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Dear Mr. B.

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This may come as a surprise to you as you do not know me very well, but for obvious reasons I will not sign my name, but I feel it is my duty to inform you of a situation that you may not know of.

I would not do this if it were not for the fact that I ~~have been~~ <sup>have</sup> happen to know that you are interested in another, whom <sup>you</sup> would doubtless be so close with. I <sup>am</sup> sure if you checked into the matter, <sup>suppose</sup> you with grounds for a divorce?

In the fall of 1940 your husband, Mr. Walter Bense, travelled through these parts with a lady companion whom I understand he has been having a love affair with for some time, and a serious one. I do not at present know this girl's name or where she is from but I am investigating and hope to be able to supply you with this information before long.

I hope you will consider this a favor as it is intended and take ad-

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Montage of an opportunity if you wish  
to make the most of it.  
If I would suggest you  
check into some hotel registers which  
will supply proper grounds.  
Sincerely yours  
A friend

RE ELECTION OF ALDERMEN

Results of the Poll cast on December 14, 1938:

BENNETT, John .....	19,572
WILSON, Halford David .....	19,011
CORNETT, Jonathan Webster .....	18,221
CRONE, Fred .....	13,726
Hurry, Alfred .....	13,526
Offer, William Ralph .....	10,473
Eckland, Margaret Ellen .....	9,449
Busecombe, George .....	9,227
Wilkinson, Thomas .....	7,927
Scanlon, Edmund Michael .....	7,720
Caple, Montague Gregory .....	6,621
Matheson, Ernest George .....	4,030
Stewart, Charles McGregor .....	3,842
Fordyce, Alexander .....	3,102
McAllister, Peter .....	1,985
Miller, Frederick Vaughan .....	1,273
Rubinowitz, Louis .....	704





TELEPHONE SEYMOUR 0627



YORK HOTEL  
- Room 114 -  
VANCOUVER, B.C.

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Old. Mr. D. Wilson  
City Hall.

Sir:-

One of the opinions that  
there should be a check-up  
of and listing of short-wave  
radio sets in the possession  
of our Japanese friends  
and other potential enemy  
sympathizers. For instance,  
I was told that the Jap at  
the corner (store) of Fifth &  
you has one to which his  
car is fixed whenever the  
chance, or purpose, affords the  
opportunity. Should he be  
receiving, and spreading,  
instructions to other nationals  
registered with the authorities  
in Tokyo - or is he just "spreading  
news from home" perhaps?

Very truly yours,  
Harry H. Blair, Director.

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Panama  
B C

Dear Mr. Halford Wilson

we all admire your  
 spirit re Japs. I worked for one who calls  
 himself. Silbhalis says he gives to  
 war efforts etc. I have seen enough to  
 know he is a good 5th column (one day he had several Japs in the back  
 of the store gathering away and they  
 are pretty deep and he seems a square  
 chap. But I see later! Why are such  
 Japs allowed to have stores on a  
 prominent street like Granville st. and  
 how about the Yamato bunch? and our  
 white boys being slaughtered by their  
 hand every day, I say do as the U.S.A!  
 get every one of them out of our town  
 no matter store keepers or what. They  
 are just as bad and have more chance  
 to do 5th column stuff. Our lives are at  
 stake and these Japs allowed to  
 promenade on our main street. Boston  
 from the U.S.A. are started at such persecution  
Go to it Halford get all of these yellow  
 double faced perils out of our midst - ~~and~~  
 there should be no exception in time of war  
~~and~~ so near to us! Yours truly  
 a faithful supporter  
 (by your efforts keep it up you are a hero)  
 M. E. Williamson



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"Jap print markets  
try to a distance  
to us white people  
to have them here!"

P.S.

Silhalino 730. Grammer  
Yamato - 460. Grammer

and why do they (the C.W.X) Radio & the  
advertising Japs stores on the air  
(Silhalino)! Remember Pearl Harbor!  
well. these shunks will  
get us if we are too easy  
to them - so stop them  
doing business in our midst  
is our only hope against  
5th column activities.

