , J.h. Lawson ,

Rasaki Ito . S. Dendoff . C.F. Lundell. L.L. Mc hee . Nelson Spencer (an associate of Chris Spencer , Blake Wilson) Was in the B.C. legs legislature . Ran as Candidate for mayor of Vancouver against Dr Ly Telford .

Alert Bay ( Radio Station ) Large timber holdings financed by Misso Pulp Co of Tokio behind which is the Japanese Government .

Directors are ; Sunei Kishi, S. Fukukawa . Helson Spencer J.H. Lawsa It also commands the Johnson Straits .

Cowichan Lake . Japanese interests bought large timber holdings from the Railway Company .

Mayne Island on Plumper Pass . commands the route between Vancouvera and Victorian how well settled with Japanese Fishermen and Vegetable

First class strategic position in the gulf of Georgia . .
Captain McGregor MacJatosh M.L.A. Is very much upset about the Penet penetration of his Mayne Island and can give you mure details . .
Ladysmith Logging Co .

Granby Copermine 's Output sold to Japan . See Newspaper clipping
Be Nickel Mine near Hope . Output sold to Japan . Dr Lyle Telford
draged into daylight some unsavory features about tis mine.

Chris.
Spencer

These are only some of the facts known to ms .

Two years ago the Kenleyside commission was sent out here to invest tigate the Japanese and held sittings in camera in Prince Ruppert Vi Victoria Vancouver and New Westminster. Subsequently Captain R.M. Wyndof the Royal Canadian Air force was sent here as a special investigator. He was supposed to travel the entire B.C. coast. If you can get access to the files in the respective department You ought to find interesting material provided he knew what and where to look for and was not prevented or affraid to tell the truth.

Kindly give my best regards and wishes to Mr J.S. Woodsworth and all the other members of the party .

Good Luck .

Yours very sincerely

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To Alderman H. Wilson

Dear Dir Jor over 10 years I have been preaching against Japanese invation of Canada. Their sound self satisfied book. They hate Birthish as much or more than the Openions do but they are so vily to secretive that they hide it, whereas Commons boast of it. However, much I hate to admit it the British are too star. That means Canada too. However the lawspose of my letter was to enquire whether it would be possible to bash a law of some kind requiring all brinss houses t stores to trint it in some way the identify their hationality so that a purchaser may shap to the didates of their conceiner. My three pet reducal

hater are Jako Zermouno & Jews. How instance I winderstand there is a ladies whose shalp on Robert run by a Marie moder some such name as flanette (Im not share of the name) bloo there are Jako who resemble chinese and there are many who when shoot shakening would do so with the lesser of the 2 ends. The Jews well they always have grade a practice of living in contrais abready theresed. They give their storts such names as abready theresed. They give their storts such names as abrable that now that they are being sent out of other fault will. Ind now that they are being sent out of other contrains we will be the sufficient their sufficients here. I thust you will overlook my mistakes but I get so excited on this subject that errors been occurring. I have mitten to the paper many times on the same subject wighting myself their (my own initials R.L.) for my histories site because he does not wish me to the constitutions. I perhaps hurt him in business. How the same reason yours impecifically

5124 Victoria Vancouver Blo ang 1 = 1940. ald a wilson toy. Dear Sir. I admire your stand in the Chy Council re the Osculat question. I have often wondered if the majority of the people of this City really understand. what has and is stell going on in this province, you have of his heard that there is no slave trafic in the Breliet Empire we have it right here Is it not the custom of the big Chinese merchants to pay the head law of chuce coming here, they are thew slaves for a number of years to these regetable farances till lit is paid off I believe it is the custome if a Chenaman breaks his contract The is an outcast amongst his people of that means he will starde as all labout is handled by the boss Cherama The jap does seem to have a little more freedome, beet I notice from one who lives in the next block from here the woman suns a dressmaking busines & up to recently the man evas longston Inotice that they lake laips to Japans very office One case that comes to my mind of some people in the

tool land they had brouble with the Radio, it extended all around the vicewily, It was found that a fat family had moved in the block what those wore for can it be that the stores in Pandouver bery cheap dresses that are produced by Eweat labor. It used to be done in Engla To gears ago to my knowledge, but I believe that here been outlawed. some years ago Just lake a look a look at the Chicamer that are aboard the Empress Boats they are herded asound the what always under great a aloop not working for the CPR but the boos Chenaman in China & no doubt paying comuck each trip. My contention is that there is Stave Trafic in the Brelich Empire. Wiching you the best of luck. A. Fatter Mile get addors John Sewin

aug. 7th 1940 SERRO DE PARGO COPPER CORPORATION Jun Inlet is in the 1164. Mehrelle St Washa yupon of B. C. Boundy Done Sir Tor quite a few years you have being trying to open the Peoples eyes to the Minuce in B.t. Us " happened to he on the June Charlotte Islands with an old hoopedor. in 1906-7-8 turing around in a 18 foot Suit-Boat from one Inlet to the other we after where hospecting others hospecting for aboloneys, a Thell Tish which they Line for met parties of them on Kunghit Toland also. Bayo in Boustoun-Hewart . Channel. also West toast. Jasso. Harbour. Gold Habour one they always had was a bamera always taking lictures. While living for Ufolones in Thedia Bay they Discovered the teopper One that led to the Staking of the Thedea mine in about 6 months time after the hoperty

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got going their must have been a couple of bundred Jaks working there some in old Sahanese Toldier Uniforms don't know where they came from or how they landed. This information was given to the left of National Defense M Jan. Mª Kenzie. Unite a few years ago quite a few dapo was in the Umerican Mary. mostly in the Stewards Dept. when the american Flect under Udmiral. Evans. Tighting. Bob ) was making a Lour of the World when they arrived in Japan his former. Mess-Boy was on the Rechtion Committee a Captain in the Japanese Navy after the Heet returned to the W.D.a. all Japo was let out of the american Navy if you look at the Map of Clasha it will give a you an idia of dar Inlet a how close to the Mention Tobando in Maska the Jako know of the In 1929 I gave the information to Mines about the Inlet also Mineral Cossiblilies of the Alera in the Interior also Possellities

I am sending oron these bonies to to show that I have been in the District Mentioned. When bob. W. M. Footer was Climbing Mount. Logan in the St. Elias Range I was hos heeting the Foot Hells living of the boundy with a 22 Rifle The i was with on the Uneon Charboole Istolo, Pat. July was the Man who opened the (Premier Mine) at Stewart. Portland Canal . B 6 may Be of we to you Please setum the lopies Mann. when finished. Glad you put your. air drive one. him the themands they to we have the ion of the Counter Udamente Every of temple of reas much of sudour of the Hair earlier They arrived in Eugeneen thes for our lass-12 in since on the Heaplan Germinite a te apien in the gardness the eye after it lest retended to the Hold of all of afranting ent of seguinarian Rower. at the thing of Alfanta it will dies if in inga of down milet, I show that to the allenter The water in the arte in the out the of the hours I sure the unionalist is no the le earl the Green who Memoral Corner He Interior al of moramine

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asked vity, considering accomplished in fine anada a national drama equally wer probably is that Iresmall country with artismeentrated in its capital, ong cultural backgrounds, rish have a natural gift inch assures the young nigh perfect interpretanigh perfect interpreta-o that the Abbey Theatre es its preservation to that there must be no nat in dealing with any ramatist must hold the and aim at an objective of intrusion of the dramaconvictions. written for the Abbey have seen it would be say what might be the economic and political zing thing in Ireland. It privilege to examine a lys by aspiring Canadian many instances there

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## JAPANESE PENETRATION.

Sir: Seeing that some interest is at last being shown in the persistent entry of the Japanese into our every line of endeavor, I will, with your permission, record two incidents that may help to

stimulate that interest.

As indicating the deep-seated nature of this "peaceful penetration," I recall in-formation given me by a friend who worked with Canadian Geological Survey parties for two or three seasons in the Mackenzie River area. For two, if not three, complete summers, the country between Waterways and the Arctis Ocean was thoroughly explored by a scientific party led by a certain Japanese baron (whose name I have forgotten).

This party each spring travelled down the Mackenzie on the first boat of the season, and each fal. returned on the last boat before freeze-up exactly as did the Canadian parties. It was understood by the Canadians that the Japanese had permission from Ottawa to make the expeditions. These trips were made before Manchuria was annexed by the Japanese. It would appear that comparisons of the two territories were made before the seizure of Manchuria was decided upon.

As an example of the present-day attitude of some of our local Japanese. the following incident is worth roting: A Lulu Island train was recently leaving Secretion for Vancouver; the conductor collected fares. A Japanese passenger refused to pay-"I not pay. Pretty soon we own this railway - then we don't have to pay!"

The conductor did not argue. He stopped the train and politely assisted

the man to the roadbed.

And we will permit the entry of 150 Japanese per annum, while British immigration is forbidden! What fools we are! ONE OF THE FOOLS.

Vancouver, February 4.

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3076 Euclid Ave., Vancouver, B.C. August 8th. 1940.

Mr. Alderman H.D.Wilson, City Hall, CITY. Pear Mr. Aldermant

I have noted with much interest and appreciation the stand you are taking on the Japanese question.

Hoping that it may be helpful to you, I am enclosing a cutting from the 'Province' - a letter written by me.

My informant re the Mackenzie River incident was my son - for three seasons in the North with the Geological outfit.

The Lulu Island incident was described to my daughter, by a lady present on the train at the time.

Do you recall the incident of the Pritish Sailors on shore leave in Formosa, reported two or three years since? They were captured by Japanese soldiers or police, and inhumanly tortured - splinters driven under their finger nails, etc..

We are dealing with thinly veneered barbarians! Fancy our having a 'gentleman's agreement' with such people. I would like to see them all thrown out - Canadian born, or imported!

More power to your elbow!

Yours very truly,

P.G. Abbutt.

P.S. I would ask you to treat this letter confidentially. I am eighty years old, and have no wish to be drawn into any public discussion. I might be able to hold my end up - but I don't want to be bothered.

