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January 3rd 1942.

Alderman H.D. Wilson

Dear Sir, I do hope, and I am sure you will, do everything in your power to have all japs removed from B.C. for the duration, and when Victory has been won, have them cleaned right out. If removal of them is not carried out, I am afraid you will have a panic stricken people on your hands. Why do United States & Mexico remove them from Coastal areas? No wonder we get War nerves, when, displayed at all jap cleaners, are Union Jacks, & V for Victory signs. So long as they are here it will be one long feeling of danger and jitters, & surely that should not be caused by those traitors. We women must look after homes & children in times of danger, and how can we when we are undermined by this menace? Some day I hope to see you "Mayor" of our Fair City, and later in the "Legislature".

Respectfully

Mrs Janet K. Scott.

3880 West 17th City.

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City.

Old H. Wilson.

Dear Sir.

Knowing, & admiring your stand in this Province of the Jap situation I am passing on the following information to you for what it is worth & probably you can check on it to see if there is any truth in it. The information came about this way. I have a house for sale & in conversation with a Real Estate agent I told him I wanted all cash. He said it was difficult to obtain all cash from a white person, but if I cared to sell to a Jap he could get me a buyer at once as they were putting their money into real estate, account of being afraid the Govt would confiscate any banking account they had. Now Mr Wilson you know what this would do, to the valuation of property in this City if we allow this to occur & have the Japs scattered over the length & breadth of our City, I say that if there is any truth in it, it should be

halted at once. This man said he^{6/2}
knew of 3 cash deals that had been
completed 2 wks ago to Japs & he
was so sincere in his assertions
I have no reason to doubt his word.
Trusting you will check on this.

I remain
Yours truly
Geo. T. Best

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I'd find what
about the scrap
iron the greedy
capitalists shipped
to Japan
Alderman

Balford Wilson

City Hall

Vancouver BC

Tag and Whistle Law
Blaney's Crossing
Tampa Bay -

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Dear Balford & Alderman ^{no such thing as}
^{force under this}
^{totter pipe-system}
Lane - it most remarkable

how Joseph Stalin and the Red
Army is Romping right along
in Europe, or better still in
Russia. You never saw anything
to equal that in any of your
Capitalist Armies. The Red Army
is demonstrating to the whole
world what a Socialist Army can
do, when it get around to it. No
Sabotage or 5th Columnists in
Russia. A Socialist or Communist
System does not breed any of these
despicable 5th Columnists like
Sir Oswald Mosley, and that old
Admiral in England. Not even
men like the Neville Chamberlain
and Lord Halifax. Such type
as these are the product of the
Capitalist System. Hell has a little

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The People in England are sore and ^{6/3}
 Raring to go. The heads of that old Tory
 Govt. in England may flee the country

where you will see the whole of
 Europe a Communist or Socialist
 Continent. No doubt the Red Army
 will set up a Socialist or Communist
 State in the whole of those Countries
 which have been overrun by Hitler.
 They are just about ripe for a FLOP
 over to the Communist or Socialist
 State. Reports coming to hand from
 England state that the English Army
 and the English Working Classes have
 gone Red, Radical, or what have you!
 This is a healthy sign and show that
 England will be a Socialist State
 in a little while also. That will
 be just fine I am sure. China is
 a Communist Country at present
 and she will join hands with Russia
 at the earliest possible moment - no
 doubt. You can kiss the old Capitalist
 System goodbye Halford. She is
 done and finished this time. As the
 old British Soldier use to say in his
 most unusual way, "Put your clothes
 down my Murphy it's all over". The

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and what about these old Bank of ^{6/3}
 England defectless loaning money to
 Germany to build up her armaments
 army and navy. That's disgraceful
 old Capitalist-system may have
 been a good Wagon but she is broke
 down now. I am afraid Balford you
 will have to take your Boat off and
 go to work at something useful for
 the State. The Capitalist-system is
 on its last-legs. That great socialist-
 and Labor man of the British House
 of Commons Sir Stafford Cripps and
 Joseph Stalin are doing some great
 Team Work together. Do you notice that
 Cripps attend all of these great
 conferences which are held in Moscow.
 Cripps and Stalin are great-pillars
 of the New World which is just-
 ushering in. A man once said to me
 keep your eye on Cripps as he is one
 of the coming men in England
 said he. This man was an
 Englishman from York settling in
 Vancouver. He should have said that
 Cripps is one of the leading men of
 the world. Some of the American
 magazines got him placed in that
 category. You will hear from Cripps

Anything can happen now. Even a ^{6/3}
boxed Red Revolution. Things are in
such a deplorable state. That King
Government - as Ottawa allowed wheat to be sold
^{to Japan}. That was ~~rotten~~ and worse.
Stoppa will drive the Money Changers
out of the Temple in a different
fashion than getting the God dead, and
I don't mean may be. Stopps and
Stoala know where they are going and
they are on their way. The Germans
in front of the Red Army seem to be
just about ready to fold up and go
home. The Japs is up with the Germans
I think. They can't stop the Red Army
advancing. It is also rumored
that the United States Army is leaning
heavy to Communism. The Capitalists
are in a bad way today. The Capitalists
killed the Capitalist system by their
greed, graft and inhumanity to
the working classes. The workers and
producers should now rise and
throw off these Capitalist parasites
and slaves. The Capitalists have no
love full of stones, and the Busy
Bees or workers cannot support them
any longer. Time for a change and it
is coming, and the Red - Fascism,
League with their scheming and dodging

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I hope the Red Army will march into 6/3
 Germany and France and make a good
 job of it. Half measures are no good in
 this case. Clean out the whole Capitalist system.
 Cannot halt it. On the France
 the Left Wing Movement among the
 Fatness is going Full Speed Ahead.
 As I am sure once stated the Left
 Wing Movement or Progress goes
 forward in waves. At the present
 moment Russia is now our BRAVE
 ALLY. I notice the moment interests
 and the Capitalist Press are glad of
 the help of Russia at present. The King
 of England and the Soviet or Russian gov-
 ernment exchanged greetings not long ago. At one
 time Russia was a terrible country.
 according to the lying and untruthful
 Capitalist Press. She was guilty of
 enforcing FREE LOVE, was a Godless
 country, her people were sick and
 were starving and everything that was
 vile and bad. Dear old R B Bennett
 would not have any trade or trade
 with Russia. Do you remember that
 old boy. What a change in a little while.
 Russia is a close knit country and
 her people get humane treatment. No
 unemployed in Russia. Bill Bailey
 Wood England

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Ald H.D. Wilson

Dear Sir.

Please accept ardent
congratulations re your stand about the
Japs in this business, you have the
support of hundreds of the boys in
the services, at last we seem to
have a man with, to use slang,
guts enough to tackle the weak
sisters in authority over us, do the
people here want the terror and
hope that happened in the near East
before something is done, do they
who praise the so called loyal
Japs, or Canadian born Japs, realize
that they are a worse menace
than the alien, do they realize
the first 4 Japs to be charged

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with subversive activities in Seattle
were American born Japanese, also
American citizens with U.S. papers
to substantiate their loyalty, yet these
Loyal!! Americans were leaders of
the subversive forces, 2 were Lawyers
1 was a merchant, 1 was an importer
and exporter. Have the people not
need of Loyal!! Japs shooting the
U.S. Airman at Pearl Harbour as
the Airman were running to their
planes, the few who reached their
planes found their plane times slashed.
They should read Page 23 of the
Time Magazine January 5th issue
to realize what you are fighting.
Who are these people in Ottawa
that are saying loads off the Japs
couldn't their names be published?

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they are our real 5th columnists,
also could not the names of the
people in Vancouver, be published,
who acted and are acting as fronts
for Jap logging and mining interests,
also those who had such nice
free trips to Japan to see their
culture. For you are to be
congratulated for your fearless stand,
As I am in Govt Service I dare
not sign this letter with my
true name, for fear it should
in some way be intercepted.

So will sign it,

Wilson for Ever.

P.S. The Services ask for recruits,
what for? to protect the Japstane?
also the Jap businesses that is
taking it away from the white.
I for one will advise any

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Yenson not to join up, if they are
to be used as we are, protecting
Jap Interests, Then in this evening's
newspaper, I see the poor Japs
must be looked after because their
boats are taken away from them,
who I ask worried about the
re-employed, when the Japs took
their jobs away from them, if
I remember right, they on some
of them received Year Gas in the
P.O. in Vancouver. Why not sell
the Jap boats, stores, mining, logging
Interests, and use that
money to feed the Japs, why
use the money spent on war
savings stamps to feed the
enemy within our gates
Thank you.

Suite 1 Aberdeen Block^{6/5}
84 Lonsdale Avenue
Nth Vancouver
Sun Jan 4th 1942

Alderman H. D. Wilson
My Dear Stalford

Seeing it is Sunday
I thought I would write you
a line on this Japanese question
I note from last night's
Province that you are to bring
up in Council the idea of
moving the Japanese from
Vancouver

Now you & I are Anglicans
& professing Christians so
let us look at things in that
light

The way you are going after
these folk Stalford you would
think they got into Canada
by stealth or secrecy but

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in the past & as you often
hear on the Street the S.P.R.
invited & brought them here
to make their homes & to put
it another way if you invite
me into your House & I behave
myself you can hardly throw
me out or treat me in a
rude manner

Now you know if you bring
people in that they have
got to earn a living as you
don't want them on relief
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But why pick on the Japs
alone, Stalford, what about
the Germans here & Italians
they are supposed to be our
enemies at present but you
never say a word about
them & the Chinese they
are competitors in trade
to us & the white people

I think now the Federal
Government have taken the
Japanese Fisherman's boat
from him & his living, that
you should at least stop being
bitter against the rest of
their folk here as long as they
are law abiding which I think

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they are. if we persecute them
because of what Japan does
4000 miles away we are
just doing the same as
Hitler does to the Jews in
Europe

We profess to be Christians
& its a poor recommendation
of it when they see you
in the headlines of the Paper
casting aspersions on them

You know Stueford
maybe your Father may
have preached from this
Text, God hath made of mere
one blood all Nations to
dwell upon the earth so
if I were you I would drop

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this idea of banishing these
fellas from their homes & thus
that they have built up, there
are a lot of Japs here who
fought for us last War so it
seems ungrateful to treat
them so bad now, I notice
in the Papers already fellows
going around robbing the
Japanese little Stores, you
can trust the Federal Government
to look after things but if you
are going to persevere in this
line you better go after the
Germans here & Italians &
banish them too. I am going
on for 64 years now Hartford
I am sometimes think

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quietly that money seems to
be a lot at the bottom of the
whole ghastly affair, if
the Nations of the earth loved
God & not money so much
I am sure we would not
be in the mess we are in

I guess you know who
is writing to you your old
friend that used to take you
up in the Elevator at 402
Pender St to Mutual Life

Anyway let us show a
Christian spirit in all
these matters. Happy New
Year to you & Mrs Wilson

Yours Sincerely
John Godwin

Jan. 4th 42^{6/6}

4320. Athl. St.
Vancouver

Ho M^r

Alderman Wilson.