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old Wilson

Dear Sir.

I am interested in  
your fight to intern  
the Japs.

Heres one more reason.

I know a man working  
for a large Salmon  
cannery on the West  
Coast, where the  
usual Japs are employed  
a Canadian born  
Japanee was asked



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Coombs

V. 9. B.C. Mar 4<sup>th</sup>

Ad: H.D. Wilson

Dear Sir. I feel we ought to be as ready with our praise as with our blame, I therefore write to thank you for your stand on the Oriental question in our midst. I hope it will bear good fruit, & to express my surprise & disgust at there being no other person in authority to show any loyalty to our country & people. The situation will get worse year by year as they increase in numbers & then we can expect what China is suffering. I ask you Sir, is not their settling in the Coast provinces significant? In my humble opinion this is the most vital & pressing of all our troubles, yet our leaders are too cowardly to tackle it. The birth of Communism Fascism etc. was brought about by bad Government & believe me if the Govt. doesn't do something about this festering sore the people will. I can't imagine how the women have borne it to see their husbands, sons, & brothers walking the streets in search of work only to be sent to jail for begging for what is their right. And the men's blood must have turned to water or they would have done something desperate, ere this. Please don't misunderstand me, I am no revolutionary, but there is a limit to everyone's endurance, & I think it is a positive crime to expect our people to compete with Orientals in our own country; it is bad enough to compete with

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imports from Asiatic countries. And Canada will never get a more opportune time than the present to put her house in order, if that is what she is waiting for. It's coming to something when the domestic affairs of this "great & glorious Dominion" must be dictated by almond eyed brigands.

We are told the B.C. Govt. will spend \$50,000 along with other monies in a tourist-campaign. If they get rid of the "yellow peril" they needn't spend anything. It does not seem to occur to them that this condition will eventually ruin the tourist-trade. A few years ago when in the States we were asked what's the matter with British Columbia? It appeared a lot of Americans had taken advantage of a C.P.R. excursion to come rightreezy & all they could see was Japanese. They remarked, over again, when we want to see those fellows, we'll go to Japan. But whether or no they are certainly too much in evidence.

Where'er you look is not as hot as "where'er you walk". We have no room for people with a dual allegiance. You can make what use you like of this letter. I'd send it to the Province only I know they wouldn't print it.

Yours sincerely  
L. Gowing

P.S. See my letter in paper  
under name  
Fairplay for us



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come to Hazel, yourself. Tues. P.M. 4/6  
Dear Halford.

The enclosed clipping  
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Hamilton Spectator. I thought  
you might be interested  
to know how Charlie Bishop  
views your Anti-Japanese  
work; and from what I  
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grown up with these "slit-  
eye sneaks" who know how  
underhanded are their methods.  
We hope Ottawa will not  
"gang up upon you" and

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1. Has it ever occurred to you what possibilities there are in the fruit question. Sabotage in this line are the untimely, such as epidemics, poisons etc. Do not forget that our people & soldiers, both in Canada & overseas eat your gunn, packed, & supervised by Japs. The manager of the Fruit Exchange at Harey is an unaturalized Jap, who has been here 35 years. This processes fruit goes entirely through Jap hands, & it is not incredible that an enemy alien has it in his power to cause more deaths than a thousand bombs.

2. In spite of the fact that their shells are chased, the Japs seem particularly active at the present time. We have more Jap trucks on our road in a week now, than we previously had in a month, & day & night the traffic continues on foot & in trucks.

3. Their attitude is more impudent than ever, & people



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ruin your chances in the future.

Every now and again one of the girls will tell of some happy incident which occurred on that memorable trip to the Exhibition.

We are in the grip of a terrific cold snap. At noon today it was 4° below zero out of the wind at our front door. And since three-thirty a blizzard has been raging till now the snow is piled high at our front door and along the drive. A good shovelling job is in store for us to-morrow.