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Dear Sir,

As yet I do not think I have had the pleasure of meeting

CHO...you, though I am given to understand that you are an ARDENT PHILATELIST This common interest is however not the subject of this letter.

Soon after I came to Vancouver, I bought a Booklet the title and Author of which if I recollect aright were "The Oriental Menace" by It was more or less received apathetically by Tom Mc. Innes. the general short-sighted and complacent public and little or no attention was given to the serious menace clearly outlined even at Ask any educated informed resident today of Bella that time. Cools, Ocean Falls or P. Rupert what the Japanese programme is and ou will hear plenty! Hearty congratulations for the fine stand ou are making! sincerely yours, you will hear plenty!

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#### CITY OF VANCOUVER

City Clerk's OFFICE

CITY HALL

August 8th, 1940.

Alderman H. D. Wilson, City Hall, City.

Dear Sir:

## Oriental Situation in British Columbia

I beg to notify you of the following recommendation of the Finance Committee of the 6th inst., not yet adopted by Council:-

"Recommended that a Special Committee comprising Alderman Wilson, His Worship the Mayor, Aldermen Cornett and Buscombe, be appointed to draft a resolution to be presented to the next meeting of the City Council and forwarded to Ottawa, expressing alarm at the presence of large numbers of Japanese scattered along the Coast of British Columbia."

Yours faithfully,

BHW/MM. sent to -Ald. Wilson. Mayor. Ald. Cornett. Ald. Buscombe.

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VANCOUVER, B. C., Aug. 7
(AP)—A resolution expressing alarm at the presence of Japanese on the British Columbia coast was in preparation by a special civic committee Wednesday for presentation to the city council.

The action was decided upon after Alderman Halford Wilson warned that Japanese fishing boats off the coast "could readily be transformed into torpedo-carrying warcraft by a bestile group."

hostile group."

"In Canada, and in British Columbia particularly, we have come to believe that the Japanese residents are not loyal to the empire, but are ferociously working for their own gods in far-on Japan," he said.

"That s. tuation exists today

"That s tuation exists today just as it did years ago, except that there are far more Japanese here than there were at that time. They have given no support to our war effort and have made few donations to the Red Cross."

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# MEDICAL ARTS SMOKE SHOP

TOBACCOS MAGAZINES CONFECTIONS FILMS... R. G. MACFARLANE

1584 S.W Upper Hall Street.

PORTLAND, OREGON

August 8th 1940.

Alderman Halford Wilson. Vancouver. B.C.

Dear Mr Wilson.

Referring to the enclosed.

For your information there are many Britishers - English, Scotch and Canadian - here in the States of Washington, Oregon and California, who are intensely lôyal and fanatically patriotic towards the Empire and all its parts and who are deeply desirous of returning to the Empire, anxious to support wholeheartedly the war effort and to make all donations, over and above a living wage, to the Red Cross and other service organizations but who have been discouraged in all efforts.

Our letters to London, Ottawa and Vancouver bring the reply that manpower and our services are not now needed and we are advised to stay where we are, though burning to get in our little measure of help, aid and assistance in this war.

It is true your Japanese are probably mostly fishermen and cannery workers and most of us here have other and varied occupations and are above active service age limits. Personally, I am an Accountant-Auditor-Executive aged 51. But with ultra-nationalism and fifth column activities running so high, there must surely be some way by which disloyal and unappreciative Japanese, German and Italian naturalized or native citizens can be replaced by fanatical Britishers anxious to return and help defend the Empire.

Cordial Mac Garland;

# 1) Japs On The Coast

Presence of Japanese settlers on our Pacific Coast and apprehension as to their actual intentions is no new story in Canadian history. It goes back 40 to 50 years to the days when the first Japanese appeared in the fishing villages and in his motor boat among the halibut fishing fleets. The tide of protest has risen and died away, but always reappears and usually each fresh tide is stronger than the last. Charges that these fishermen were officers and ratings of the Japanese navy have been made and discredited, although it was generally admitted that any smart fisherman and navigator could do all that was required in the way of chart making for Tokyo. Increase in the number of Japanese on the coast in the past decade has added to the strength of the movement to stamp out this menace to Canadian safety. Now we have a special civic committee named in Vancouver to draft a resolution to be presented to the city council expressing alarm at the numbers of Japanese on the British Columbia Coast. If approved the resolution will be forwarded to Ottawa.

This is almost word for word the same protest which has been made over and over again out there. Ottawa has never taken adequate steps to satisfy the protests of our own white people on the coast, in fact tended rather to chide them for their foolish fears. Besides which it was considered poor policy and poor business to take harsh steps. Trade with Japan had to be considered.

However, with a war on our hands, with Fifth Column activities before our eyes and with the definitely anti-British adopted by Tokyo in the past few months, the Government may at last see its way to act. Alderman Wilson, of Vancouver, is opposed to the issuance of trade licenses to Orientals in Vancouver. Such a step might be construed as undue interference with the rights of the individual. But the yardsticks by which we measured such things as national safety and individual rights 10 months ago are worthless today. Hitler has forced us to think in terms of betrayals, treachery, espionage and the blitzkrieg. If we continue to think and act in terms of a year ago we have failed to read or heed the signs of the times.



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E. D. BUSBY, M.D., F.A.C.S. 556 WELLINGTON ST.

Londow . Out . august 9/40.

alderman A.D. Tilson. % bity Hall Vancours BC

Dear Sir: In the issue of the London Free Press of wen date appears the following Editorial. vz: Japa On The Pacific Coast and as you may not have seenthy aon herwith taking the liberty of inclosing same to you, as I my much appreciate the stand you have taken upon this matter, and trust you will trus up your good

I reside when at home at 6445 ader w came. Street Vancourse, my wife and I are at the present lime visiting with our con or E. A. Buch and his family how -Histing you way success and with Tund regards, I remain.

yours sincenty. 6. S. Bearby

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VOLUME 1/4: H.D. WILSON, CORRESPONDENCE -AUG. - DEC. 1940. 3463 Marine Dr. Cancour. Fri, lug 9/40 Ul. X. Delson lity Hall. Caneouver, B.C Dear Ser: -Thewriterevasmore than pleased to read in the hew's Kerald of Eugust 4/40 of your rewarks concerning the gapanese resident in Butish Columbia. The Las read of your spinions in the part on the subject, but - though more than agreeing with you was, like many others, content to let

matters take their lourse.

VOLUME 1/4: H.D. WILSON, CORRESPONDENCE -

Unvoiced approval is not of much lese to you, is it? So this letter is written, - to tell you that love lat it is worth you most artainly love the writers support in whatever action you may take leading to rigid control of the Japanese in this Province There are so many reasons for this line of action that to reweent them would take a volume - and you know them better then does the writer may be merely repeat tal you lave Lis real support and add that there are many other young wen who feel more strongh than this letter indicates. James W. Macken Lincerely

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1770 Rebson STREET Vancouver B.C. August 10/40

Yours to help Soulder

Ald. H. D. WILSON City Hall Vancouver B.C.

Rethe Japanese question

Bear Sir; -

Our members and myself are very proud of the attitude you are taking in regard to these obnexious to say the least. What we would like to see would be the deportation of them all, we will have to tackle this question seen so why put it off any longernew is our opportune time. I think that we should start to educate the people to buy british goods also get after the department stores to quit buying from japanese firms, and by so doing we would take away the temptation when they see japanese goods displayed for sale.

We are willing to give you any help we possibly can any other way we can to help build our city to the bigget and best city in

Canada, again thanking you for your past efforts and hoping for

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good result& from them.

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1237 East King Edward.

Aug. IIth. 1940.

To cromtroller Willson.

DEAR SIR.

Is certainly glad to see you at the City Hallare taking up the Japanese question in B.C.

It is about something was done about it. When hie time comes for them it will be too late to do anything about it and a few dollars for war funds woulds - be a small sum to pay for a beautifull CITY and province like B. C. and Vancouver.

OFcourse their methods are distinctly on the termite side.

Itook four years to learn a good trade and when my husband could not:
get work Itook up my old trade to support my five children who were in
school. Iwas paying my way and just managing to keep off \*\*\* relief
when the landlord rentedthe shop next door to a Jap.

The work of course went to the JAP although Iput prices so low Icould hardly pay my rentand at last Igave up which is exactly what the JAP was aiming for.

where ever they are property detoriates and in time we shallhave a city with slums in beautifullKitsalano and every else-- where else.

AtPender Harbourthese is allways trouble over the fishing because they can break the laws and get away with it , awhite man has to keep the fishing laws.

They certainly ruined Fairview. surely the property owners have some rights it takes a whole lifetime for some of us to buy as home.

THANking you MR Willson for the stand you are taking for BEC: Tam: sir faithfully yours.

Maud Rutherford.

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R.R.#1 Milner, B.C.

August 12, 1940.

Alderman Wilson City Hall Vancouver, B.C.

Dear Mr. Wilson:

I am very glad indeed to see that you are keeping the Japanese question well to the front. You seem to be the only one who is taking an active part now. The Congress, of which you attended one or two meetings, seems to have faded out since Mr. Mackinrot, the secretary, moved to his farm. Our White Canada Organization during the last year has to some extent been marking time, as I also have left Vancouver and am now living on our farm here. However, as secretary, I am still keeping up the work as far as possible. I enclose copy of a letter which I am sending to the Hon. Mr. Crerar, Deputy Minister of Immigration, whom I happen to have the pleasure of knowing quite well. I would particularly call your attention to the suggestion with reference to the Order in Council, and if you think well of it, may I suggest that you urge the same thing in the City Council and elsewhere.

I do not think there is anything which would put a crimp in the Japanese operations so quickly as the prohibition of the export of all metals from Canada. The U.S. has already prohibited the exportation of scrap iron and I do not think it would take very much more for them to prohibit the export

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August 12, 1940.

Alderman Wilson

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of all metals. If this was done Japan would be in the tremely difficult situation, and it is very doubtful whether she could extend hereoperations against either Hongkong or the Dutch East Indies, which appears to be what she is aiming at. With best regards,

Yours very truly,

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MANAGES STREET, STREET

R.R.#1 Milner, B.C. August 12, 1940.