On page 6 of the Daily Province, I see you are putting a resolution to the council, to produce documentary evidence etc; which seems to me, that the City will renew civic licenses to the Japaneese, I don't think the city should, renew any license. Why Make Fish of One, and Towl of the Other. the Fishermen are, enemy aliens just the same, and could claim the same treatment as the Store Owner's I am of the same opinion as yourself clear them out of the city for the duration and then they cannot do any harm. Yesterday Saturday it was coming along Pender in the 1300 Blk as Swell automobile drove

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up to the curb out jumped, two
smartly dressed, well built
Japaneese, the car driving off before
they hardly hit the sidewalk. They
went into a grocery store #1321
Tender West, that may not mean
anything to the average person,
but, picture it the way I
look at it, what a lay-out for
any fifth columnist, here is a Japanese
store, with the back door only
a few hundred feet from the
Union Oil Tanks in fact right
in the middle of them, what
is to stop them, if we had an
air raid, and a blackout from
losing a bomb on them tanks
what a flare up and a guide
for the attacker's a straight
line East & West from Basin's
Yachts, Boats, Railway, C.T. R Wharves
Union Wharves, C.N. R & Wharves, Ship,
building yards Refinery all in
a straight line, how could they

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Miss, no Sir it is not good enough
to lay safe no good of complaining,
after the damage and loss of life
afterwards, while the war is on.
I view every Jap with suspicion.
we hear they are law abiding etc;
Yes until found out they are,
too sorry to be caught, I will give
you an instance of their law
abiding, some few years ago I had
a few acres at Robert's Creek, a
Jap shingle camp was about 2 1/2
miles behind my place, the Boss
Jap on his way down to the P.O.
for his mail, used to come through
my place for a short cut, one day
I was gardening and he stopped
asking about the soil, I told him
it was pretty sandy and needed
fertilizer, he said, take your horse
and stiegh up to my place there
is tons of horse manure you can

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have, well, one day I went
up, when I got there I could
not see anybody around, so
walked into the cookhouse
where there was 4 japs getting
suffer ready, I said, where is
the Boss, they looked at me
kinds of funny and pointed
up the Hill. I said, all right
I'll wait here and sat down
well they kept looking at me and
muttering to one another finally
one went out and came back
with the Boss, as soon as he
saw me he let out laugh and
spoke to them in Japanese, and
then ^{there} was action. One jap jumped
to the Range and opened up
the oven, inside 2 large trays
filled with Grouse, in the month
of June they thought I was
over

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the same Warden "Law abiding"
like Hell they are.

Yours truly
M^r. J. Watts

P.S.
You are
welcome to
see this letter
J.W.

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5th January, 1942,
640 West Hastings St.,
Vancouver, B. C.

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

Dear Sir:

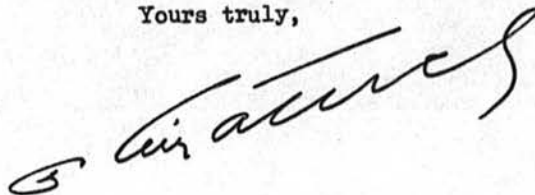
Re - The Japanese in B. C.

Your efforts to have the Japanese removed from the Coast should, I think, be upheld by every thinking citizen and more power to you in your endeavors.

This war has shown time and again unpreparedness and surely it is about time we, as citizens of this Country, learned our lesson.

I had intended sending the enclosed to one of the papers, but one of them seems favorable to allowing them to remain until "something happens" and the other two appear rather luke warm on the subject, so I am just enclosing this to you to indicate my support for the good work you are doing.

Yours truly,



W. P. Kirkpatrick.

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Re - The Japanese

So many letters have been written on this subject, many of them very sympathetic toward the Japanese, that while I have not attempted writing letters to the papers, the serious menace the Japanese constitute here compels one to take issue because of some of the Editorials appearing.

Take for example if an Anglo-Saxon were born in Japan and was still living there, do you believe his sympathies would be with Japan or the Country of his origin? There can only be one answer.

A Japanese are a people who cannot be assimilated in an Anglo-Saxon country. As a race, they have not been found honest in their dealings. In wars they have always taken the initiative to seize the opportunity when other countries had serious trouble on their hands elsewhere.

In the latest war it has proved them treacherous beyond a doubt and if their leaders are treacherous, the individual must be so regarded in consequence.

Unfortunately the Japanese were allowed in this Country because of the trade Canada and England had with Japan and Japan was strong enough to demand it. The Chinese, a much superior moral race, were debarred because our trade with that Country was not so great and China was not a strong enough nation to insist on equal rights.

How much better off this Country would have been if we had permitted the honest Chinese to settle here and had excluded the Japanese, but since this mistake was made in the past are we going to continue to treat the enemies in our Country as friends, because some of them or all of them protest they are loyal to our cause? He who protesteth much, etc.

All the male Japanese between the ages of 16 and 60 should be moved to the Prairie Provinces or interior of British Columbia to work on farms or road building under supervision and paid sufficient for their keep. Whilst this may be a hardship to many of them, it is their Nation's fault, not ours - this is war and it necessitates drastic action to save our Nationals as against waiting to see what the Japanese in our Province might do when it would then be too late. Russia is a country that did take protective measures in time. That Country moved 130,000 Germans away from parts of the Country where they might and would prove a menace.

I note some of our Aldermen claim this is not a civic matter. On this point I entirely disagree with their attitude. If it was a case of flood, fire or smallpox epidemic in the City, it would be their duty to combat it, therefore how much more so is the situation ^{as} a terrible menace to all its' citizens require protective measures.

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*Reply to -
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1951 Napier St.,
Vancouver, B.C.,
January 5th, 1942.

Mr. H.D. Wilson,
City Hall, City.

Dear Sir,

It has been my intention for some time past to write you my appreciation of your efforts to get the public to realize the seriousness of the Japanese menace in B.C.

My knowledge of the Japanese here dates as far back as when the first engine was installed in a Jap fishing boat. My employer was the first to start them building boats for sale to white men. He now wishes he had yet to see a Jap! My work as engineer has taken me all over this coast, and thirty years ago I was on the Government Dredge working at Steveston - at that time it was not safe for a man to go ashore alone or the Japanese would push him off the sidewalk.

The article in tonight's Province about the removal of the Japs from the coast being able to "change the face of B.C.", is about the most damning one I have seen on this subject. If the public does not realize from this what a hold the Japs have on B.C., surely this ought to open their eyes. The friends of the Japs have been telling us for years that we have nothing to fear from Japanese penetration, and yet this article states that they have such a hold on every type of work that their removal would disrupt everything!

Do the fools who are always feeling sorry for "the poor Japs" ever stop to think of the number of white men who have had to go on relief because of their competition? How many white men could have been employed on the hundreds of fishing boats which are now tied up at New Westminster? On the corner of Commercial and Napier St. there is a Japanese general store and I understand there are eight of a family living in the rear of the store. Do not the City By-laws prohibit any one living in the rear of premises where food and vegetables are sold? In any case, would the Health Inspector allow the same number of white people to live in the same amount of space even though it was not a store?

A short time ago there was a statement in the press from Alderman Bennett to the effect that the closing hours should not be too rigidly enforced on the Japs, otherwise they could not make a living! Is it true that he rents a number of premises to these people?

Mr. Tom McInnis has been strangely silent since the war started. I wonder if he has forgotten that he once wrote a book called "Oriental Penetration in B.C.", and in which he warned us

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against the Japs. He must have been well paid by the Japanese Government to reverse his views over the Radio. We have this book as well as numerous other articles on the same subject. Also that wonderful write up by Fredrick Griffin in the Toronto Star Weekly of Sept. 20th/41, in which he takes the part of these "lovable little people" and slats yourself as the "strongest local Japanese Baiter".

I anticipated some concrete results from the committee on our Japanese question which is to meet in Ottawa, but with the Japs best friend, Professor Angus on the board, it is quite evident that he will ~~use~~ use his influence in their behalf. He has advocated for years that they be given the vote and an equal opportunity to enter all professions, it is evidently not enough that they are already competing in all the trades of the working class. If he doubts the statements in the Province article re their control of the small fruit farming, he should be advised to take a trip up the Fraser Valley and note the number of Japanese mail boxes along the route.

Have you noticed the situation in Coal Harbour? Some of our most vital industries are situated there, not only are they in a very crowded condition, but sandwiched between them are Japanese shipyards. One of them being the Stanley Park Shipyard which is next door to Boeings. When the Japs begin their sabotage all that needs be done is to start a fire in one of their own yards to sweep every thing along the waterfront. Mr. Benson of Benson's Shipyard could give you some information on this subject. You probably remember what happened when the Vancouver Shipyard caught fire a few years ago.

The letter written to the Vancouver Sun in 1937 with regard to the visit of Prince Chichibu and signed by a number of representative Japs should have opened our eyes to the arrogance of our local Japs and to the Canadian born ones in particular. It was a fine sample of their true feelings and of what we need expect if they ever got control of B.C., as they fully expect to do. If you have not a copy of this letter, I would be pleased to send you one. In the meantime I am endeavoring to get this letter republished.

As I have been in the R.C.N.R. for the past two years, I am not in position to take an active part in anything to curtail their activities, and must also ask you to consider this letter as confidential. However, if it should become necessary to petition our Government regarding the disposal of our Japs, we would be glad to circulate a petition among our friends and our neighbourhood.

At present I am stationed in Vancouver and would like very much to have the pleasure of meeting you some time, if you could make it convenient. My telephone is High. 2037.

Yours very truly,

Murray Blammin

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Reply #1

Alderman H. Wilgou,
City Hall
Vancouver.