Sorry to hear you were in bed for Xmas but hope you are better now. Barbie braved the wind and was tobogganing at the Golf Club this afternoon. With



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see as definitely jittery.

3. Is it good for the moral of our boys, to know that able bodied Japs are waiting to step into the jobs they vacate on embarkment, & actually bragging openly about it. What about recruiting?

4. ~~Why do they~~ Do you city people realize the position of me white people, in a village practically outnumbered by Japs who practically all have phones, & only three policemen for the whole municipality.

Our case is paralleled all over the coastal areas of B.C..

In my own case, as my husband is an Air Train Warden, if he is called for duty I shall be a woman entirely alone, surrounded by Japs who have no cause to love me.



5. With many of us, even our water supply flows through Japanese land. So far, swampy water. And here an only solution, but one does not know what the future holds along these lines.
6. Is anyone foolish enough to believe that they have surrendered all their guns. No-one here believes it.
7. Why do they put themselves into the Red Cross, even into the "Bundles for Britain", & why do they insist on their donations being publicly acknowledged in the papers. Is it cheap propaganda?
8. Why did they either observe the last blackout either half heartedly or not at all? This I know.
9. I endorse the suggestion of kicking them all out of B.C., at least they intend to kick us out.

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A. V. HILL  
SECRETARY-TREASURER

TELEPHONE: TRINITY 2965

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## PACIFIC COAST FISHERMEN'S UNION

164 EAST HASTINGS STREET  
VANCOUVER, B. C.



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

April 17th.

Dear Sir:-

The North Arm Local of the P.C.F.U.  
asked me to draw to your attention the following  
motion passed at their meeting on April 6th.

M/S/C.

That we send a letter of concurrence to  
Alderman Wilson in regards to his notice of motion  
mentioned in the Daily papers on Monday.

Local No.5. are evidently with you on  
this question. They are located at the foot of  
Main St. on the North Arm of the Fraser

Yours truly

A.V. Hill Secretary.



2211 Cambre<sup>2/9</sup> St  
City

Alderman Wilson  
City Hall.

Dr Sir,

Your very sensible attitude towards the Oriental question in this city prompts me to give you a brief history of my own case at above address.

I have been here over 3 yrs & as the City by-laws will not allow a Sake Opener to live in back of his business, have been forced to keep up a separate establishment which sets me back an average of \$22 a month. Yet the Japs around here, three of them, are allowed to live in back of their stores, at the same time handling perishable food stuffs the same as ourselves, without the benefit of sterilization which our food stuffs are subjected to as we serve mostly cooked meals.

Owing to the Japanese competition in Tobacco & Soft Drains etc & having to keep up a separate establishment I have been unable to pay any licence.

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The Japs turnover in Soft D<sup>r</sup> Tobacco & Dairy Products is 10 times greater than mine so why should I be required to pay the same license.

Within the last few days a golden opportunity presented itself for me to catch up on my back debts but I am being prevented from doing so because the Jap next door gets the preference.

I refer to the fact that two rooms in back of my place & which really go with the Caffé, recently became vacant & although I assured the Landlord Mr. & Mrs. Pair that by letting me have the rooms would enable me to catch up on my debts, he let the Jap retain them to house his Mother in.

This same Jap by-the-way, runs a racing book, punch boards etc.

The war, extra cost of food stuffs, the opening of a modern Hamburger Joint by a Greek? a couple of blocks away, Japness & competition are all contributing factors to my inability to pay my way, but I am sure I could catch up if I had been able to get those two rooms.

I am quite sure I would not be able to retain two rooms that



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a. Jaf wanted in Japan.

Please show this letter to Mr  
Moghart

Oblige

Yours sincerely

W.D. Evans

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Alderman. Wilson

Dear Sir

Am sending you a piece in  
the province. No one but japs can own  
land in Japan but they certainly do  
as they like in Canada. I have been  
in Canada 49 years and I have never  
spent one cent with Japanese. It is the  
people's own fault the japs get along  
as they get all the trade I would be  
ashamed to be seen going in their stores  
they have good stores because the  
white people deal with them I can't  
sign my name as I am on relief &  
may be taken off if I say any thing about  
the japs



japs can get all the ways to iron  
and lumber they want- some day  
they will turn on us. They pretend to  
propose that they would not fight- but  
but- just- give them the chance they  
are as bad as the Huns & Japs  
who ~~we~~ would trust- then they are  
helping japan all they can always  
did always will.