The Henourable Er. T.A. Crerar Minister of Immigration Ottawa. Ont.

Dear Mr. Crerar:

I am not sure whether I should address this letter to you or to some other member of the Cabinet, but if it should be to some other member, then no doubt it will be passed on.

I want to suggest that an Order in Council should be passed under the War Measures Act prohibiting the exportation from Canada of any metals or ores from which metals are made, which are used in the manufacture of munitions, to any country other than these fighting on the side of the allies or which is engaged in the manufacture of munitions and implements of war for the Allies. This would mean, for all practical purposes, the prohibition of the export of any metals to any country of the world other than the British Commonwealth and United States, and would of course effectually prevent the exportation of metals to Japan, and through Japan to Russia, or through Russia to Germany. This, I am sure, would at least temporarily cool down the fast growing agitation on the coast here against the Japanese, and sould not or should not give offense to the Japs or make the situation between Great Britain and Japan any worse than it is, as it would be purely

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August 12, 1940

The Hon. Er. T.A. Crerar

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a war measure. This would be in line with similar regulations in the United States prohibiting the expertation of scrap iron to Japan.

It seems rather an anomely that the United States, which is not directly threatened by Japan should prohibit the exportation of scrap iron, while Canada, who as part of the British Commonwealth is very directly threatened, continues to export it, as well as copper and nickel.

In this connection I would like to point out that while there are no doubt many active Masi sympathisers in Canada, comparatively few of the German population are under the direct control of the German Consulate, whereas with the Japanese, all, with few exceptions, are under the direct central of the Japanese Consul. Should war break out between Japan and Great Britain, it seems at the moment to be quite a possibility you are going to be faced with an extremely serious situation at the coast. The registration of fire arms among Japs should be proceeded with immediately, in fact it will be much better to take all fire arms away from Japanese, and enact very severe penalties for anyone owning a shongun or any other fire arm and not registering it. There will no doubt be numerous instances of white men, through negligence or ignorance, not registering, but in the case of Japs I can hardly imagine any such excuse, and a fine or even a short prison term would, in view of the potential danger, be entirely inadequate.

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August 12, 1940.

The Hon. Mr. T.A. Orerar

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You may think that I seem to be assuming that in the event of war with Japan the very great majority of Japs will be active fifth columnists. You will remember a conversation I had with you at the Hotel Vancouver some two or more years ago. As Secretary of our Committee for the last ten years, I have been very intimately associated with this Japanese problem, and I may say that I have not a shadow of a doubt that in the event of war, the overwhelming majority of the adult Japanese, certainly the males and probably the females, will be active fifth columnists whenever the epportunity occurs.

I am very glad indeed that the Government have decided to grant no more naturalisation papers to any aliens for the present, and also have decided to register all fire arms. I am also glad to see this system of registration going through. It is long everdue. When Mr. Keenleyside was out here holding his inquiries with reference to the Japanese question, our committee advocated the registration of all Japanese in the same way that Chinese have been registered for many years. He asked if we thought it would be advisable to extend this registration to cover the whole population. Our answer was emphatically "Yes." I trust this system of registration will be kept up after the war. We have such a large floating foreign element, and something of this kind even in peace time conditions would seem very advisable.

Sincerely yours.

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56 East 23rd Avenue, VANCOUVER. B. C. 13th August 1940.

Alderman H.D. Wilson, City Hall.

Dear Mr. Wilson:

Three members of this household, all voters, have frequently spoken in recent months about writing to congratulate you on the consistent stand you have taken on the Japanese question in all its remifications.

The report in tonight's PROVINCE once more reminds us of our dilatoriness in expressing our appreciation of your efforss.

We are not of those who, three years ago, were ever heard to use the phrase DONT BE NATIONAL, probably the most silly slogan ever mouthed by a Britisher. We have always claimed that ware as national as the Scotch bagpipes.

Repp going on the good work of worrying these people who every way you take it are the worst eneries in our midst.

Most respectfully yours,

alexander fambie.

P.S. You are a busy man, This is a pure note of congratulation and does not call for any response.

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VANCOUVER, B.C. Aug. 13.40.

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

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I feel sure everyone is behind you in your efforts.

Yours truly

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August 15th, 1940.

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During recent weeks in the City of Vancouver, and in view of the attitude adopted by the Covernment of Japan towards the British Empire, considerable anxiety has been expressed by numerous citizens of Vancouver as to the status of the many thousands of Japanese in our City and along the coast of British Columbia. The Vancouver City Council has, as a result, been discussing the matter, and dispatched a resolution to the Federal Government outlining views held by its members.

On Monday of this week Japanese citizens, naturalized and Canadian-born, appeared before the Council in order to clear any doubt as to their loyalty to Canada and the Empire. However, certain facts were brought out which, in my opinion, are deserving of serious consideration, and more particularly at this time during the national registration of our citizens. It is a common practice for parents of Japanese racial origin to register their children with the local Japanese Consul, which grants to these children, by an Act of the Imperial Parliament of Japan, Japanese citizenship, with the result that they are placed in the preferred position, viz: that of dual citizenship - Canadian as well as Japanese subjects. The same privilege applies to naturalized Canadians of Japanese origin who have been previously registered in Japan.

During these critical times, and when our people are under stress, I feel that the Canadian Government should take action in declaring that no Canadian can enjoy dual citizenship, giving allegiance to two countries.

Section 7, Subsection (a) of the National Registration Form, if completed by Canadian-born Japanese, places them on record as giving allegiance to Canada, but I respectfully augest that, in the case of citizens of a racial origin whose Government acknowledges dual citizenship, such as in the case of Japan, all Canadian-born Japanese should be compelled to produce, for perusal by the Deputy Registrar, a certificate from the local

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I am certain that reference to the Immigration Department will show that Canadian-born Japanese returning to Japan who require a Canadian passport because they have not been registered as Japanese subjects through the Consul are very few in number.

May I also bring to your attention another disturbing factor in the minds of many of our people -- the fact that registration of Japanese, in the main, is being conducted by the Japanese themselves. Here again I feel that the full benefit of national registration will not produce the information required from the Japanese without some confirmation as to the accuracy of the answers given by a white Canadian who has some knowledge of the registrant.

It is a matter of general knowledge that for the past number of years there have been resident in British Columbia Japanese who have entered illegally. Whether or nor the R.C.M.P. have located all such people I am not prepared to state. There has been one case at Steveston, in the Municipality of Richmond, B.C., where a Japanese who has not obtained his naturalization papers has been registering the inhabitants of that Japanese Community, and it is such instances as these that cause alarm.

In addressing this communication to you, I am expressing my own views, but, from the number of phone calls and conversations which I have had with residents of Vancouver, I believe that the suggestions put forward are generally concurred in.

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Dear Sie I want to let you know that I admire the stand you have been amozed at the inaffermen of an public men to the danger of the Japanese puritation widently the lessons of other eventries do not count with them. Japa ought to be treated as fairly here as lanadiam are treated by them, and not one whit better. When the family the is, there the roots are also the heart. There is no such a thing as a Japanese lanadiam they are either lanadiams or Japa. I believe wery Jap ought to be jugar printed and all those here illegally, deported. I are retired from Winings, so not in danger of their completition. and will be delighted to assist any and all time,

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SHANGHAI, CHINA

August 22, 1940.

Mr. A. J. Shaw R R No. 2 New Westminster, B.C.

Dear Dad,

I am enclosing herewith a copy of the letter I sent to Mr. Strachan. Mr. Strachan is Charlie Strachan's father whom I lived with when I was at the University.

It was written as I have explained after I heard this radio report and I am not sure whether I have made myself quite clear or not. However, I hope I have as Mr. Strachan is most interested in subjects such as this.

Today is August 22nd, and we have enjoyed twentytwo days of perfect weather. The average temperature ranging between 96 - 98 which for ice cream is considered ideal. It has put our sales well ahead of last year's and we all feel very pleased about it.

However, this has been the most critical week in the history of Shanghai in that the British troops have left. To go away is easy but to come back is extremely hard and many people are doubtful if ever British troops will be seen here again. This, of course, means a loss of prestige and that the dominant position the British have always maintained in this city is gradually on the wane.

I will write again within a few days.

Yours very sincerely,

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August 20, 1940.

Mr. Strachan, M. P. House of Parliament Victoria, B. C. Canada

Dear Mr. Strachan:

A short radio report I heard the other night of a statement made to the Vancouver City Council by one of the leaders of the Japanese community in British Columbia to the effect that all the Japanese residents of British Columbia are so loyal to Canada that if a squadron of Japanese war ships approached the coast of British Columbia they would all fight against it with other Canadians; has so amused me that I thought I would write to you. I say that the statement amused me, it does more than that, for it shows exactly with what contempt the Japanese in B. C. view the intelligence of the officials there, and it makes me furious that they have the effrontery to say publicly the Council is a lot of suckers and therefore will believe anything they say.

One of the first things you have to learn in the East, Mr. Strachan, to do business is that you can not believe or take at face value everything you hear, or everything that you are told. As children peoples of western countries are told that honesty is the best policy and that I think is predominant in most persons. But children are not taught that here, honesty in private life or public life in the East is not as we know it and we cannot accept statements made by Orientals as we can from our public officials. An Oriental, nine cases out of ten when asked a question or asked to make a statement, will immediately think. "what do my listeners went to hear, and what reply will do me the most good". The honesty of the statement, the actual facts of the case will always be changed to suit these two requirements. This is fundamental. A servant in your household analyzes each question you may ask in this manner, and the irony of the whole situation is that only the dumb ones, or the not so bright ones, will tell you the truth because they can't figure things out so well. A clever one uses the above formula invariably. Clerks and assistants in offices are just the same, and the result is often that you prefer the men who think slowly because you have a better chance of getting the facts of a case when you need them.

I know Mr. Strachan, that when the Japanese made that statement to the Council that is the way he thought. He considered the facts or the truth after he figured what the Council would best like to hear.