4256 West 15th Ave.,
Vancouver, B.C.

January 5th 1942.

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Dear Sir,

There are many of us up here in Port Grey who highly endorse your sound and sensible treatment of the potential energy, the gas, in our midst, and if there is anything I can do to assist you in any way in this respect I shall deem it a pleasure to be able to do so.

We are also very pleased to know that Alderman Bawson is at your side in this very commendable cause.

We feel up here (and I have spoken to groups of people) that any one who does not back you up in your untiring efforts to rid the City of

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these wary people, whom we all know are our
enemies, are not behind our war effort and should
be treated also with suspicion.

Yours for an all-out effort and a few more
Alderson like yourself and William Brewster.

Sincerely yours,

William L. Phillips.

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Alderman Wilson,
Vancouver,

I send you this super-imposed cartoon, for you to relay to the Sun.
While I'm a left wing liberal, I've always been a realist. Up to
1939 I just talked. But from now on I'm going to act, when up the coast.
My socialism does not mean a Japanese Canada, or a Jap dominated one.

We are at war, a condition that accepts no half measures. WE ARE AT WAR,
and we must act accordingly. I've been at war with Japan, Germany, and
Italy, for the last seven or eight years, on a boycott basis of course,
but none the less at war. and I'm quite ready to blow any Canadian Japanese b
boat out the water without quibbling.

Read the magazine "Time" this week, page 23, No 1 fifth column.
So remember Pearl Harbour, and remember Manila. AND BY NO MEANS FORGET
MAJOR HARA? THE EX BARBER OF VIGAN.

Yours


The Vancouver Sun, January Fifth, Nineteen Fo

Turning Point?

Full thinking, maybe. Why even the Japs are going to lick us. Our fighters, including me, are going to be shot in the back, or otherwise sabotaged when we resist the coming Japanese invasion. Remember Manila. Remember Pearl Harbour. And last but not least remember Major Haras, the ex-barber of Vigan, and out of our Jap population there are a great many Haras, and I don't mean maybe. If I find this year, when up the coast, that Japs are operating rats, I'm going to talk, or argue (for I've done my arguing in your back before 1939) I'm going to act, I'm going to take dynamite with me, and caps, and fuses. And I'm going to blow the stern out of any Jap operated boat I run into. WE ARE AT WAR. I act accordingly.



MOSCOW

So to hell with the old school tie, and gentlemen's agreement. As to hell with the Privy Council and their high imperial policy. Australia's policy differed, ours should have we to be a white nation or not.

Why should we think our Japs different from the rest. REMEMBER MAJOR HARAS? THE EX BARBER OF VIGAN (1939)

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1545 Sperling Avenue,
Lochdale, Vancouver, B.C.
January 5th, 1942.

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

Dear Alderman Wilson:

Let me commence this letter by expressing my appreciation of your stand on the Japanese in B.C. question. I feel particularly indignant about the insinuations about "inciting to riot" coupled with your name on the front page of today's Province. Vancouver had Japanese trouble more than thirty years ago and the main incitement then was public opinion. Some quarters today do not seem to think that there is still public opinion in Canada.

On January 8th, 1938 I wrote a letter to the Province calling attention to the common reports in the Fraser Valley of subversive activities of the Japanese. On the 10th of January I had a call from Sergeant Kirkham of the B.C. Police and among other things was asked if I could give any specific information. I told him that one of the reports I had, was "that Japanese were drilling at Shin's place near Whonnock. Oh" said he, "We know all about that. They're only drilling with sticks. If they ever started anything we would send out a squad and round them up".

It is this light and superficial ^{view} taken even by those in authority that constitutes one of the main dangers of the situation. At West Point Military Academy all that

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the cadets drill with ~~ixx~~ is a staff. Here we have a case, known to the police, at a time when British subjects were being shamefully molested in Shanghai by the Japanese, of local Japanese drilling at a point within ten minutes travel of the important power plants at Ruskin and Stave Falls. As for sending a "squad" out if anything is started, any schoolboy knows it is too late then. Your power plant is either destroyed or in the hands of an armed and fanatical enemy force.

It was not by accident that the Japanese settled in the Fraser Valley, the most strategic point in British Columbia. There are enough Japanese in the valley to seize the vital railway and highway bridgeheads at Pitt River and with Ruskin and Stave Falls in their hands the authorities would really find a "hell of a mess" on their hands.

I am morally certain that the whole Japanese settlement in the Fraser Valley was engineered in Tokio. I have done some mountain climbing in the Stave Lake region and I ~~NOTIEED~~ noticed that there is a Japanese outfit ostensibly cutting yellow cedar away up in the mountains there and fluming it down to the lake. I do not know if a policeman has ever been to that mill but I would say that it should be very closely scrutinised.

You have many with you in your stand. More power to you.

Yours very sincerely,

James Blackhall

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J. S. HUTCHINSON
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DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE
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January 6, 1942

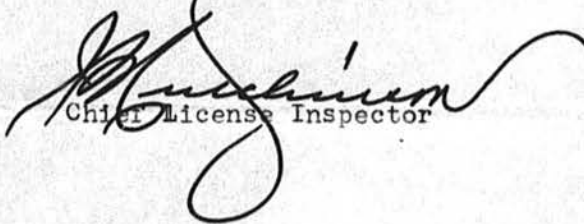
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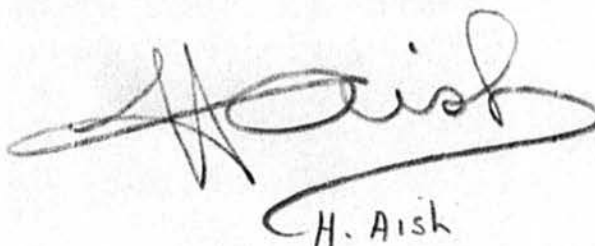
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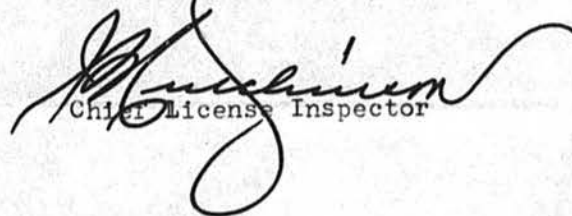
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Sir.

I congratulate you on the
stand you take against the
Japanese.

This is a TOTAL WAR and ACTION
is what we want.

Yours
only a 1914 Veteran & Rate Payer.
W. F. Reeves.

I endorse above signed - E Shearny
3493 West 9th St. Rate Payer.

Reply sent,
Jan. 9, 1942
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My dear Mr. Wilson.

Reply sent
Jan. 9/42

12 Maple
City.

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Jan 6/42

Sorry to read of the dig you got last night. evidently the votes you have been getting has been hurting somebody. But the protection of this old flag is worth digging for.

Life service is not enough, when the King & Queen were here, some of our Ottawa officials followed them around basking in the sunshine with Windsor suits on, when war was declared & guns were needed, then they refused the help that was so sorely needed. But time will tend to that.

If the Japs are to remain in the Queen Charlottes, Rupert, Braun Falls, Powell River & Britannia ^{they} better keep awake, its a serious question. The Alaskan Islands & Bering Sea approaches was gone over with a fine tooth comb, tenders from mother ships, doing survey work & taking bearing all along the chain of islands. Better for us to be safe than sorry, this is no time for appearances we have had enough of that, the Chamberlains

6/16
This if death has taken to much of a toll already.
Stay on the job, & God speed your work
& give strength to your hands & heart.

I am enclosing you, a couple
of article from my Alaska Weekly. I enc 2nd
which I received an hour ago, from them
you will see how the folks on the other side
looks at the question. Every bay & inlet on this
coast has been sounded & surveyed and all
industries mapped & marked. its up to us to see
the information is not used.

Success to you

Yours Truly

Chas. F. Mutsaers
Mutsaers

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Send the following message, subject to the terms
on back hereof, which are hereby agreed to

JAN 6, 1942

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CHARLES C. LABRIE
General Purchasing Agents
VANCOUVER
B. C.

Jan 6 1942
4150 Cypress St.

Dear Alderman Wilson -

It seems to me that you are going about this "jap." business from the wrong side. Why not arrange to evacuate all the citizens -- send them East of the mountains, and leave the Japs in Vancouver, together with Guston Taylor, George Kidd & the Oil Company officials. This would be the best assurance that Vancouver would be spared, but the Authorities should make sure, before leaving, that the 1600 Jap fishermen all have a good supply of gasoline & oil stored up for future use.

You will find that all the threats you will get, from any of these politicians will be abuse & ridicule.

Yours sincerely

C. C. Labrie.

P.S. I have paid the City over \$3000.00 in Taxes since the 1st of last year. etc.

P.S. Please return copies of two letters addressed to me as per the note if you wish to.

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6/13A

The Editor,
Vancouver Daily Province,
Vancouver, B.C.

VANCOUVER, B.C. Dec. 29, 1941
4120 Cypress Street,

Dear Sirs

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If I were asked to-day to propose for consideration any suggestions, some of them would be-

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4150 Cypress Street.

His Worship,
J. W. Cornett, Esq.,
Mayor of Vancouver, & Chairman of A.R.P. Committee,
City Hall, VANCOUVER, B.C.

Dear Sir:

Your card on "A.R.P." and signed by you as Chairman of the Committee, was handed to me to-day, and I wish to thank you for same.

It prompts me, however, to remind you of the "Fire Hazard" inquiry held by the Attorney General about two years ago, and to suggest that you and the Committee ask the Attorney General for a copy of this Report made at the time, and a copy of the reply which was sent to the Attorney General.

Just subsequent to this inquiry, were you not one of the Aldermen who voted to allow the Home Oil Company to enlarge their storage of inflammable liquids on Beach Avenue, an installation which was already a menace to the whole West End, and you did this in opposition to the wishes of the Taxpayers of Ward One?

What the people of this City really need is not the "pail of sand" you suggest, but representatives at the City Hall, and at Victoria, with a little "sand", and guts enough to tell the Oil Companies that they must make suitable provision to protect their properties, and the property of other taxpayers, not at the expense of the city, but at their own, as they would be required to do in any other American City.

There is no doubt that the Oil Companies would be glad to co-operate with your Committee, under present circumstances, if asked to do so, particularly, as the Government has just granted them an increase of \$700,000.00 a year in the price of gasoline sold in British Columbia alone.