~~Dis~~ Disgusted with  
the government

jean ago the premier said it-  
would not do to hurt their feelings  
I would hurt them a lot more  
than their feeling hurt- that becomes  
and selves

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Alderman Wilson:  
Dear Sir:

As you are also interested in this Japanese problem perhaps you would be able to interest some Gov't. official in the following.

For the past number of months, many Japanese at Steveston, have been wearing Japanese Naval caps, some of the younger boys at the Public School have also been wearing them. To-day a young Japanese Man passed through the street of Steveston, and he was wearing a Japanese Army Cap (like the one's I have seen them wearing in pictures of the war in China.

It seems to me that there should be a stop put to this sort of thing at once. The younger Japanese generation are very disrespectful, in fact intollerable at times. Are they allowed to fly a large Jap flag on the center pole of a fishing boat that has just been launched, even altho' the British flag is on the boat?

It would be most educational for any good Canadian to visit the town of Steveston, walk down the dykes, and check on the property owned and worked by these people, and to note it is as close to the River as they can get. Also wait beside our Lord Byng Public School until school is out, and note the enormour percentage of Japs - a large number of which come from the North each year, are boarded with other families and attend this school taxes free.

One who loves Canada.

It is useless to report this to Local police.



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Monday.

Alderman H. J. DeGraves.

Dear Harry;-

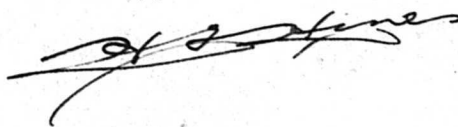
I have typed out the rough memorandum attached, from which you may be able to get some ideas that co-incide with your own. It is difficult of course without fully understanding law, and international agreements to say just how these ideas should be put into force in some cases, but where there is a will there is ~~any~~ a way and surely our Civil Servants can work out some fair and equitable method to take care of the problem of those already here with fairness to Canadians as well as the Jap.

With regard to your suggestion of Birth Control, in view of Quebec's attitude and the weight they have in the Government a change of terms to training for Canadian homemaking could mean the same thing, but no-one could take offence; further Canadian born Japanese should be restricted if they wish to stay in this country to marrying Canadian born Japanese girls, there are plenty of them, and they are already amenable to training as homemakers instead of brood sows.

There should also be some law regarding child labour and wife labour, as that is one of the chief difficulties in the market gardening field, the wife and children all putting in hours on the farm, and to the employment of children under 15 during summer holidays and other school holidays

Sorry that pressure of work at the office, does not allow me to devote more time to this, but if there is any other slant on which I can be of service to you, just let me know

Sincerely,



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Japanese (or Oriental Problem.)

This can be divided into two sections.