It is not logical to think that nationals of another color anywhere lose contact with their homeland to such an extent that they would fight. My love for Canada grows more each year I am away. I will wager that each Japanese in

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British Columbia dreams and saves to get back to his own prefecture on one of those pretty islands. I do not think anyone of them would fight the Japanese navy if it came, any quicker them I would think of fighting against Canadian Naval ships. The Japanese residents of Manchuria called for not fought against the Army as did the Japanese residents of China, and their call was answered, while those in the Philippines and the Netherland East Indies are doing the same today. The Japanese in Canada are not of a different creed.

I was playing golf with Ted Ross, the freight man in the C.P.R. office here. the other afternoon, when he happened to mention that he was still booking cargo direct to London via Camada. I aksed him what was moving to which he replied. "raw silk". He went on to say that shipments now are few and far between. They had only one Chinese shipper left and a few foreign firms that got a few bales now and then. It brought to my mind at once that this was the picture of business in Shanghai today. Only one Chinese shipper left. The other shippers of course are Japanese, shipping in Japanese bottoms, they had eased the others out.

Our frozen egg business, of which I have written, is in an identical position, Japanese companies are taking over by all and any means at their disposal, the main one boing to forbid all companies except Japanese to deal with the country side from which such things as eggs and milk come. Tea, wood-oil etc. etc., in fact all Chinese exports are already or soon will be under complete Japanese control.

I say American business men do a pretty good job of keeping their government advised as to conditions in Shanghai, and the best proof I can show you of this is to enclose a page of an American owned newspaper published in Shanghai showing the defense sector which the U. S. Marine Corps took from the British troops when they left Shanghai. This new defense sector includes the part of the city which faces the river and which contains the commercial center of the city including all the banks, Customs house, main office buildings etc. When the British troops were here, they controlled two sectors - one near the river and one in the western park. When it came to a question of who should control these sectors, the Japanese almost insisted on their taking control of both sectors, but the Americans stood firm and insisted that they entrol the most important one leaving the Japanese to control the one in the western district which is in reality a residential area. I believe that the map in this paper, which I am enclosing, together with the description contained therein will make this fairly clear to you although I realize it is pretty complicated.

I enjoy being able to write to you about a few things as I see them and I only hope that I am able to make muself clear enough.

I expect to be in Canada next year and I am going to make a point of soming to see you when the pheasants are in season on your farm.

Sincerely yours,

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lun Ang 25/40. 4/22 Alderman Wilson. Vancouver. Dear Sir. Just a latter to express my personal thanks and appreciation of your stand against the gap. They are all rate and traitors to the British govt and to our people, and whether we admit it or not, Japan has been, and still is, waging an undeclared war against us; They come here, grat everything, logging, fishing, business, est, away from the white folks, at same time we all know they have taken photos of all forts, air-ports, bridges, have long ago taken soundings of all our inlets, bays, rivers, charted our Coastline and are still spying around: they also have got all places and points marked for future Sabotage against us, yet, because some of us are finally waking up and seeing the Jop in his true colour he begins to whine and claim he is being persecuted and driven out of all industry and business, which shows him to have the same perverse mentality as the despicable Hun. There was a letter in Sat Province Aug 17, by a Lieut Col Lyons

best and latest styles of clothes, their children too, all are well fed, able to go all shows, picnics, and are always to be found out at Kitsilano and other beaches adjoining our Sea-plane Pase particularly when there are manauners on -? How are they making so much money if not by the "Dope Racket". I have always believed that certain Jap ships coming here unload large shipments of dope attached to floats out in the gulf and as pre-arranged, certain fap fish boats pick it up and bring it in openly, as they have their own docks and where there are no officials to question them. I also believe they are shifting it wholesale to the U.S. thru a hole in the fence such as only a slant-eyed cunning and slimy fap would find; and like many others I believe the Japs have had machine guns, est, sent to them from Japan, in boxes, dismantled of course, and while still out in the wide gulf unloaded from Jap freighters onto Jap fish boats and into here at night after lark and hidden out in secret strategic Jap properties in readiness, in case, as they believe - that Hitler will crush the British Empire, then Japan will Jamponts our west coast with a "Blitz Krieg" and all the Japo here will be armed and ready to turn upon us here as they have planned long ago.

556 West 24th.Ave., Vancouver, B.C. August 29th.1940.

Alderman Halford D. Wilson. Vancouver, B.C.

Dear Sir:

On March 6th.1940 you wrote me advising that you would make every effort to prevent Orientals using their stores as places of residence and particularly stores being proposed for erection at Cambie and 24th.

The block on Cambie between 24th. and 25th. as mow being prepared for store buildings. I think this would be an opportune time, before permits are issued, to require that the buildings be erected for places of business and not as semi-residences.

I realize that the homes in the immediate vicinity of the stores will lose in resale value but if the health and sanitation laws are maintained, which I doubt can be done when a family resides in one or two rooms at the rear of the store, we should be able to maintain a fair value in our homes.

Any assistance you give towards this end will be greatly appreciated.

Respectfully yours.

Robert Barton.

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H.D. Wilson

August 30, 1940

Robert Barton, Esq., 556 W. 24th Avenue, Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Mr. Barton:

Your letter of yesterday's date has been received.

Unfortunately, Alderman Wilson is at present out of the City on Militia duty, expected back about the 8th of September.

However, this matter will certainly be brought to his attention upon his return.

Yours very truly,

CITY CIERK'S DEPARTMENT

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Set 12th 140 60 - Columbia SI 4/25 New Westminster B.C.

Dear fi am very much interested in your stand you are taking against the fapanese they are a real minas in this province am inclosing an article I cut out of an eastern paper printed recently, if you have not already read this article it will give you some more inlightment on this quistion -I have lived in and around Vancouver prince 1899 and know something about this minas -I hope to live long enough to see laws prawed to stop the influx of this class of undesirable I hanking you for the magnificent stand you are taking on this question and hoping that you will son for mayor of Vancouver in the coming election and wishing you every success

your sincerely

N. C. Johnson

### 16th September 1940

H. A. Urquhart, Esq., License Inspector, Vancouver,

Dear Mr. Urquhart:

I am enclosing herewith letter from Mr. J. O. Gill, barrister and solicitor, who is registering a complaint on behalf of his client regarding two tailors, one a Japanese and the other a Chinaman in the 2400 Block, Main Street.

The complaint is that they carry on their business long after closing hours under the By-law and that his client, who is elso a tailor, considers this type of competition unwarranted.

Having some knowledge of the locality I know that there are grounds for complaint and I would suggest that your inspectors look into the matter and take the necessary steps to see that those complained of, observe the closing by-law.

Yours very truly,

haw/hpm

Acting Mayor

#### 18th September 1940

J. C. Gill, Esq., 406-8 Dominion Bank Bldg., Vancouver.

Dear Mr. Gill:

I beg to acknowledge your letter regarding complaint of your elient G. Callegari. I am aware or the manner in which K. Awai and C. Ling, Tailors, in the 2400 Block, Main Street, conduct their business and the complaint of your elient is a legitimate one and as you no doubt are aware, it is a matter that I have endeavoured to have stopped.

I am referring your letter to the License Inspector with the request that he check on the parties complained

Yours very truly,

Acting Mayor

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Alderman H.D.Wilson City Council City Hall Vancouver, B.C.

Dear Sir,

## Re Japanese in British Columbia.

Having recently arrived in Vancouver after being resident in Shanghai for over 20 years, I have the honour to endorse the resolution put forward by yourself to the City Council at today's meeting of the Civic Finance Committee, and to add the following suggestions:-

(1). Organise all Japanese males of military age into a Land Army to work on the land in the National interest.

#### or alternatively,

(2). Let them be incorporated into skilled trades or industry for which they may be specially fitted and working under supervision in the Nation's effort.

Pay and conditions could be arranged to suit their standard of living, but they certainly should not be permitted to exploit the country while the youth of Canada is making its sacrifice in the Empire's cause of freedom.

I was speaking to a Canadian resident in Kobe, Japan on my way over (his home town was Vancouver), and he told me how difficult the Japanese were making it for him to earn a livlihood there. This is happening to thousands of other Britishers who have made their homes in Japan and China.

Your opinion is very sound that "They should not be trained in any Naval or Military service" because they would always be a potential menace to the safety and security of this

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country. The present slogan in Japan of "Asia for the Asiatics" will extend in course of time to other hemispheres, and knowing the psychology of the Japanese it is my opinion, that the action you are now taking to curb future possibilities, is very wise indeed.

Wishing you every success in your efforts.

Yours respectfully,

Gordon E. Knight

H. D. Wilson.

September 24, 1940.

To the Chairman and Members of the Finance Committee, City Hall, Vancouver, B. C.

Gentlemen:

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It has been drawn to my attention by numerous calls that many Vancouver citizens view with alarm the proposal of the Federal Government to call for Military Training British subjects of Japanese racial origin.

It is pointed out that in view of Japan's hostile attitude toward Great Britain and its opposition to anything that savours of British influence, the establishment along Canada's Pacific Coast of large numbers of highly trained soldiers who are Japanese is to court eventual trouble and possible disaster.

Japanese in British Columbia must be placed in a different category from that of other British subjects in that they are not British subjects by choice but rather automatically receive this honour as a result of birth in Canada. The vast majority of Japanese British subjects have elected Japanese citizenship evidenced by their registration with the Japanese Consul. It must be evident to any thinking person, particularly when the local Japanese have expressed, through their own periodicals published here, that they are in sympathy with the policy of the Japanese Government, that the concentration of Japanese trained troops in the midst of a large Japanese population is one requiring serious consideration.

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I am cognizant of the fact that it is not fair to leave Japanese firmly embedded in British Columbia industry while our own Canadian youth bears arms in defence of the Country. If it is the intention of the Federal Government to train Japanese then the same ratio of Japanese troops to population should be sent to the front lines as prevails in the case of White Canadians. The balance of Japanese of Military age should be stationed in Eastern Canada and away from the Pacific Coast, where the United States and Canada are expending millions against a possible attack from Japan.

In bringing this matter before you this afternoon, I am submitting a resolution which I trust will receive your sympathetic consideration.

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HASTINGS AND CARRALL STREETS

VANCOUVER, B.C.