As Chairman of this Committee, you should also read the letter written by the Fire Chief, to the Mayor of Vancouver, dated January 19, 1939, a letter which Col. Pepler, who conducted the inquiry for the Attorney General, was careful not to embody in his Report, and satisfy yourself that the recommendations made in the Fire Chief's letter have been carried out.

You should also insist on the removal from Coal Harbour of the large floating storages of gasoline and Oil. Such storages would not be permitted in any other harbour in the world. One or two underground outlets, in some safe part of the harbour would serve the purpose. Just send for the Regulations in this regard which apply in other Pacific Coast Harbours, and see what they say.

Where these large Oil Companies all get their supplies from Ioco, you might suggest that they combine their city storage, and reduce to a minimum the storage risk. Why should the Home Oil, the Union and several others, who are all the same not combine and reduce the storage hazard, they all get their supply at the same spout.

You might also suggest to the B.C. Electric Co. that they do away with their huge Gas container at the Georgia St. Viaduct, for the duration. It would not be there long after the first bomb.

At the inquiry it was mentioned that as many as nine carloads of Dynamite were allowed to stand on the C.P.R. tracks, near the big Union Oil Tanks, at Coal Harbour. You should make sure that no Dynamite is allowed to be transferred through the City or over the wharf of any shipping company within the city.

You should issue an order that no Floating Storage of gasoline or Oil be allowed in False Creek, nor should the Imperial Oil Company be allowed to bring gasoline tankers into False Creek- gasoline has almost the same explosive power as its own weight in dynamite.

Just as a final reminder, the following are some of the statements made by the Dominion Fire Commissioner, at Ottawa, and which seem to bear out your contention published, Vancouver Province, Page 34, December 18, 1941, under "Cornett Still Seeking Authority etc"-

Dominion Fire Commissioner wrote Letter Sept. 14, 1938:-

"I believe the situation is decidedly hazardous both to life and property, and there is no question in my mind that in the event of war activities, either by aerial attack or by sabotage, your City would find itself in a desperate situation. From recent correspondence coming to my attention it would appear that your responsible authorities have been too pleasantly exercised in 'passing the buck' to face the situation, and if the good citizens of Vancouver are indifferent to their own safety there is little that I can do to rectify matters."

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The Dominion Fire Commissioner wrote again on the 29th November, 1938,-

"Personally I am of the opinion that the gasoline storage in Vancouver constitutes a major hazard, but proof of this must await a disaster that will shock the City".

The Commissioner again wrote on January 16, 1939,-

"While I can only speak unofficially, I am of the opinion that Canada's Pacific Seaboard is most vulnerable to attack by air and that the residence of so many potential enemies in B.C., should be given careful consideration. As a matter of fact, in the absence of any declaration of war many Canadian cities could be terrorized into infernos within one half hour of a concerted command."

All these statements and facts were laid before the Attorney General, and his Deputy referred to them as "hysterical nonsense" and now we are at war with a bunch of Oil Controllers etc. falling over themselves,- and what have they done???

Without foresight, as Solomon said, many perish.

Yours faithfully,

StA/L

C. C. Labrie.

2316 Richmond Ave
Victoria B.C.

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Ald H. D. Wilson
Vancouver City Hall

January 7th 42.

Dear Sir:

It is to be regretted that you are held up as a scapegoat by those unthinking people, & propaganda agents who are averse to any thought or act for the protection of our country & our people against the penetration of the enemy particularly the Japanese now that we are at war. It is needless to inform you that the bulk of our population are wholeheartedly with you in the stand you are taking & will undoubtedly do more if opportunity offers.

Yours truly,

I. H. Hughes,

Reply sent Jan. 9, 1942
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Reply sent
- Jan. 10/42
#1

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3126 West 35th Ave.,
Vancouver, B.C.
Jan 7th. 1942.

Alderman Wilson

Dear Sir -

I should like to commend your stand on the Japanese problem, which I feel is shared by ninety-five per cent of the people of this Province. I have written to Mayor Cornett expressing this view.

The Japanese should certainly be removed to farms east of the Rockies and allowed to produce food in small groups under police surveillance. They would be humanely treated and should not object seeing they continually proclaim their loyalty. After the war all people of Japanese blood should be returned to Japan.

We admire your courage and know that Big Business which wants cheap labour is backing the appeasers. Stick to your guns.

yours truly,

(Mrs) W.L. Marshall.

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Van. B.C.

Jan. 7/42.

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

Dear Sir:

Congratulations to
one Alderman with enough
courage to get up and
really tackle a problem
which stinks, in Vancouver,
the Jap problem.

Don't let the Ottawa
stuffed shirts talk you out
of it. Enclosed is a copy
of a letter to the Daily
Province, whether it will
be published or not remains

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To be seen.

Once again my congrat-
ulations.

J. Findlay.

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Vancouver B.C.

Jan. 7/42.

Editor Daily Province,

Dear Sir:

When are we going to have a council in Vancouver with a little common, everyday guts?

What is the matter with Mayor Cornett? Has the loss of Jap licences to the city got him scared?

Why all this velvet-gloved diplomacy with an enemy who would show us no feeling or consideration?

How about the humiliations suffered by our people in the Orient in the past two or three years?

The Japs have always been

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unpopular in Vancouver
and now is our golden
opportunity to rid the
province of a people, who
if their birth-rate is any
criterion, will force us out
in twenty years by sheer force
of numbers.

Everyone knows what Ottawa
is, 10 years come Michaelmas
and we may get some
action. There is no gap
problem in the East so
why in Thunder should
they worry? IT'S our baby!!

Here is more power to
Wilson and should he
ever run for mayor a
staunch supporter.

J. Findlay.

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Reply sent Jan. 15/42
 #1
 Ald. Halfrid D. Wilson
 Vancouver, B.C.

RR #1
 Daley Road Park Kells
 B.C.
 Jan 6th 1942 6/22

Dear Sir.

The inclosed is a copy of the letter I am mailing to the Daily Province. I thought it might be useful to you in your campaign against the local Japanese.

Like you I think something very definite should be done with at least all Japanese born. In my opinion none of them are citizens of Canada although some of them have what is purported to be Canadian citizen papers. The Government of Canada has never accepted them as citizens as nationals of other countries are accepted. All other nationals except the Chinese are allowed to vote on election day.

That in my opinion is one of your strongest arguments. I would like to have met you so that you could see the letter I wrote to the Minister of Fisheries as well as the reply I got. But I live out here at Park Kells and I got no car, and I don't want to let either go out of my hands now because I am still working to get more liberty and a free use of my fishing boat.

Why should a school boy be deprived the privilege of begging a ride on a friendly fishermen's boat.

Yours Truly
 Geo. J. Triggs.

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Jan 7th 1942.

To The
Editor Daily Province.

In your editorial on Saturday Jan 3rd and again on Monday the 5th you went all out in defence of the Japanese, especially mentioning the Japanese fishermen, you referred to them as loyal law-abiding citizens. If the Japanese fishermen were law-abiding, why was it necessary for the Dominion Fisheries Department on June 23rd 1938 to make order in council that penalized every man, woman and child in Canada.

Go to Mr Matherwell's office and get a copy of the Fisheries Regulations, on page 21 Section 18 Salmon you will find these words. Note:- Each person in a boat that is being used in salmon gill-net or drift-net fishing shall be required to have a license.

Because of those words there was last (1941) summer a school boy summoned and fined also a school bus driver working for the Surrey School Board. Because of those two cases a man from Alberta was deprived of an educational, as well as pleasure, trip. This Alberta man had never seen a fish taken out of the water until his visit here last summer. Our Canadian law forbid him to go on a boat under penalty of prosecution.

Because of these facts I wrote the Minister of Fisheries Ottawa asking for clarification. I cited what had been done here regarding enforcement. I asked was it

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the intention of the department that these extreme measures should be enforced. My letter was dated Nov 14th 1941.

The reply dated Dec 2nd 1941 was as follows. Just:-

The regulation referred to was found necessary when it was decided to reduce from time to time the number of fishermen of Japanese origin in British Columbia Fisheries.

Unless a license is required from each one aboard a boat it is absolutely impossible to control the number of fishermen of Japanese origin. The regulation is enforced according to its strict wording all along the coast. Even Indians are not permitted to take ~~the~~ members of their family with them unless each has a license.

There is a frank declaration from the Minister of Fisheries office in Ottawa that it is necessary to penalize everybody in Canada because the Japanese fishermen will not obey the laws of Canada.

Because the Japanese fishermen will not obey the laws of Canada not even a school boy can go for a ride on a salmon fishing boat any where in B.C. while the net is in the water.

There can be no more unarranged pleasure trips on a salmon fishing boat for any one.

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By that I mean Mr Editor were you to find yourself with a party of friends on the Fraser River Bank and saw a fisherman you knew, you could not visit with him on his boat without first going to New Westminster to get a license for every member of your party, or take the risk of prosecution. If there were no Japanese fishermen there would be no need for such drastic regulation.

There is an old song Mr Editor that says:— Before all lands in East or West I love my native land the best. That quotation applies to every nationality on Earth. The English loves their England. The Irish love their Ireland and the Scotsman loves his Bobby Burns and Scotland. Why try to tell us the Japanese immigrant. ~~It~~ is different to the rest of us.

Before all tongues in East or West I love my native tongue the best. Tongue in this instance means language. That again applies to every nationality and the Japanese have shown us the truth of it. The Japanese cling to their own language so firmly that they plaster their places with advertising in their own language. No other national except the Chinese advertise in that way.

I have often said the Japanese could of their own free will be relieved of much of the antagonism if they would do less advertising in their own language.

Geo. J. Triggs.

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Replied sent.
Jan. 11/42.

Newton P.O., B.C.
Jan 8th 1942.

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Alderman Wilson,
City Hall,
Vancouver B.C.

Dear Sir: -

With much interest I have been following your activity on the Japanese situation as a worker in war industry and with patriotism to our own country. I assure you of my co-operation and the co-operation of all the fellow-workers I can encounter.

I also feel quite sure that you have the support of the majority of the people. If at any time you call a mass meeting we will prove our interest by being present.

Yours truly,
Basil Fellick

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*Reply sent
Jan. 10/42
#1*

A.J. Mc Kinnell

Box 1053 Vancouver B.C.

Jan 3th 1942

Alderman J Wilson Esq:
City Hall Vancouver B.C.