- 1 (a) Those Japanese legally admitted, and Japanese born in Canada and considered Canadians but without rights of franchise.
  - 1 (b) Further immigration from Japan.
- (a) Those already here or who may be born here.
- The problem created is the ratio of natural increase in comparison with the natural increase of the white population.
- Fair opportunity within Canada, yet restrictions that will prevent control of any industry in any Province passing from control of the whites to the control of the Japanese.
- Rights of Land ownership or leasing.
- Where Orientals have become primary producers, rights of sale of products, i.e. wholesaling or exporting must be through legitimate white organizations, and no dummy organizations ostensibly white, but controlled by orientals to be permitted.
- Education of Canadian born orientals to be in Canadian public schools.
- National schools not to be permitted to cater to any child of school age, as it is believed that the educational load on the child in the public schools is sufficient to occupy the school hours of a growing child.
- To prevent abuse of the above, and yet permit religious freedom, a limited time to be set that cannot be exceeded in any one week where the children may go for instruction in their ancestral religion.
- 1 Special training for oriental children in Canadian economy both political and financial with a view to inculcating Canadian standards of living.
- In the high school special courses for oriental girls in eugenics, and homemaking, this to be a compulsory course to be taken by all oriental students before being permitted to leave school.
- Nights schools in English and Canadian economy and standards of living for all orientals under thirty five and who have not been educated in Canadian schools. Attendance compulsory until a test showing satisfactory knowledge shall have been completed. This to be financed by Dominion Government in all centres wherever there are twelve or more available to form a class. (a special levy on the oriental in the form of a special income tax might be made to cover this.
- Returning to their ancestral home to enter military service or Government service shall debar from reentry into Canada. This to apply to all nationalities, only exceptions to be where a permit is issued by Federal Government before leaving and to be based on definite premises, i.e., training for consular service, trade service, or as special representatives of their Home Country's exporting firms, such re-entry to Canada to be granted then only for the period the person is engaged in that service for which permit to enter is granted.
- Ratio to white population to be set, i.e. that is if there are thirty thousand Japs in B.C. to-day against say 750,000 population that there be restrictions against this ratio increasing either by natural methods or immigration, and that any increase in this ratio in B.C. will be dealt with by moving the surplus to other Provinces or repatriation to Japan, allowing the ~~parent~~ Japanese to decide which they accept, Dominion also to set a limit beyond which ratio of Japanese to total population shall not be permitted.
- Rights of living on Fish boats in organized areas (i.e. areas where there are schools,) or where there would be a sufficient number of children to warrant a school to be denied to families with children, and control of buildings which may be used as domiciles.
- I feel that the Japanese here have to be given an idea that there is some opportunity and fair treatment, and this should be worked out. They strike me as a similar problem to the Jews in the old days, they were denied access to every occupation, but they found that money was powerful and whoever could loan it could get power, and so despite all restrictions they managed to get powerful through money. The human being



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under suppression will either die, or find a way out, and the survival of the fittest means that they gradually do become a power by overcoming conditions.

It would appear to me that the oriental must be spread among more activities, and protect the whites by the ratio method; the control of berry growing, potatoes, general garden truck and greenhouses has passed to the Oriental, this control should be broken, the same applies to fishing, and certainly to the peaceful penetration now taking place in our forestry and mining. As long as International trade demands that we trade with other nations we must trade, but the trade channels to that nation must be in the hands of our own nationals and not their nationals living in our country.

~~General Immigration~~ With regard to the Japanese here all adults should be called up and compelled to swear to one allegiance, and definitely agree that they renounce all allegiance to the country of ~~origin~~ origin after being in this country one year, at the end of which time they can elect whether to live in this country, or if not they should be returned to their own country, even at our expense. I do not mean they must accept citizenship with voting rights, but they shall abrogate their obligations to their country of origin, and further agree to whatever service this country may call them for in the event of war or national emergency. This should apply to all nationalities.

Wherever the children of foreign nationals ~~predominate~~ predominate, and they cannot be absorbed by intermarriage, there should be a special educational levy to at least pay for the teacher cost of these children while in school, that is if their parents are not already paying a land tax or resident in a dwelling paying a land tax equitable to that occupied by an average white family.

As a matter of fact no nationals in this country should be granted privileges any greater than is granted our nationals in their country. On this basis the Imperial Japanese Government should surely not complain of a diplomatic commission arriving at a basis of equal privileges, without anyone claiming that there is discrimination.

Immigration Further immigration should of course be stopped immediately, unless the Canadian Government want to accept the immigration only for the Province of Ontario, with no rights of change of residence.

STUDENTS. A student should be defined as one coming to study at a recognized University or theological college, and should be here for periods of study only.

A system might be arranged whereby High School students could be admitted only on an exchange basis, i.e., that where a Japanese can arrange for a white high school student to take one to three years in Japanese High Schools we might permit the exchange in our high schools, but purely on a basis of one for one exchange.