September 26, 1941.

OFFICE OF GENERAL SALES MANAGER

> Mr. A. L. Brown, Asst. General Sales Manager, Northern Electric Company, Ltd., 1261 Shearer St., Montreal, Quebec.

Dear Art:

This letter will introduce to you Alderman Halford D. Wilson of the City of Vencouver, who is visiting Eastern Canada both on personal and civic business. Alderman Wilson takes a very keen interest in all community activities and has devoted a tremendous amount of time to the development of Vancouver's Airport, which is considered one of the finest in the Dominion. If you can be of any service whatsoever while he is in Montreal I would appreciate it very much.

Sincerely yours,

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2294 W. 10th. Ove Vancouver, Bl. Sept. 29. 1940

sit: I wonder if you heard a news broadcast this evening which stated that young american Japanese are applying for passports to Jopan: One may ask how many B. b. Japanese possess such a divided allegiance and whether those who wish to give them a vote realize why they are returning so suddenly. It is no use to deny that Japan is now Britains potential enemy. Please of bringing before the

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DATE Sept. 30th /40

Mr. Alderman Halford Wilson. City Hall. Vancouver.B.C.

Dear Mr. Wilson.

In view of the splendid stand you have taken about the Japanese situation in British Columbia, I would like to pay my personal tribute to your efforts, and to suggest to you that now is the logical time to follow up the work you have already done, and dont allow Mayor Telford to steal your thunder, a sport at which he is very adept ...

May I suggest to you that the most effective weapon we have is now free to be used... Concentrated Boycott...
You have the figures of how many Grocers, Confectioners, dry cleaners.ect.are operated in Vancouver under Japanese license... This system of Boycott, if co-ordinated through all the local spevice clubs, and representative organisations can be made a formidable weapon, without embaressing our Governments now that the Axis, japanese treaty has gone into effect.... This id just what we have been waiting for, an opportunity to deal them an effective body blow without appearing to use discriminating methods ....

Let us start a silent campaign , each and every one of us pledged to boycott them all and induce our friends and neighbours to do the same...We know conclusively, that without the trade of the white people they cannot exist, and I believe you will find this a very popular campaign amongst the rank and file of Vancouver,s citizens ..

Your connection with these different Organisations places you in a very logical position to start this weapon taking effect at once ... I keep calling it a weapon because, to me, it makes their position in our midst absolutely untenable..

I know that you are a very busy man these days, but I also realise that this Japanese subject is very close to your heart, as it is to most of the Vancouver people, and that is why I am making this suggestion to you as the logical person to start it off... If you have time I shall be pleased to hear from you, as this letter is written in all seriousness and happens to be first letter of its kind I have ever written to any public representative. written to any public representative.

Yours very Sincerel

Suite 23.-- I306 Bidwell Street Van Youver.B.C.

556 West 24th.Ave., Vancouver, B.C., October 1st.1940.

Alderman H. Wilson, Vancouver, B.C.

Dear Sir:

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I again wrote you recently in regard to obtaining your assistance towards preventing Orientals occupying stores as places of residence and with particular reference to the stores now being erected on Cambie between 24th and 25th. You were out of the city at the time and your secretary kindly acknowledged my letter.

I am now informed that living quarters in the store are being built and that a Chinese family including four children will occupy them. The residents of this district take strong exception to this tenancy.

The district has been zoned for stores and we must accept this position, but we do not intend accepting the position of stores being used as places of residence as well as business, particularly by Orientals. We look to the Aldermen to protect our interests and we know that especially from you, Mr. Wilson, we are assured of every effort in this direction.

I shall appreciate it very much if you will write me giving your views on this position, thanking you,

Respectfully yours,

Robert Barton.

ALDERMAN Halford D. Wilson



TELEPHONE FAIRMONT 2711

VANCOUVER.B.C.

October 2, 1940.

A. B. Martin, Esq., c/o Zellerbach Corporation, SAN FRANCISCO, California.

Dear Mr. Martin:

I am taking this opportunity of writing you in connection with a plant at Ocean Falls.

You are probably aware that in Vancouver, the feeling against Japanese is becoming very tense and bitter, and your Corporation, as a large employer of Japanese labour, no doubt is vitally interested in the situation in view of your large capital investment in the Province.

Reports and rumours are being spread to the effect that white men in Ocean Falls are being discriminated against in favour of Japanese. This appears to be intensified against any white man who expresses any animosity towards Japanese in this Province, who are gradually penetrating the economic life of the Province, and are found to give a very definite challenge as to standards which shall prevail here.

One case of a dismissal from your plant was brought to my attention and later confirmed by enquiries on my part from an independent source, indicating and becomes factoristain opposition which he had expressed to Japanese.

In writing you at this time, I find it difficult to believe that an American Corporation would give preference to Japanese, and therefore I am writing to ascertain, provided you feel inclined to do so, if those responsible for the employment of men discriminate against Canadian labour in preference to Japanese.

As one who is vitally interested in this problem, I can assure you that it would meet with widespread approval with people in British Columbia, if your Company

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450 East 53rd Avenue, Vancouver, B.C.

October 5, 1940.

Editor, News Herald:

Dear Sir:-

I was very much interested in two letters that appeared in the News Herald of the 3rd instant, namely Jack White "Supports Wilson" - and James Moore "Criticizes Wilson". I agree with Mr. Jack White who supports Alderman Wilson's views in his letter regarding the Japanese in B.C.

The latter, James Moore, who "Criticizes Wilson" by the tone of his letter is either a Japanese himself or a Japanese paid agent. Japan is not a peaceful nation. She equals Germany in terrorism and barbarism. Japan's war in China should have been checked by all nations long ago. The law-abiding, smooth and courteous attitude of Japanese in foreign lands is not genuine. Japan is treacherous. She is an opportunist. Her military alliance with Britain's enemies recently shows the true make-up and character of Japan as a nation. The Japanese brutal behaviour towards British subjects at Tientsin, China, was ample proof that the Japanese are not friends of the British people. The bombing of the "Empress of Asia" - a Canadian ship deliberately by the way from reports was not a friendly act towards Canada. Japan's provocation to both British and American subjects in China, by killing, insulting, arresting and apologizing after the deeds, deserves no sympathy from either English-speaking nations.

James Moore says that Ald. Wilson sits at the Council Meetings like a bump on a log and has never yet offered one constructive thought for the welfere of the city. What a false statement.

The best speech I ever heard was last April delivered by Ald. Wilson at a St. George Society banquet at which many prominent citizens, including Canadian Army, Air force and Navy leaders, attended - addressed the gathering. Ald. Wilson showed that he was well versed in historic and geographic position of Canada and the British Empire. Ald. Wilson is an active member of Canada's army. He proposed and was Chairman of the Vancouver Air Supremacy Drive which we all know was a huge success and to which I personally donated with joy.

Abderman Wilson proposed to give Gracie Fields a civic reception. This itself was good advertising, not only for British Columbia but for Canada as a whole. I say young Wilson is a statesman and should be our next mayor.

Thanking you for your space, I am

Yours truly, & Donahue

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Vencouver B.C.
Oct:5th 1940

Alderman Halford Willson

Dear Sir, allow me to congratulate you upon
your stand re the Japanese. His honour the Mayor seems
to be very mealy-mouthed about them! if he had read the
article in the Daily Province of Sept. Mal4th. about the
Japanese town of Mio. in Japan, he would see what fine
Canadian Citizens they make. He might also read his papers
end read about the constant evasions of the R.C. laws re
Fishing. Hunting. Logging etc, as far insulting them, if they
are not now the Enemies of this British Empire, what are they?
and if our dear mayor thinks that they would have any compunction
about bombing us(if they could) as they have bombed the
innocent Chinese women add children, he has another think
coming! He, the mayor talks a lot about keeping up our
standard of living, but his words belie him.

P.S.

You might also keep an eye on ProffjAngus, another strong Pro Jap.

Yours truly

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October 9th, 1940

Commissioner F.J. Mead, R. G. M. P. Headquarters, Federal Building, VANCOUVER, B. C.

Dear Sir:

I regret the delay in forwarding to you a copy of a Brief submitted to Dr. Keenlyside, dealing with the Oriental Situation.

The Brief, prepared by myself with the assistance of ex-Alderman Harry DeGraves, outlines to a considerable extent my views on the Oriental Situation, as it existed prior to Japan's open hostility to the Empire, so that any recent change in attitude leans towards an intensified campaign to bring about an early solution to the problem presented as a result of the numbers of Grientals, particularly Japanese, in our Province.

I might say that in conjunction with others, several plans to further this end have been prepared, but as a result of our recent interview, I am desirous of again seeing you before any immediate steps are taken by any Organization with which I am associated.

Trusting to hear from you upon your return to the City.

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Yours very truly,

HDW:MH Enclosure Halford D. Wilson ALDERMAN

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TELEPHONE TRINITY 1657

T. P. ELDER
BARRISTER AND SOLICITOR
NOTARY PUBLIC

suite 217, TRANSPORTATION BLDG.

570 DUNSMUIR STREET

VANCOUVER, B.C.

October 17, 1940

Alderman Halford Wilson, City Hall, Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Alderman Wilson:

I am writing this as a citizen with full appreciation and approval of your actions in regard to the Oriental question, particularly, in regard to the Japanese.

I am but one of many who fully endorse the stand you have taken to curb the unwholesome penetration of the Japanese.

If others would but do what I have done in the past, namely; have absolutely no dealings with any Japanese, it would soon remedy the condition; but, unfortunately, so many unwitingly have encouraged them by their patronage.

I desire to express my appreciation for what you have done and for what I trust you will continue to do in the future to curb their activities in spite of apathetic and, at times, hostile apposition.

With every wish for your continued success, assuring you of my whole-hearted support, I am

Yours faithfully,

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THE COMMISSIONER, R. C. M. POLICE, OTTAWA

### ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE

HEADQUARTERS "C" DEPARTMENT

IN REPLY PLEASE QUOTE

FILE No. Personal

OTTAWA, Oct. 17, 1940.