Dear Sir

Just a few lines to say Bravo! and go ahead
you have a solid backing behind you on the Japanese
question: I read the remarks in last night's Daily Province
regarding Ottawa's opinion.

What could one expect when there are people like Proff: Angus,
elected on such committees who are well known throught the
Province for their pronounced Pro Japanese Sympathies.

It is far better to be safe than Sorry!

Yours truly

A.J. Mc Kinnell

late 7th Canadian Battn: #13455

HAS BEEN MENTIONED.
Japanese fifth columnists in
Malay have greatly helped the
invaders by their knowledge of
the country. Some of these
men held important positions
managers of iron mines in
various strategic localities.
The battle for Kuala Lumpur

Reply sent.
Jan. 15/42
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Jan. 7, 42
160 East 10th.
N. Van. City.

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Ald. H.D. Wilson.
City Hall.

Dear Sir:- I have noticed your
agitation from time to time over a period of years;
Concerning the Japanese question. You have re-
cognized this problem as a local question as near
as I could estimate. Which I would infer from the
newspaper clipping attached hereto, to have had ample
grounds, to cause fear in any citizen of the city.
The question no doubt is in the hands of the experts,
the police and the military as well as naval.

Would this stop the 6th column going into action,
when they already hold strategic points within the city?
We all know it would not. For instance it wouldn't
stop anyone from striking a match to light a cigar, no
matter what precautions were made. Therefore quick
action is necessary for any emergency that may arise,
in such instances as a landing by the enemy or an air
raid. However as the Japanese are not the only enemy
aliens, and say if we proceed to estimate the total at
One hundred thousand more or less, of Japanese and
other nations of the axis, of which we have a plentiful
supply within and without the city limits you can
readily see how much more grave this danger really is.
I see eye to eye with you in the matter of this question being
a local issue.

Sincerely yours. H.D. Wilson.

No address
or initials -
no reply

Burnaby Jan 26/42

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Mr H.D. Wilson City Hall
Vancouver B.C.

I just cant refrain from writing you to
thank from the bottom of my heart for
your effort to get rid of the Japs. If we
had men like you at the head of affairs
our Country would not be in the state it is.
I realize you are a very busy man so wont
take much of your time reading this.
wishing you the grandest success. I remain

yours Resp
Mrs. Clifford

Harit Bay B.C.^{6/27}
Jan 9th 1942.

Alderman H.D. Wilson

Sir,

If the powers
that be are cuckoo enough to leave
the Japs for the duration where they
have been settled for years, all
I can say is, God keep us.
They are liable to have everything
buried to start an offensive on
when the time comes, Gas, Machine
and Tommy guns, hand Grenades
ammo, and any and everything
else, and us, it looks like
all we will have is our bare
hands, not even a gas mask.
I think the traitors responsible
for this set up should all
be shot, and I don't mean
maybe, how about checking up,
how many fishing boats controlled
and how many Jap licenses issued
C.C. / Kean.

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2070-7-Ave. E.
Vancouver, B.C.
Jan. 9. 1942.

Dear Halford:-

I have been with the City Police for a month now and find my new job very interesting. I had an operation for rupture and am feeling fine now. I want to thank you very much for the splendid letter of recommendation you so kindly gave me. Grace and I appreciated it a great deal. Hoping you both are enjoying the best of health and wishing you everything of the best for 1942 I am

Sincerely Yours.
Wm J. Dawkins.

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V.S.

The man that takes a Japs word
for anything is quite likely
paid to do it. I know them
for 20 yrs. C/R,

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HUBERT SAVAGE

A.R.I.B.A., M.A.I.B.C., M.R.A.I.C.

ARCHITECT

617-18 SCOLLARD BUILDING
1207 DOUGLAS STREET
VICTORIA, B. C.

9th. January 1942.

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

Dear Sir:

I notice that you have been one among the many agitators for the internment of all Japanese in B.C. I have also written several letters to our local paper, the Daily Colonist, upon this subject, so that I am heartily in sympathy with your own efforts in this matter.

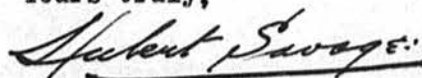
In to-day's Vancouver Sun I notice large headlines "Ottawa wants to know why B.C. wants Japs to be interned"--this is in regard to the discussions now taking place at Ottawa upon this subject. It seems to me astounding, & almost incredible, that any government can ask such a puerile question during this crisis, when our very lives are at stake. Obviously, it is not "for their health", but is for the most evident reason, which appears to be the considered opinion of the majority of the citizens of B.C. and that is that the freedom of all these Japs constitutes a very serious menace. The time worn "gag" that the authorities have taken all necessary steps in the matter, etc, etc. does not "fizz", we want something more definite than this. The people in Pearl Harbour, Shanghai, Singapore, etc. were told this same old story, and only too late was it found to be a myth.

It is reported in the bulletins to-day that "Invasion of American Continent by Nippon forces probable says Japanese newspaper". Is not this a definite warning for us? And still Ottawa turns a deaf ear to our appeal. I really believe that Ottawa thinks that Canada's defences begin with the Rocky mountains, and that this coast is of no importance.

I believe the people will have to be roused out of their apathy, and if Ottawa does nothing for us then we should start up a series of public mass meetings, or some other form of protest. This matter, to my mind, is too serious to be allowed to drift into oblivion, as our politicians at Ottawa would have us do.

I should welcome a note from you expressing your views upon this vital matter, upon which I feel so strongly.

Yours truly,



Hubert Savage.

P.S. I have received several letters, 'phone & personal calls from people who are in sympathy with this matter, some of whom have been in Japan for several years----all are of the same opinion "Intern them all". They say the Japs are so fanatical that they are likely to do anything should the opportunity present itself.

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Doriston
Egmont P.O.
B.C. Canada.
Jan 9.42.

Alderman Wilson.
Vancouver. B.C.

Dear Sir.

As an American visitor, I am very curious to know why the Govt of B.C. is still allowing the Post Office at Egmont to be run by Japanese, and foreign born Japanese at that.

It has always seemed such a strange thing to me, that they were allowed to have a Federal P.O. for the last three years, while visiting here I have remarked about it, and this year when war with Japan started, I was sure they would be removed, but no, they are still there, very comfortable and apparently very secure. And all their relations seem to be making for this spot from Vancouver. I see the daughter, who was one of the assistants in the Japanese Consuls Office in Vancouver, came home about a week before Pearl Harbour.

Apart from the P.O. they have a very large and well equipped store, carrying large tanks of Gasoline, in fact both Jap stores out there carry enough to fuel and supply any kind of boat that might call in, they (both stores) are on floats in deep water, deep enough for whatever you might think of. Have you any proof that they do not?

It is true you have tied up their packer and other boats in Vancouver, but what difference does that make? The Union Steamship bring all their freight to Pender Harbor, and from there it seems there are plenty of boats to bring it in. The only difference to them would be a little extra freight charge, which they will, doubtless add to the cost of the groceries.

I suppose you will say this is none of my affair, as I am only a visitor, and apart from my mail coming through their hands, which I heartily dislike, I have no contact with them, and this is in no way a personal complaint, they have been, as all Japs are on the surface very courteous, but I cannot help wondering what is the matter with a Govt that allows such a thing, and when you ask anyone if a Veteran has not been given the job, the answer is 'Oh they will not pay a white man enough to take it, only a Jap could handle it. Surely that is a disgrace to a nation that is boasting that she is one of the richest on the earth. You talk of the crazy things we do in California, but I think maybe we are not the craziest people around. At least we do not have enemy aliens in our P.O.

Just curious.

Yours very sincerely

Margaret A. Arnold.
Ramona, California. U.S. A.

Jan 10th L2. 1719-East ^{6/31} 33rd ave
Vancouver

To Alderman Wilson
Dear Sir

About a year or
more ago I really am not sure
just when it was I wrote to you
about a Jap woman - the yellow swimmer
getting over $\$70^{00}$ a month -
maternity pension - she now has one
son - working - but she still -
receives over $\$60^{00}$ a month -
It makes my blood ^{boil} to think
of her getting that money for
years, why did not the Govt -
send her back to Japan -
cheaper for them - then I guess
she has been sending more
than half of that money to
Japan - maybe to help make
Bombs which will probably
kill some of us here in Van -
the whole thing is rather
irritate me in Japan getting
60 cents a month - now
she cannot get sent back
to Japan now - for thing -
would not like them to

Maid Attama - I hate to see that
dirty snigger on their faces when
you see them on the Streets -
and all their stores should
be closed I agree heartily
with the stand you have
always taken towards the Japs -
I do not know you - but I
admire you for it - when I
wrote to you before I did not
give you my real name -
but here it is now

Mrs J. H. Vincent

wife of a Veteran - and mother
of two sons one in the Army
and we are British
and proud of it - too

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DR. LEWIS L. REFORD

Jan 10th
LEWIS L. REFORD
SUITE No. 1601
UNIVERSITY TOWER BUILDING
860 St. Catherine St. West.
MONTREAL

Alderman Wilson,
Vancouver. B.C.

Dear Mr. Wilson,

"His worship" Mayor
Cornett brands you as a
"Rabble Rouser".

As I added ⁱⁿ to my letter to
Mr. Mac Gregor Macintosh. \$5,000
5th Col. Japs could do more
damage to Coastal Towns in
B.C. in 24 hours than their
interment would cost for
several years.

Can these Pacifists never
learn anything even in
B.C. with the danger &

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DR. LEWIS L. REFORD

Shunt of the Jap right under
their nose and the Object
Lessons of the Philippines, Hawaii
Hong Kong & the Malay States
so close to them.

Who appointed Lieut. Gov. Bruce
as ambassador to Japan?
a poor old man who could
not speak a word of Japanese
and with one foot in the
grave. Why if he must be
given a post did they not
make him another Senator
where he could do no harm
& have sent some young
& tough native Born Br. Col.
Business man to Tokyo.

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DR. LEWIS L. REFORD

Sir Herbert Warner was just
such another stuffed shirt.
An Embarrassment to the
Liberal Party at Ottawa
passed on to Japan to get rid
of him. & later to Washington.
Enclose ^{copy of a} letter sent
to MacIntosh and an article
from "Time" of last week for
your perusal.