Dear Alderman Wilson,

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 9th instant enclosing copy of the brief submitted to Dr. Keenlyside dealing with the Oriental situation in British Columbia.

I realize, as you do, that this has been a problem in British Columbia over a number of years, - i.e., White vs Oriental in business, education etc., and is liable to be for years to come.

My personal feelings are to the effect that the Dominion Government should realize and lend all aid and advice possible in finding a solution to the problem, compatible with National obligations and Empire policy, but I think that we can only hope for improvement and change in normal times.

As I told you when in Vancouver, my main purpose in coming there was to see what could be done to prevent the resentment against the Japanese breaking out in formsof violence, as I have no hesitation in saying that such a thing would give the Japanese Government the excuse to wreck a terrible vengeance on all British Subjects living in Japanese controlled areas in the Far East.

I expect to return to Vancouver shortly and will see you again.

H.D. Wilson, Esq., Vancouver, B.C. ours very truly

F.J. Mead, Asst. Commissioner.

AT: 2646 Kukon Street Corner of W. 1th AY: Vancouve R

Wm. J. Taylor, 2 resident of 2565M FUT LOWWORS from 1802 to August 17. 1940; presits his Compliments to Alderman Wilson. The encloced beyonal letters, from Formosz: he would like to be leturnel to him. Freedom is given to use in any Map the English? excepting the use of Names, Dates the Formosen letters only windstayling

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His contributions nationally and 4/44 28. recially; run into tens of thousands! During the great Earthquake of 1923, the flools of 1938, besites 2 score of other calamities, he also contributed in 1938; 10,000 Fem to the Japanece Alimy end 10,000 Yen to the Nery! His rewerl for the same! A Kick in the pants. and an indictment on a trumpel-up charge of espionage as reported in all of the Vancouver newspapers. Sept-Deta!!

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England to the writer; (in English; for the speaker was an excellent speaker of the English Language) "The Christ in me Loves the European; but the Jepanesse in me: HATES him! Today, October 21st 1940, that Same Japanece, both in work and in 2 set; omits the "Loves the European"; but in HEART: HATES, HATES, HATES, him! I+ Mayor Telford will keep there facts glued to his mind, and

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Phone: 2115 R. Fairmont.

2646 Yukon Street, Vancouver, B.C. Canada.

21st October 1940.

To Whom it may concern:-

The following gentlemen at present resident in Vancouver have known me personally for more than a score of years in
Japan, and I am sure they will be pleased to answer any questions
regarding my entry into the United States of America; and law Canala:

Mr James Cuthbertson. (temporary address. II8 West IIth Ave, Vancouver, B.C.). Permanent Address. P.O.Box 1044 Peterboro, Ontario.

Mr Cecil Wilkinson. II8 West IIth Ave, Vancouver, B.C.

Rev. George Dempsie. 36I Osborne Road East, North Vancouver, B.C.

Also in addition to the above:-

Dr W. Brooks. 2646 Yukon Street, Vancouver, B.C.

Rev. C.H. Judd. China Inland Mission, 1646 West 11th Avenue, Vancouver, B.C.

I also wish to state that I resided in Lisburn Falls, Maine; and Boston, Mass: from 1899-1905.

That I visited Seattle, Tacoma, Portland, San Francisco, and Boston in the years 1914 and 1916 and was Acting Paster of Tremont Street Baptist Church, Boston, Mass; in 1905, the Paster being the Rev. Arthur Demming.

During the years I890-I892 I lived in Montreal, Canada at II9 Mountain Street and again visited Montreal in I905 and I907 en route to and from Japan, and I sailed from Vancouver on October 15th I905 on the C.P.R. Liner S.S. TARTAR to Japan. I last visited Vancouver in TOTE Vancouver in 1916.

To the best of my knowledge I certify the above to be absolutely true.

Sm. J. Taylar.

William James Taylor.

( Missionary, Teacher, and a resident of Japan and Formosa; from 1905-1940.)

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Holden Building 16 Hastings Street East

Oct.24th.1940

Alderman H.D. Wilson, City Hall, Vancouver, B.C.

Dear Sir:

Some afternoon, at your earliest convenience would you kindly run in.

As I find it hard to get about it is not easy to come to see you.

It's re the Jap problem and I think you will be interested in what's on my mind.

Yours sincerely,

Milany Wilson

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October 29. 1940

The Chairman and Members of the Fire and Light Committee. CITY HALL. Vancouver, B. C.

#### Gentlemen:

During the past few weeks, and following the change of events in the Orient, where a specific power has allied itself with our enemies, I have been giving considerable thought to Vancouver's ability to cope with a number of fires which may be burning simultaneously, either as a result of bombardment from air or sea, or fires started by saboteurs.

I understand that the meeting on Monday will consider a Brief submitted by the Fire Fighters' Union. This Brief has been submitted with my knowledge and consent, and the subject matter is one which I trust will receive the serious consideration of the Committee, particularly in view of the fact that Vancouver, with its large Japanese population, plus an enemy alien population of some proportion, is particularly vulnerable to sabotage by fire from within.

I understand that His Worship the Mayor and the Aldermen are giving considerable thought to the problem

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of fire protection, and I feel that at this time it would be appropriate if I again emphasize some factors that have appeared in my Annual Reports and confirmed by the Wilson Fire Survey Report.

First, may I suggest for the consideration of the Committee the urgent necessity of a Fire Boat for Burrard Inlet. Any less of our docks, warehouses and terminal facilities would be a serious factor in disrupting Empire trade and commerce, so essential at this time. This matter is dealt with on Page 46 of the Wilson Report.

Equipment. I would draw your attention to Page 11 of the report, dealing with Apparatus, which recommends specific additional equipment required under normal conditions; and, confronted as we are, with the contingencies of War, I suggest that the acquisition of this equipment becomes imperative.

From the Fire Department's point of view, we must be in a position to combat two or more major fires at the same time. Information which I have been able to obtain from the United Kingdom would suggest that there is a considerable quantity of special equipment desirable

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in order to cope effectively with any air raid attack.

For instance, a number of fog nozzles, over and above the quantity now in use, will be essential. Special protective clothing should be furnished to all fire fighters, both permanent and auxiliary. Stirrup pumps and trailer hand pumps are invaluable in combatting small fires which might easily develop to serious proportions if not checked immediately.

I suggest that a two-way radio should be available in every Hall, in the event of the Fire Alarm Station being rendered useless by any cause whatsoever.

I appreciate the financial inability of the City to indulge in capital expenditures which would procure all the equipment necessary to bring our Fire Department up to war-time standard; but I do feel that it is my duty to bring these matters forcibly to your attention, in order that the Committee may have an opportunity of considering the same, and possibly arranging with the Senior Governments to finance extraordinary expenditures as part of the National Defence programme.

From time to time in my Annual Reports I have directed attention to the shortage of man power in our

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Department, and I feel that we have arrived at the time, when, in addition to operating at full strength, an effort should be made to train A. R. P. Wardens as an auxiliary fire fighting force.

On Page 14 of the Fire Survey Report appears a recommendation that a Drill School be instituted, and a competent instructor appointed.

As Chief of your Fire Department, I feel that this is one of the first steps which should be taken at the present time, particularly the appointment of a competent instructor; in order that the fire fighting methods may be standardized throughout the Fire Department; and this accomplished, the instructor be spared from his regular duties with the Fire Department, in order to train A. R. P. Wardens in the elementary rudiments of fire fighting.

We are all aware of conditions in London and are familiar with the invaluable service rendered by the auxiliary fire fighting force in reducing to a minimum the damage by fire from air raids.

Proper organisation can duplicate the same efficiency here, and I feel that the instructor could train

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industrial workers in large factories and warehouses to act immediately and effectively in combatting fire as soon as it obtains its first start.

In addition, instructions, information, and short training should be furnished to householders in general, as is the case in Eastern Canada and in the British Isles, in order that they may render some service and be the means of checking many small fires, that if left, unattended, might develop into serious conflagrations; particularly, in the thickly populated sections of the City, where the majority of the dwellings are of frame construction.

The appointment of a competent instructor, in my opinion, will not involve the expenditure of a large amount, and undoubtedly the service which he can perform will far outbalance in value any cost to the City as a result of his appointment.

At the present time, Dr. , one of the Directors of A. R. P. work in Canada, is in our City. Conversations which I have had with him lead me to believe that Vancouver must organize its fire fighting propensities on a greater scale than at present, or a greater scale than is necessary during

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normal periods. And again I repeat, that I realize the financial difficulties towards the fulfillment of this aim. However, equipment is of little value unless auxiliary fire fighting forces and the public in general are familiar with its use, and therefore, I suggest that instruction and training must precede any expenditure along these lines; and I am drawn to the conclusion that in the interests of efficiency and economy, immediate plans should be made for the appointment of an instructor, who can be conducting his course of training during the period when the Council are negotiating and arranging for the acquiring of a fire boat and apparatus for the Fire Department, and minor equipment available to A. R. P. Wardens, who should form the nucleus of the auxiliary fire force, and minor equipment which is made available to the householders.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

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To feass.

Hallo: Old Chappie:
Taihoku.

Foremos A.

29th Oct: 1940
29th Oct: 1940
No. 7.7. 20.11.49

Just ringing you up - hoping the call may get through to you, before you move on again; for the letter from you which I have just read says that you only have a 90-days' permit to stay where you are, and will then be comingo back !! That's too bad, -- for here we are all quitting, - compelled to do so. Consul Archer summoned all us Britons last Tuesday, and told us that the future here looked so black the Government warned us all to get out at once, - "Women and children first? BUT ALL of us anyhow" and those who could not pay their way away, would be evacuated by the British Government to Australia!! No use ME going that way, - I, - 66 years old, would not have half a chance of getting a job in Amstralia, so if they forceably deport me, I shall drop over the side, and go to sleep in Father Neptune's arms, - I am NOT going to drift to Australia and there become a "public Charge". (I am now speaking in my worst tone, for I am inside myself stell QUITE sure that My Master Brought me here to Formosa, - and wants me to hang on here, even if I have to face the misery of a Japanese Concentration Camp, - which is apparently the end of those few of is who refuse to "come quietly". There are now only FOUR of us Britons left here, - all the others, merchants and missionaries have QUIT. Even all the Americans have gone. Dickson took his family last Thursday, - and the two American Tea men Womble and Knight left on Saturday, - wives and children had gone a week before. Only the American Consul and wife here now and they are ready to hop off any moment. Bolton, my boss, left in August, since then I have been on the bridge in command of the craft, - which I - 2 -

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have intensely enjoyed, - I LIKE being boss, and all the rest of the crew, (some 15 of them) seem to like me as skipper, so all has been joyous, EXCEPT the fact that the work is increasingly difficult and full of tangles, which do NOT result in profit, - for it is now impossible to do profitable business in Japan, - for us white folks, -There used to be three foreign Tea firms here, two American and two British, - One of the Americans collapsed last month, and quit, - and the other is sickly,- Jardines were the very first British firm to be established in Formosa, and they say they will be the last to quit so they hang on, even if the ship is sinking, - - meanwhile as local agent for the C. P. R. I have been beseiged by the panicky folks, commercial and mission, to book them on steamers which are already of over-loaded, Even Doc Taylor is quitting - Mrs T, has collapsed, physically and nervously, and they have to give up - the everlasting smith persecution is wearing them out, and that radiant work for the depers will, be crushed out. The cross torn off the church, - all signs of Christianity eradicated, a shrine erected on the premises, at which them lepers will have to kowtow, - Doc Bews and family left yesterday, thus leaving the local community without a white doctor. If I fall sick, I'd rather die, than be under the hands of the heathen smiths, (54%) I was at the Mission Compound on Sunday just TWO ladies at the Kornis, - all packed up and ready to go by the i first beat which will take them. and element by him, and dard smill his

personally I cannot imagine that there is going to be WAR between Japan and American and England, but others say they see it coming, - and the British Government tells us that we stay here at our own risk, - we cannot expect any further protection from our Mother-land.

You interest me when you say that the Latin name of the presen

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Pope also adds up to 666 - please give details if you write again.

Even the MacKays are quitting, - and so the Christian work, started almost 70 years ago by the Black Bearded Earbarian will be ended, -

I am so sure that the Master will be back soon, I still want to hang on here until He comes, - - - I don't know how I can do so, BUT I take a day at a time, and do not worry in the least. He who has taken such marvellous care of me for these 66 years, is more than eager to see me through, and I am consident that His programme for me, has in the future evera greater joys and blessings than I have had in the past, - so why worry? Old Orr and I have a feeling in our bones that there is about to be a terrific quake crash, - GOOD. I would rather the blow came that way than any other, and having been so miraculously protected through the last big buster, I can gace the nex one with calm confidence, knowing that I'll come through again.

A Chiefe he less Ezra hangs on - I visit him every Sunday, - poor poor fellow, but I in So helpless, - eyesight now so bad he cannot read, - speech so incoherant he cannot be understood, - lies there on the hard low bed,
completely alone between 5 p.m. and 8 a.m. when a Formosan woman
goes in to feed him his breakfast, and keeps within hail all day, giving him his supper at 4.30 and then locking him in alone for the
night. - WHAT A LIFE! PoorPoor fellow. Elhbinstone is
(A Merchant)
a wonderfully good friend to him, and stands by him, and Ezra said to
me last Sunday, "You won't leave me" and I said, "No Old friend, I'll stay with you til the end."

Have not seen anything of the Suido-cho folks, -our paths

never cross. Kooy caught the panic, and packed up, all ready to get

Collags away to Java by last Saturday's direct boat. 1st-class full, - 2nd,

Cotton ditto, so he booked for himself, wife, and Hettie, THIRD Class, - and

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was all ready to go, when the college stepped in, told the O.S.K. to cancel the passages, - and forbade Kooy quitting, he contracted to serve the school, and to give three months' notice before quitting, they would hold him to it. He was desperate, -- but could not get on board, - They have nowmodified their restrictions, and allowed him to book himself and family by the next direct boat leaving Nov 25th, for Java, ON CONDITION THAT HE PROMISES TO RETURN IN THREE MONTHS' time, after having housed his wife and daughter in some Jawa home. So he goes on that condition. Of course if WAR does break out, he will not be able to get back here anyhow.

Even Keen is going, - we hope he will come back, BUT Mrs K. is so ill, with serious internal complications, she MUST go through to the great Mayo clinic, and her hubby is so worried about her, she cannot go alone, so he has permission from his firm to go with her - and then he will go on to New York, (headquarters) possibly NOT to re-

and then he will go on to New York, (headquarters) possibly NOT to return here. !! ???).

Mrs Orr is now near you, having brought Peggy from England to B.C. and Orr wants to slip across the Pacific to visit them, - He cannot go while Keen is away!! I think you know that Hogg has left pulled out with a good deal of his ammssed fortune, (something near half a million yen I believe) although the Japane seGovernment took over 50% of it before they would let him go. Now-a-days we have to submit to ghastly war taxes, which take from us all the profits we make, of course it is the same in the old country, - only the barest margin of "profit" is allowed, and the rest confiscated.

of "profit" is allowed, and the rest confiscated.

Papers I get from home indicate so plainly that we are in

"The latter days" - I cannot see why you put it off so much, - Looks to
me as if the Master might be back any moment, AND HIS COMING IS THE
ONLY solution to all this ghastly war mess. I used to speak of
"Christian England" and insist that God would protect us because we were all His children, BUT it seems to be a fact, that not even FIVE were all His children, BUT it seems to be a fact, that not even five percent of real Londoners ever go to Church or other place of worship, and although the figures for the rest of England may go up to 10 percent, it still means that over 90% of all Britons do NOT go to any place of worship, - or recognise God. The recent frantic effort to have a Day of National Prayer for protection and Peace was good as far as it goes, BUT that was not enough. Springett wiring from Canada to the King saidn' Prayer without repentance un-availing and HE is right. Perfunctory forced prayer, - mechanical prayer, availeth nothing, and so little therefore resulted, - as a Nation we are NOT "Christian"
not-withstanding all our High Church officials, etc. etc.
Heigho, - its very confusing and depressing, so we just have to
watch our own foot-steps, - and take a day at a time Must ring off, - and do so with a "CHEERIO"
from Your old friend

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4/49 Qut of 95 Listel SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 1940 - Churcher Japanese United — Powerl Street, morning: "The unrecognized Christ." Evening Y.P.S. the Jap: mized Christ." Evening Tr. S.
"Christian Culture." Fairview
Mission, morning at Y.P. service:
"Searching for God" by Mr. T.
Komiyama, evening, "Go home to
thy friends." Rev. K. Shimizu Church only minister. 155 10-m.Ab CSn1-,eRer,C4-Tapan Tuesday The - SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 16 Street, morning subject: "We are His workmanship"; evening subject at the Young People's Church: "What happens in wor-ship?" Rev. K. Shimizu at both services. Fairview Mission, even-ing: "Were it Jesus," Mr. Y. Tak-ashima. SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 1940 Mananese United Powell Street
—Morning, "The Revelation in
Silence"; evening, Young People's
society "Our Missionary Project."
Fairview Mission, morning at
Y.P. service "Ordained to Eternal
Life," by Mr. T. Komiyama; evening, "Three Estimates of Charning, "Three Estimates of Character." Rev. K. Shimizu, minister.

#### Japan's New Model

The Japanese seem anxious to confirm the widespread belief that they are essentially a nation of imitators. They have now decided that, following the Nazi model, all religious organizations must be made to fit into the new national structure, must in fact be gleichgeschaltet to fit the Government's totalitarian ideas. Accordingly the governing body of the Nippon Seikokwai, the union of Christian Churches founded by British and American missionaries, has decided that no foreigner may occupy any administrative position in any Japanese Church. The Christian religion, like everything else, must be made to subserve Japanese nationalism. The three English Bishops of the Japanese Episcopal Church have been required to resign, and the three American Bishops will be expected to resign as soon as they return from the United States.

In this slavish imitation of a foreign example the Japanese are being faithful to a long tradition which has won for them the reputation of a nation of excellent copyists. Their art both in painting and ceramics was built upon Chinese models. When they entered upon their great national revival less than a hundred years ago they set themselves to copy British and American methods in politics, industry, and commerce. In developing their Navy and their merchant fleet they borrowed all their ideas from Great Britain. Their soldiers, however, looked to Prussia for the model upon which to build the Japanese Army. Now that, under PRINCE KONOE, they are set upon establishing "a new "political structure" on nationalist and totalitarian lines it is natural that they should copy the methods of Hitlerism and endeavour to force every activity into the same mould and make every institution an agent to further the ideas and objects of those who control the State machine.



The Japanese, however, are a persistent people, and there are indications that they may be trying to obtain concessions from Thailand, including a naval station and probably the appointment of technical advisers to the armed forces.

#### THE CHURCH IN JAPAN

Our Tokyo Correspondent telegraphs:-Our Tokyo Correspondent telegraphs:—
In the Japánese Anglican Church three English Bishops (Dr. S. Heaslett, Bishop of South Tokyo, the Right Rev. J. C. Mann, Bishop in Kyushu, and Dr. J. B. Simpson, Bishop of Kobe) have been required to resign, and three American Bishops will be expected to resign when they return from the United States. Henceforth no foreign priest is to be allowed to occupy any executive position in the Japanese Church.

The decisions which have led to these consequences were taken by the House of Bishops of Nippon Seikokwai (the Holy Catholic Church of Japan), which arose out of an amalgamation of the churches founded by British and American missionaries. A religious Bill which is now being drafted will require all creeds in Japan to fit into the framework of the new national structure.

4/49 Re: 3 JAPANESE Schools in Vencouver; What Answers would the sail Jehouls give to the following Questions 1. Number of Teachers ? 2. Cenalian-Born, Neturalized ornot! 3. By Whom are the Teachers Pail! 4. Number of Stulents em-rollel? 5. Are they compelled to go to the rehool! 6. Ade these students all Cenalian-born and it so, ere their births also registerel in their family Home-Town Honseki's ( Certificate of family births) in Japan? 5. To they pay Truition Fees? 8 What ere the subjects taught? Mumber of School Hours Zaily!