Kindest regards & best wishes
for your Campaign and further
activities. Hoping that you
don't relent in your good work
until all Japs are safely
interned far from the
Seaboard & Coastal Towns

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DR. LEWIS L. REFORD

The fishing boats should
not be leased but confiscated.
Would Japan or Germany
lease our fishing or other
mercantile marine or pay
for them. When will our
Govt learn that we are at
war and what kind of
an animal we are at
war with. Are the Japs leasing
or buying the shipping
they take at Hongkong, ^{Manila}
Manilla & elsewhere.

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Kindest regards

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LEWIS L. REFORM;
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880 St. Catherine St. West
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January 10th. 1942.

Copy for
Mac Gregor F. MacIntosh, M. L. A.,
847 Howe Street,
Vancouver, B. C.

Alderman Wilson Esq
City Hall
Vancouver BC

Dear Mr. MacIntosh:-

I hope you may remember me as having sent you in 1938 a small subscription of some \$100. to aid you in your fight against the Japanese in B. C.

I am glad to see that you and Alderman Wilson are fighting the Jap question once more. - All Japs naturalised or not should be removed far enough from the seaboard that they can do no harm.

To take the fishing industry alone the papers tell us that the Japanese are not going to be allowed to fish this Spring and that their boats will be leased by the Govt.!! - Why the Kid gloves?

The question is raised that perhaps if we act otherwise the Japs will retaliate on Canadians in Asia. What if they do? It is too bad but these few Canadians must take this war risk. I myself have two nephews with the Royal Rifles of Quebec either prisoners of war or killed at Hong Kong but it is better that a few should suffer than that we should leave 35,000 Japs at liberty in B. C.

After this war surely we will send every Jap in B. C. back home and once more run our fishing and Fruit raising for our selves. - Every Jap is a potential 5th Columnist and as such should not be allowed to hold property or control industry in Canada. - In Japan no foreigner can hold property or vote, nor can he become naturalised. *As we can assimilate them we should not naturalise them. No let them own property. Altho. lease or rent.*

I have visited Hong Kong some 8 times and why the British allowed the town and wharf fronts to become cluttered up with slums and refugees to the number of over 1,000,000 beats me. - The small important business and administrative part of Hong Kong opposite Kowloon would have been easily defended but the whole of Victoria some five miles stretching along the water front to the west end of the Island should have been evacuated and the bamboo buildings destroyed with fire and dynamite. There must have been at least 15 - 20 thousand Jap 5th. Columnists amongst these people.

The old navy term "Clear the decks" is as applicable to you as as it has been to Hong Kong and the Philippenes.

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What is the matter with Mayor Cornett? Is he doddering or does he need Jap votes to keep in power?

"Rabble-Rousing" is not to be deplored if it means rousing the public to a great danger it is to be encouraged if we can wake up the ignorant public and the "Laissez Faire" Government and certain Politicians and Office holders.

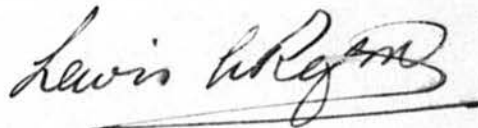
I would go very far in stern treatment of all Japanese short of Personal maltreatment and ~~Riot~~. *Police Protection.*

Certainly all fishing boats should be confiscated at once. In the States they have found that these boats are so well built and can carry so much gas that they could be quickly converted into mine layers, corvettes, and even torpedo boats. Surely fishing boats should not be engined and fueled up to be able to cover 1,000 - 2,000 miles. To have such a steaming Radius these boats must have been built as war auxiliaries.

Please give Alderman Wilson my Congratulations more power to him. As to yourself I am always willing to help as much as I can financially to a smaller extent these days however as I have doubled all my war time donations whilst my income has shrunk some 30%.

With kindest regards,

Very sincerely,



LLR/G

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Lakeside P.O.
Lake Chelan, Washington.
Jan. 10, 1942.

Mr. H.D. Wilson
The City Council
Vancouver, B.C.

Dear Mr. Wilson:

Our local paper contains a UP item quoting you as saying "Japanese should be rounded up first and investigated later". If that is correct I wish to send you gratitude for such heroic sense.

Also I'm hoping your wisdom may be followed at once in B.C.--thus setting an example for West Coast Americans. It seems we Americans are too slow to profit fully from Pearl Harbor.

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They might even begin to respect our intelligence.

Thanking you very much,

Sincerely--

Robert E. Wood

Robert E. Wood--L. Chelan

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Lakeside P.O.
Lake Chelan, Washington.
Jan. 10, 1942.

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Vancouver, B.C.

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375 West 23rd Ave. Vancouver. Jany.11 , 1942

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To
Alderman Hal. Wilson.
City Hall,
Vancouver.

Dear Mr. Wilson,

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Does anyone in their right senses, think that any Japanese be he born in Japan or in Canada, can be in sympathy with our cause as opposed to the Japanese cause ?

Conversely do we for one moment doubt that any one of our own nationals now in Japan, are in sympathy with us ? How much more are the local Japs in sympathy with Japan, whose national training and whose very religion teach them that their country and emperor are supreme.

The danger to us lies in the fact that we tie our own hands behind our own backs with our own inhibitions. We must fight fairly according to our own standards, which are not the standards of the enemy, he therefore takes advantage of our disinclination to do those things he knows we consider unfair.

It is well known and requires no proof that the Japanese unlike Europeans, are never assimilated amongst us. They have a different thought process, they have a different moral code, a different code of ethics, even a different sense of humor. They have no inhibitions. Their aim is to win this war. The means does not matter, it is the winning that matters.

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The Japanese have for years been denuding our forests, employing Japanese labor, shipping the lumber to Japan in Japanese bottoms and getting paid for it in Japanese money, -in Japan, only sufficient money was returned here to keep their various projects alive.- And we have left a most unlovely area of stumps. They have mined our copper and our gold and sent it to Japan to be used against us, they have fished our waters, and sent their profits to Japan.

It is high time something were done about it.

We all realize it is a federal responsibility, yet at the same time it is we who are on the spot that will bear the brunt of any subversive action that may take place.

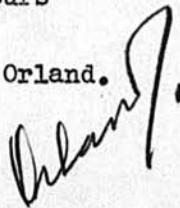
A few years ago there were work camps for the unemployed, surely conditions that were then good enough for our own people who were loyal to our country, are good enough for alien enemies in our midst. Hardships there will be amongst them, but at the same time I consider it more than probable that there will be harder times for ourselves and especially for our women folk, if some drastic steps are not taken to completely supervise ALL THEIR ACTIVITIES.

The Japanese problem is a favorite topic of conversation in Vancouver. I have yet to hear the first word of criticism on your stand. It is not the people here who are complacent. It is the peoples' representatives, and a great many of the people are heartily sick of the stupidity and deliberate blindness of those in authority.

More power to you.

Sincerely yours

Forest Orland.



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American Hotel

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Jan 11. 1942

Alderman Wilson.

Am enclosing copy of
Saturday's Sun Editorial
which you may have missed.
Any way an extra copy may
come in handy these times.

Wishing you every success
in your good work.

Jimmy Dairé

Jan 11 - 42.
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Mr Halford Wilson
Alderman
City of Vancouver

Friend Halford.

I have waited some
time now - in the expect-
ation of hearing from
you, in regard to work
at the Air Port -

Did you forget again?

I wish also to compliment
you on the stance you
have taken in regard
to the Japs. here in B.C.
Keep it up - you will have
plenty of support from the
public in the province
but you will have plenty
of opposition from certain
business interests -

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who employ a large
percentage of Jap labor.
I have a list of some
businesses and the
number of Japs they employ
will expect to hear from
you soon. — and hope
you can make some
headway in regard
to the airport

very truly yours
J. H. Macdonald
1110 Davie St

JAN. 1942.

1840 - 18th Ave New Westminster

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Jan 11 1942

To Alderman H. Wilson

Reply sent
Jan. 14/42
#1

Dear Sir.

It is a great pleasure to know we have one in the Council that is supporting this Country against the Japanese. There has been too much sentiment shown them for years. They only have to get the upper hand of the White Race they would show no mercy. I have for years try to interest McKinnon King & others in parliament to keep them down doing the White Man out of his living but there excuse was that they did not want to stir up any bad feeling with the races, but they only have their own way - and now Canada has to knuckle down to the Japs.

I am glad to see you are able to stand up for the Country & have noticed several times you spoke against at various meetings. Wishing you every success & good health. I would like to see you later as Vancouver Mayor.

Yours truly

J. Lillier

595 East 20th 6/38
Vancouver
B. 6

Sir

Reply sent
Jan. 14/42
#1

Our Government need Our Husbands
also Our Sons. Still the Government
are allowing the Japs to run the
stores all over Vancouver. hear are
two addresses of Japs who have said
(Some day we are going to own
Canada.)

On Pacific. I near have it a
Woman is running a double store
all her children were born hear
also are married, the other is at
the corner of 16th and Main. when
they used to go to school with
my children. they were always saying
that if they said that in Peccet time
What are they saying in War time
among themselves

M r Herst

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Rest assured we shall
watch your progress with
interest & appreciation, &
feel that you are fighting Alderm Ticker
for us.

I enclose a few
observations from my own
knowledge of the
situation. The facts are
correct, & can be quoted
by you.

Sincerely yours,
Muriel Richardson



Tullerwick B.C.
Jan. 12th 1942.
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Dear Sir,
May I be
permitted to convey to
you, my own & my
husband's personal
appreciation of your valiant
fight in the Japanese quarter.
You have many
admiring words here.

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them to keep open
a public road which
the Japs had closed
& ordered us off, both
verbally, & with notices,
you will understand
our own precarious
position.

Although our land is
absorbing itself in taxes
we have many times
refused to sell to
Japs, & will continue
to do so. That is our
principle.

Harvey since 1914 seen
our little village being
gradually taken over by
Japs until now we
white people are
almost outnumbered, I
cannot help giving a
loud cheer for you.

You have just our idea,
& when I tell you
that for six years
my husband & I
battled with the
authorities to free

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VANCOUVER, B. C.

*Reply sent
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#1*

January 12, 1942.

H. D. Wilson, Esq.,
#23, 175 East 15th Avenue,
City.

Dear Mr. Wilson:

I am very glad to see that at least one of our Citizens has the intestinal fortitude to endeavour to back up his convictions in respect to the Japanese situation.

If I were to express my sentiments in regard to the lack of support, or should I say the bucking you have received from certain other leading Citizens in this City, it would not be printable.

I will personally admit that I have had very pleasant experience with the individual Japanese in a business way, but, nevertheless, we are at War with their Country. I do not believe any one of them would stop at anything if he had the opportunity to become other than a law-abiding Citizen.

While the amount of time I have to spare is somewhat limited, if I can assist you in any way, do not hesitate calling on me.

Wishing you every success in your endeavours, I am,

Yours truly,

J.S. Woodworth
(Woody)

JSW:KT

CABINET CONSIDERS REPORT

Ottawa Hears B.C. Japanese Willing to Help War Effort

By CHARLES BISHOP

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OTTAWA, Jan. 12.—Several Japanese organizations in British Columbia "within a few hours after learning of the opportunity" "have formally sent word of their readiness to assist in the Canadian war effort wherever and how they can," according to a statement here today by parties to the conference on the problem at the Coast.

As stated in despatches to The Vancouver Daily Province on Saturday, the committee dealing with the subject has made a factual report to the government dealing with and discussing the pros and cons of various aspects of the question. Till it is considered, the matter is treated as confidential.

One of the main proposals, undoubtedly, is that, considering that many naturalized Japanese had expressed their readiness for war work, they should be given the opportunity. Construction work was particularly in view—work on airports, landing fields, camp roadways and the like.

"PLANNING FOR THAT."

It is with regard to this proposition that the telegraphic advices of acceptance has come from Japanese organizations on the Coast.

Asked as to the way in which those who do not volunteer for work would be dealt with, the answer was "we are planning for that too."

The decision is really up to the government. Hon. Ian MacKenzie said today that it would be before the cabinet not later than tomorrow. Hon. T. A. Crerar is to preside at meetings this week. Prime Minister King is busy at home, preparing for the session of Parliament and for dealing with those highly controversial questions with which the government is faced.

Mayor Hume today said that while the report could not be discussed in detail, because of the undertaking not to do so until it is decided by the government "at which time there are arrangements for full publicity,"

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*Reply Sent
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1460 Arbutus St
Vancouver B.C.

January 13th 1942

Alderman Halford Wilson,
c/o Vancouver City Hall
Vancouver.

Dear Sir:

In Mr. Bishop's article in the Province dated at
Ottawa January 12th, he states that the Japanese organizations
in British Columbia have stated to Ottawa that they wish to
assist in war work, and would particularly like to work on
airports, landing fields, camp roadways, and the like.

No doubt they would. Remember Pearl Harbour.
Didn't the local Japanese workers at the airport shoot down
the pilots as they ran for their planes ?

Surely Ottawa will not be hoodwinked so easily ?

Yours very truly,

(Mrs) *J. Stevens*

W. R.
C. E. SIMMONS, PRESIDENT



T. W. GOODE, SECRETARY-MANAGER

6/42

Army and Navy Veterans' Association in Canada

SOUTH VANCOUVER UNIT NO. 26

TELEPHONE: FRASER 1409

COR. 43RD AND FRASER STREET

South Vancouver, B. C.

To ALDERMAN.
H. D. Wilson

January 15th, 1942.

WHEREAS there is considerable public unrest owing to the presence of Japanese Nationals inhabiting this Western Province especially the Coast Area.

Therefore, be it Resolved by the South Vancouver Unit of the Army and Navy Veterans' Association in Canada, Unit 26, Session assembled, strongly express our deprecation that, the City Council have not taken adequate steps to insure the immobility of these Nationals under review.

This Unit, will fully endorse any action the City will take to guarantee the transfer of all Japanese Residents to, without the Coast Border.

Yours very truly,

Thomas H. Goode

3802 E. Hastings
Vancouver.
BC.
Jan 16 - 42 6/43

Alderman H.D. Wilson
City Hall.

Dear Alderman Wilson.

I am writing
you to congratulate you on
your wonderful work. Re.
Jap. Menace in B.C.

I am sorry you are without
cooperation in the City Council.
If only we had more men like
you. Not only in the City Council
but in Ottawa then we would
get some action.

I often wonder how much
money this pro-Japanese paper.
The Daily Province gets for its
editorials calling these Japs
our people & also referring
to them as Japanese Canadians.

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I am like you. Whether they just
came over here in the last boat
from Japan or whether 6 or 7
generations ago. They were born
in Canada. They are still Japs.
to me.

I am a Store Keeper & I
therefore have the opportunity
of meeting the public

Every person with whom I
come in conversation are all
for you & are of the same
opinion as I am. If we had
more men like you we would
be rid of Japs even in peace
time

I hope you will keep up.
The Good work you are
doing. Alderman Wilson
do not get discouraged
I am sure you have many.

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Followers.

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Do not let an Exp Bar-
tending Mayor discourage you.
Nor a pro-Japanese News paper.
with its Editorials & its letters
by the Editor on behalf of the
Japs in B.C.

I notice every letter to the
paper. when in sympathy with
these yellow men are in all signed
a pall or a Citizen no doubt.
These letter writers are all
Japs. I am afraid to sign
their names.

when you have a man.
L.H. Howard Green on your
side I know you will keep
up your good work for
us the people of Canada

I am Respectfully Yours
Mrs J. C. McElwray.

Jan 16 1942 6/44
3951 - W. 11 ave
Vancouver B.C.

Mr. H D Wilson

Dear Sir

Just a line to tell you how much I appreciate and admire your stand regarding the Japanese situation. I know that I also speak for a large number of friends and acquaintances and feel that by writing and informing you of how we, a part of the general public, feel in this serious matter may assist you in the stand you have taken. The present regulations of the government do not, in our opinion, go half far enough, and we hope to see you continue the campaign you have so ably started.

Sincerely
John P. Deas

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Veterans Hall January 17th 1942.
Providence Paper Alderman Wilson
Block. Please Forward
Lender Street. to Mayor Bennett.

Mr Mayor, elected
by the people (you
call them the rabble rousers)
We are at war with Japan.
Invasion is near both
by land and sky. Right
there. A man does not fight
but for his country when
war is here. He goes
fast at what they are
doing, you are striking
at men who are for

their country, be they
N.P.'s N.L.A.'s Aldermen, at
the people's mind, and the
people of the country, put
them, their

The people's mind or vote, can
put all the Japs back to
to Japan, ~~where~~ taken.

And they will do so later.

What these men have done
(is most creditable)

The Naval and Military would
do all, without & within intern,
all ships of Japanese at
any way, (war is war)
John W. Scotland.

Honorary President
LIEUT.-COL. NELSON SPENCER, D.S.O.

Padre
REV. HARRY LENNOX

Teen-Age War Veterans League in Canada (1914-1918)

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SECRETARY
C. S. CLUFF
426 WEST 22ND AVE.
FAIR. 0261R



Vancouver, B.C.

6/45
January 16, 1942.

Alderman Holford Wilson,
City Hall, Vancouver.

Dear Sir:-

At the last general meeting of this organization the Japanese problem was discussed quite fully.

It was decided to send this letter to you as a word of encouragement to carry on your good work.

We hold a regular monthly meeting in the Yukon Room of the Castle Hotel at 8 P.M. on the third Thursday of each month. We extend to you an invitation to attend any of our meetings and meet a group of men who agree with your views on this matter.

Yours truly,
Chas. S. Cluff
Secretary.

TELEPHONE:



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THE JUNIOR BOARD OF TRADE
===== OF NORTH BURNABY =====

5020 Frances St.,
VANCOUVER, B. C.
Jan. 20, 1942

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

Dear Sir:

The North Burnaby Junior Chamber of
Commerce take pleasure in endorsing the stand
you have taken with regard to the Japanese
situation on the Pacific Coast.

We believe, like yourself, that a Jap
is a Jap., whether he is born in Canada or not,
and knowing that you are well acquainted with the
conditions that exist, we offer you our whole-
hearted support. We are,

Yours very truly,

Cecil J. Bowett

Secretary.

cb

no name.
no reply

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Missouri D.C.

Alderman Wilson City Council,

Jan 20/41

Dear Sir.

Having read
your view of the Japanese situation in D.C.
all so Mrs Moores view of it: we live in a
Japanese settlement and our children attend
school where many Japanese children attend
and the Jap children have always talked like this
to our children about that soon be all one big Japan
they are very bossy and want to be the head of every-
thing even to getting to school a head of the white
children, Mr Fukami that had a letter in the
province of Jan 12, saying they wanted to live the
same as other Canadians do, visited Japan a year ago
and most of these Japs visit Japan every winter.
why do they do this if they are loyal to Canada he
him self brings Japs out from Japan learns them
what to do, and then sets them up on a farm. these
Japs are no better than the Japs in Japan in spite
of what they say they don't mean it. they have a
sneaky way to them we have lived here for years
among them and know how they think they are
bound to fight for their country and their people,
when they gain a little in the war zone, they
celebrate, Mr Fukami had a big gathering at his
house yesterday, drinking and having a big time

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his Elder's Son is in an organization in this district where some white people and Germans attend they call it a community gathering it is a fifth column or Communist party as far as I can see, they work so underhanded, put up these bills at night - before this war broke out - now I don't see these bills, but they are working just the same, all they do is criticize this Government in every thing they do, always sticking up for the Japs wanting them to have a vote and all so the Jehovah witness people in this district it's not fair to the boys in the Army for these people to carry on the way they are doing something should be done about it - there is a strong feeling amongst the people who think different here, now they have taken their fishing boats away why not take their land away too and send them all out of the country. Jukama's lights were on all through the black out - it is only the people that live in amongst these people that know them and the way they think, ~~can on looker~~

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No address

Vancouver, B.C. January 20th 1942.

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

Dear Sir;

I have followed your stand on the Japanese question and the column on page five the Province dated January 20th. made me realize that a 'Pat on the back' such as this epistle might not come amiss.

The man in the Street, looks at the Politician as in general, he is; A Politician' not as a patriot, nevertheless whether or not you are one or the other, the work you are doing is the work that all good Canadians should endorse, and possibly do, if only in their own Hearts.

All love a fighter, but even a fighter needs backing, hence this epistle,

East is East, etc. Kipling was a greater prophet than he no doubt realized.

It appears to me that taking the stand that the Japs be moved to each province pro rata is a sensible road to take for patriotic as well as political reasons.