9.8. Are all Japanese National Holidays Rept by the school? On the following, Tapaner National 16 Holilags, is (A). The Imperial Resemble (by The Emperor of Japan) feel between 2 Public Stthering of the students in school? (B.) Ir 2/ Pieture or 20 Thetograph of the Emperor of Japan and The Empress hung up; letote which; the stu Lents (26 the Trackers) bow! On Gengitsu New Year's Day

(The Foundation of The Japanese Empire) "Ten do Setri". April 29. (The Emperor's Birthlay) "Megi Petsu" November 3 (In Honour of the Lite Emperor Megi) "Taisho Ten no Sai". Christmas Dap. ( Memorial Jervice of the former Emperor Taisho, the father of the Precent Emperer) 11. How word Isbancie Lepoole (Bedisteres)

A Suggestion How 2 but sen ling A Dummy Inspector of Japanese Schools in B.C. to collect 2 Little bit of Worthwhile information or to their methods occesions. Shirks on National (Japanese) B.C for 2 "goot estah"; We might have a turn at the baiting!!! Why Not?

2646 Yulson Street Van couret. 30. 11. 40

ALLerman H. D. Wilson
The City HALL
Vencouver.

Dear Sil.

I, and also a friend of mine who has liked in Japan many geass and who studied the Tokuhun (National Readers) when in the Tokyo Japanese Language School; hore gone through the five copies.

There is nothing in them, as far as the "Letter" in concernel; to which exception can be taken.

They are for Home Consumption approved and issued by the Jepanere Education Department.

There are 12 in 2LL. usel in Primary Schools, Standards 1 to 6.

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Not only in Japan are they used, but also in Manchuria. Rores, Formosa, Hongkong and other yests of South China ? 2626 in Singapore, Thoughti and in B. C.

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In this matter: B.C. hall better go in for a new suit!

If I can be of any service to jou in any way re: the Tapanere " here am I"

Respertfully. Wm. J. Tzylos.

## Extract of letter received from Mr. C. Griffin, Formosa.

To. Wm . J. Tzylot, VancouveR.

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Dated - 17th December, 1940.

( Received - 17th January. 1940)

"ALL THE MISSIONARIES HAVE QUIT. Christ Himself has been driven out of Formosa - all signs of HIM and His Cause have to be eradicated.

M Band from Tainan, and the last four ladies from that place passed through here - grand defeated heroes - their Church ruined, their (feet) 4 schools destroyed, the very compounds cut up by un-needed roads.

As the train pulled them out of Tathoku station, and I stood alone on the platform - broken-hearted, Band shouted to me; "Brother Griff -- Hold the Fort." Those words stuck to me.

The exodus from the south has been followed by the good folks here in the north. The British Consul summoned us all, about six weeks ago, to tell us that things were getting so serious we should all get out, the sooner, the better. Men with wives and children should hurry, and the rest of us pack up and be ready to jump "when the bubble bursts." (Those were his words.) If we had no where to jump to, the British Governmentwould arrange to carry us to Australia. What could am old man like me do there! ..... So I would choose to stay on here until the tide turns - WHICH I AM SURE IT WHIL DO some time. Meanwhile, we are hounded and worried.

Even Taylor had to quit his wonderful work for the lepers. After 25 years of noble work in Formosa, he was chivvied out. I went to pay a final Wisit to the lepers. My soul was hungry for good religious music. I went into the Church there, opened the organ and crashed out "How firm a Foundation," "Fight the good fight," and other good brave tunes. The lepers in their cottages heard the noise, which sounded like good old times, and they came piling in to the Church. They clapped when I stopped, so I went on and on, and soon they started to sing, and how they DID sing: I had raindrops on my windows, - I could

hardly see the notes or the keys, but I played on, knowing that this was the swan song of the lepers - for they would never again sing those grand words and notes. All signs of Christianity are to be abolished, even there, where everything has been done in His Name. The cross is to be torn off the Church roof, - a Shinto Shrine will be erected in the compound where the lepers can get "all the religion they need", -

Again I stood - the only white person, in the native mass,—
on the station platform, as the train pulled away, with the last of
the local Christian Missionariss, - seeing the end of the 68 years of
noble Christian work here in the north, - The mission compound is dark,
desolate, deserted, - old Elphinstone, chivvied out of his own house
on Shirin hill has moved into the old Gould house in the Compound,
and the others are let to Formosans, - The Hospital on the corner has
no doctor, nor nurses, and is going down hill, - and so ends the
glorious work in Formosa. I repeat, - Christ has been driven out of
"The Island Beautiful", and all His workers have gone!! Since I came
here 152 years ago, there have always been "hymns" in one or other
of the houses in the compound, - even in summer when some would be away
there would still be a residue, enough to meet on Sunday for a bright
"sing-song" - Last Sunday was the worst I have spent here - musicless,
lonely, - depressing.

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Even business folks have quit, - Every American has gone, and there are only FOUR British here now, - The American Consul and wife are packed up and ready to jump when Washington drops the hat, - Archer and wife, (British Consul) are being moved to Mukden, - and although there will be another British Consul come to Tamsui, - it will be a lonely post for there are NO foreigners there, - not even in the mission houses, even the Mackays quitting!: Just FOUR of us tea men hanging on. Jardines were the first British firm to open in Formosa, and they say they will be the last to quit, and they rely on me keeping the old flag flying.

I was summoned to local Government Headquarters, last week and given "good advice" by a friendly official whom I have known for a long time, - Japanese friends, who li Jap

## Well Treated Here; We Are Thankful.

ME ??????? I'd rather die! To become a Japanese now involves the becoming of a Shinto-ist, for all loyal Japanese must now adopt the national religion.

I'm thinking too of the lepers, - Every year, this month has been their greatest joy, as they prepared for their Christmas Entertainment. THIS YEAR THERE IS TO BE NO CHRISTMAS! I wish, yes indeed I DO wish there would come a great earthquake, to wipe out "Happy Mount" completely, - taking all of those worthy Christian lepers direct to Heaven, - rather than let them stay on here and sag downwards, into the misery of heathendom again! Christianity pulled them out of the mire and misery, Christ has been banished, they will be driven back into the devil's charge, - .....

Wm. J. Taylor

Mr Bent, of Birkenheel, Cheshire; for 30 years the Heal-Master of the English Presbyterian Mission School in Tainan, Southern Formosk; in which city I also taught for Seven years. wm. J. T

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154. J. Taylor.

Mr Bank, of Birkenheal, Cheshire; for 30 years the Heal-Master of the English Presbyterian Mission School in Tainan, Southern Formosk; in which city I also taught for seven years. W. J. T

Halford D.Wilson

December 18, 1940

Gordon S. Wismer, Esq., Attorney-General, VICTORIA, B.C.

Dear Gordons

Approximately six weeks age I applied to the Department of Insugance, enclosing cheque for my license for the fiscal year.

Recently I entered into partnerships with Clifford Babcock and the Babcock Insurance Service, and applied for a license in the normal way.

The Deputy Minister referred my application to an Insurance Board, comprising representatives of the business, and on each occasion that this Board has met, I have been unable to attend, owing to a conflicting meeting in the City Hall. The result is that my license is still in abeyance. I have no doubt that we can adjust the matter, and that it is just a case of a meeting being called when I am free to attend; but my purpose in writing is to ascertain the difference between the Insurance Board, set up by a Provincial Act, and the powers asked for by the City of Vancouver in their recent appearance before the Private Bills Committee.

I am in full agreement with the principle of a Board passing on all licenses, as applied under the Insurance Act. and as I understand applies in other branches of industry where licenses are issued by a Provincial Department. However, I cannot for the life of me understand why similar powers cannot be granted to the City, in order that they may exercise similar control over licensees.

Possibly there is a reasonable explanation. I know that the Insurance License Board in Vancouver want to be reasonably assured that I intent to enter into the insurance business full time. Of course, they must be assured that my character is such as will maintain the standards of ethics now practiced in that business

## Gordon S. Wismer, Esq.

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December 17th, 1940

This is a very splendid thing, and, as I have stated, I concur in the principle entirely; but I further submit that if the City Council were previleged to appoint a Licensing Board and exercise the same powers of scrutiny, that its benefits would be reflected in business generally in the City of Vancouver.

Trusting to hear from you at your earliest convenience in this matter, and extending to you and Mrs. Wismer my hearty good wishes for Christmas and the New Year,

I remain,

Yours very truly.

HDW:MH

Halford D. Wilson

2646 Yukon St. Vancouver B. C. 23. 12. 40

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Dear My Wilson:

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VICTORIA

December 28, 1940.

Alderman Halford D. Wilson, City Hall, VANCOUVER, B. C.

Dear Hal:

Your letter of the 18th instant came duly to hand.

I presume that your difficulties with the Insurance Board have been straightened out, as you have not written me further.

Licence Board and a Board controlling general business is this, -- that in the case of insurance it is felt that an Insurance Agent is acting in a more or less fiduciary capacity and should be a man subject to discipline, unless his dealing with the public are fair and above-board. Also, it was thought advisable to licence so as to prevent persons not engaged in the insurance business writing insurance, it being thought that the standard of the business would be raised if a man were not allowed to enter into the business unless a substantial amount of his time and energy was required to be used in order to qualify him. Moreover, insurance involves legal and technical knowledge, which the ordinary public do not possess, and it is not difficult for an unscrupulous man to take advantage of the public.

This is only one of a number of instances where a licence is required. For example, barristers,

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notaries, doctors, dentists, and a great many others, are required to have a licence, and the insurance licencing plan is but an incident to the general scheme.

So far as I know it has never been thought necessary or advisable to enter into a general Licencing Board dealing with business generally.

I fully appreciate what you have in mind in connection with the proposed legislation and am very sympathetic. Unfortunately, however, our Legislature has no power to pass legislation dealing with any particular race, and as I say, did not think it advisable to go to the extent of regimenting the entire business of the community for the purpose of attaining the object of dealing with a very few people. ing with a very few people.

Yours sincerely,

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