If the Jap population is now $3\frac{1}{2}\%$ of the population of B.C. what will the ratio be 25 years from now at the rate of Jap births against white, nice question if followed out to say 75 years.

Australia has the answer, but apparently they have 'men' there we need men in Ottawa-Badly.

More power to you,

H. S. Conn

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Reply #2
Jan. 26/42

2283 Haywood St.,
West Vancouver, B.C.
Jan 20th, 1942.

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

Dear Sir:

I have just read "Wilson's View" in this Evening's Province, and I wish to say that I am heartily in accord. You appear to be the only official in this area at least who has any backbone. Even Gen. Alexander is pro-Japanese. That is according to statements made to the Province on December 9th.

The Japs will have to be eliminated from this Province somehow. If Ottawa will not send them back to Japan we will have to send them to Ottawa.

I am the owner of the Hollyburn Theatre, West Vancouver, and have raised over \$5,000.00 for the Red Cross in less than two years.

I hope you have received many thousands of letters in support of your anti-Jap crusade.

If I can help in some small way let me know.

Yours truly.

J. D. Fletcher

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Reply #2
Jan. 26/42

Port Alice. B.C.

H. D. Wilson

City Hall. Vancouver B.C.

Dear Sir:

I notice that the Government intends taking away Radio sets and Cameras from Japanese Nationals. Does this appear to you to be a somewhat foolish procedure.

Those that have their Radios removed only have to go next door to one of their relatives for friends of Canadian birth and listen to their's. Take them all away.

As for Cameras they make use of them long ago.

Here at Port Alice I have seen them in all parts of the plant taking pictures while once last summer tourists were forbidden to use cameras.

All their sets here are capable of picking up Japan so they won't have them.

Employees here cannot voice their opinions but little as Japanese are much in favor with the management.

Wishing you best of success in your efforts to make B.C. white

Yours truly,
J. P. Green

Reply #2
Jan 24/42

FRANK BLOWER, WILSON CREEK

TAXI & TRANSFER
Phone - - - -

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Jan - 21 - 42

Alderman Wilson
City Hall
Vancouver. B. C.

Dear Mrs. Wilson.

Allow me to congratulate you on your earnest endeavours to get the Japanese removed from this Province.

Why don't the politicians, irrespective of party, combine to back you up in this? Well there ^(are) large employers of Japanese who are pressing the politicians to prevent this, especially the logging interests, even in this small section of the Province, the Sechelt Peninsula, there are a large number of Japanese employed. In one camp up here there are 75% of them. In my business I hear a many expressions of opinion in regard to this situation, & I find that the Canadian working man & all small business men are 100% ready to back you up. Don't you think it would be a good plan to take a straw vote, on this, by using the voters list & send a card to every voter in the Province, to vote for or against the removal of the Japs, whether they are native born or not.

I have heard recently that the Post Office at Egmont Sechelt Inlet is run by a Japanese & that there is a large colony of them there. If there is anything I can do in this district that will help your cause I shall be glad to do it. Wishing every success. I remain
Yours sincerely F. Blower

TELEPHONE:
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VANCOUVER, B.C.

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*Reply #2
Jan 23/42*
Alderman H. D. Wilson
City Hall
Vancouver B.C.

Dear Sir:

Please accept my most sincere thanks & admiration for your firm & splendid stand & effort regarding the Japanese question.

I wrote you some 3 years ago regarding flagrant breaches of the Provincial Health by-laws in 2. specific cases viz. 2700 & 2708 Granville St. & I believe through your investigations one of those offenders departed to Japan with his wife & 3 children & made an extended stay there of over 1 year. The other has since moved to 44th & Granville St.

It was common talk around here that the Jap who went to Japan was connected with the Japanese Navy but, be that as it may, anyone knows it was quite impossible to purchase 3 round trip fares & stay in Japan for a year from the profits of a soft drink corner store where the rent is \$70 per month. His successor took over, as was, & is

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a young dapper Japanese National 26 or 25 years of age. some 7. years resident of Canada. - a "slimie" individual very much disliked in the neighbourhood.

For some years past several times a week a custom built Buick sedan would drive up & park on 11th Ave with usually 3 immaculately dressed Japs & one of these would hurry into this store (2700 Broadway) always with a leather brief case under his arm & always enter by the side door. This suddenly stopped & this car & its occupants has not been seen here since early last December. There may be nothing to this flourish but I, along with several of my neighbours, would feel better with his removal as he is a "slimie schoolster".

And, Alderman Wilson, I was advised recently by rather good authority that the Boeing Plant & airport is built on land some 8 feet below the level of the Fraser River. I have never repeated this, but if this is a fact it should be sufficient to warrant the removal of every alien, man, woman & child in this province.

Wishing you every success & again thanking you for what you have already accomplished
Yours Very Sincerely
D. R. Hall.

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*Reply to
Jan 26/42*

2709 Trinity Street,
Vancouver, B. C.

January 22, 1942.

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

Dear Sir:

It is with great interest that I have followed your activities regarding Japanese in British Columbia, and I can't speak too highly of the magnificent fight you are putting up. If we can help you in any way by means of a signed petition from tax payers, we in this end of the City will be glad to do so as we are all one hundred percent with you.

My husband is a veteran of the last war, was gassed and wounded; now all the young boys have to go immediately they become draft age, What for? To give their services, probably their lives to make British Columbia a safe and pleasant place for the Japanese to carry on their prosperous businesses, drive around in big cars, and continue their education at our Universities, while our boys give up everything whether they like it or not to fight for Canada.

The situation has really become serious, last summer we visited several beaches, every one being crowded with Japanese until the white people were obliged to leave. You couldn't attempt to get on a tennis court or near a swimming pool, the Japanese monopolized them all day, and even the Roller Skating Rink was reserved for them one night each week.

We are beginning to wonder if the Japanese have already taken Vancouver, if not, I do hope you will continue your fight until every Jap is moved out, not only from the Pacific Coast, but the whole of Canada. They should be sent back to Japan after the war and their respective jobs and businesses given to our B. C. boys when they return from the war instead of a relief ticket.

Trusting you will run for Mayor next time, and thanking you for the support you have given us in the past.

Yours truly,

AIR MURRAY

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Alderman Wilson,
City Hall.
Vancouver.

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Alert Bay
B.C.
Replied
Jan 26/42

Sir,

Please pardon me for taking up your valuable time, but I just want to congratulate you on your stand with the Japs. Here in ~~At~~ Alert Bay we have a Jap barber. He had a place right on piles on the beach, using a gas lamp for light, also had no running water, and had to pump and carry his water from a well. He sold that and started to build but he was stopped, now he has started a barber shop right up above a ship machine shop, and it looks right up and down the Johnson Straits, even the boats coming up day or night to Alaska pass by the shop, can you tell me, he could not use a flashlight to any ship, we have no lights on the street, and his place is right at the back looking on to the water. This is only a small place about 800

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mostly Indians, and there is nothing but open sea. Now he has four or five more staying there including a married woman ^{and her husband} and they are only paying \$5 per month for all of them, and the owner of the place is a skipper on a navy boat, - the "West Coast" from York Island.

They were all born in Japan, even the Indian Agent Mr. Todd goes to the Japs. My husband here is the other barber, and there is only enough for one, but during the fishing season he will get a white man from the union. We were told Alert Bay had the best black out on the coast, but why have black outs, with Japanese shipbuilders right on the water front further down the beach, and Japs at the other end. I also heard two white men had been fired at Englewood and two Japs taken on, also the one steamship crew was going to give up their jobs because 65 Japs had been taken up to Seymour inlet to work in a logging camp. It sure was a lovely sight to see the navy taking down 60 fishing boats

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from around here. Now sir I hope
you will please pardon me
writing you, but a person gets
sixed ~~is~~ here with the way they
handle the Japs with gloves on
when they should be out of here.
we don't trust them, especially
being on the water front.
Thanking you & remain yours.
Mrs J. C. Robertson.

P.S. Will you please keep this
quiet as they may think up here I
am ~~fixed~~ prejudiced against the Japs
seeing my husband is the barber, and
this is a funny place to get along it
is so small and all have their own
groups. Perhaps you don't remember
me, but when you opened David
Livingstone School P.T.A. bazaar you
bought the candy from me.
With this intening of Japs ~~in~~ the
hunch up here should be included
please keep this quiet or it will
perhaps hurt my husbands business
the people will go to the C.P. R
boat when it comes in.

To Ald H. D. Wilson

Jan. 26th 42 6/55

Dear Sir: You are to be commended for your bold stand to prevent British Columbia from becoming a Japanese colony, and for adequate protection from their treachery, their recent actions go to prove that they are a gloved-hand treacherous race.

They should get back to Japan and limit their families within their means instead of breeding like rats and slaughtering and preying on their neighbors. The war affords an oportune time to clamp down on them.

What chance have British Canadian small bussinesses to compete with their stores all over the city, allowed to run all the time in defiance of bylaws?

Yours for a Square Deal, etc.

H. McMullen

2291 W. 1st Ave.

City

Please excuse pencil
shaky on pen - Rhen.

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Reply #1

Dear Mr. _____ ,

I wish to express my appreciation for your recent letter of support on my stand towards the Japanese question.

You will readily understand that I have received numerous communications, and I regret that I am unable to comment on the suggestions put forward in each individual letter. Suffice it to say that with the support I have received from you, I feel encouraged to stand by the position which I have taken.

I am sure that both you and myself are in agreement that in asking the Federal Government to remove from our Coastline those residents of Japanese racial origin, we do so not in the spirit of racial antagonism or with a desire to persecute nationals of another race; but that our request is purely one emanating from a desire that our national security shall not be jeopardized by the presence of enemy aliens whose loyalty cannot be determined.

With my best wishes to you and yours for the new year,

I remain,

Yours very truly,

Halford D. Wilson
ALDERMAN

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Reply #2

January 23rd, 1942.

Dear Mr _____:-

I wish to express my appreciation for your recent letter expressing support on my stand on the Japanese question.

It has been very gratifying to receive hundreds of letters and calls endorsing a move, calling upon the Government to transfer all residents of Japanese racial origin to areas removed from our Coast.

In endeavouring to reply to these communications, it is not possible to deal with all the information which has been forwarded. Suffice it to say, that if your letter has contained any information which should be acted upon by the authorities, the same has been forwarded to them for investigation.

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I remain,
Yours very truly,

Halford D. Wilson
ALDERMAN

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