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Alien Registration
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RE ALIEN REGISTRATION

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Present: Alderman Cornett (Chairman), His Worship Mayor J. Lyle Telford, M.D., M.L.A., Alderman Jones and Alderman Wilson.

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Your Special Committee begs to recommend as follows:

WHEREAS there is a widespread apprehension that persons of alien origin in the Country may be engaged in subversive activities aimed at giving assistance to the enemy;

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AND WHEREAS the gathering at once of full information as to their antecedents, activities and contacts will enable them to be kept under proper surveillance;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this Council make representation to the Prime Minister of Canada ~~and~~ Urging that the Dominion Government forthwith inaugurate nation-wide compulsory registration of all persons in Canada aged fifteen (15) years and upwards; ~~and~~ Urging that the Dominion Government arrange immediately for the nation-wide compulsory disclosure and registration by all persons in Canada of explosives, fire arms, and other offensive or destructive weapons or material.

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The Committee then adjourned to meet in the Mahogany Room at 11.00 a.m. on Monday, May 27th, 1940.

It was agreed that His Worship the Mayor and the Acting Chief Constable should take the following action, viz:
(a) meet with representatives of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, informing them of the contemplated action by the Committee, and enquiring as to whether they have any information which might be announced for the information of the public at the present time; (b) take up with Col. H.F.G. Letson the question of ~~will~~ *arrange* for home guard units *which might absorb many veterans and others anxious to be of service at this time.*
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*Committee for...
Wanted measures act...
Fire arms & explosives
order in Council withdrawn*

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See Hansard, in
Law Library -
pp. 160-1 for remarks
by Mr. Lapointe.

Check up for remarks
by Mr. Rogers.

PRIME MINISTER

Ottawa, May 29, 1940

Vancouver, B.C.

Dear Sir:

I am directed by the Prime Minister to acknowledge your letter of May the 27th, and to let you know that the resolution of the Vancouver City Council, passed on May 27th, will be given the careful consideration of the Government.

On the subject of enemy aliens and home defence, Mr. King has asked me to refer you to the statements of the Minister of Justice, the Right Honourable Ernest Lapointe, and the Minister of National Defence, the Honourable N. McL. Rogers, delivered to the House of Commons on May the 23rd.

Yours faithfully,

(signed) "H. R. L. Henry"
Private Secretary.

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OFFICE of the PRIME MINISTER

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CITY
CLERK'S OFFICE
FRED HOWLETT, J. P.
CITY CLERK



TELEPHONE FAIRMONT 2711

VANCOUVER, B.C.

May 27th, 1940.

Re Alien Registration

I beg to notify you of the following resolution passed
by the Vancouver City Council on the 27th instant:

"WHEREAS there is a widespread apprehension that persons
of alien origin in the Country may be engaged in subversive ac-
tivities aimed at giving assistance to the enemy;

AND WHEREAS many of these persons are not actually alien
enemies by reason of their birth in Canada or of their natural-
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Government (1) Forthwith inaugurate nation-wide compulsory reg-
istration of all persons in Canada aged fifteen (15) years and
upwards; and (2) Arrange immediately for the nation-wide compul-
sory disclosure and registration by all persons in Canada in
possession of explosives, fire arms, and other offensive or
destructive weapons or material."

Yours very truly,

City Clerk.

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CANADIAN INDUSTRIES LIMITED

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916 Birks Bldg.,
VANCOUVER, B.C.,
May 29th., 1940.

Mr. Don E. McTaggart,
City Solicitor
Corp. City of Vancouver
City Hall,
Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Sir:

Pursuant to your telephone enquiry of this afternoon am writing to tell you of the precautions we take and have done so ever since the outbreak of war on Sept. 3rd.

We ship and deliver explosives only to those whom we know or, if we have any doubts whatever, we make enquiries from the authorities in the district, or that failing, refer to the Commissioner of Provincial Police, Victoria, before making shipment. In addition we have contacted, personally, the officers of McLennan, McFeely & Prior Ltd., Marshall-Wells B.C. Ltd., the Westminster distributors and others who purchase from us for resale, warning them of the Dominion Inspector of Explosives ruling and the precautions to be taken.

In a few instances where we felt reasonably sure that the explosives were to be used for bona fide mining or agricultural work, we have taken the additional precaution of informing the Provincial Police, locally, to follow up and investigate, which they have done and reported back to us.

We feel that we have been vigilant and have safeguarded every means that might be used in getting explosives illegally, yet should there be anything occur to you that we could further do, we would appreciate you advising us.

Yours very truly,

(Sgd.) "Morley Shier"

DISTRICT SALES MANAGER

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Mr. D. E. McTaggart,
Corporation Counsel,
Law Department,
City of Vancouver,
Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Sir:

Responding to your letter of yesterday, am writing for your further information that all Farmers' Institutes through the Province who have storage of explosives have been warned by the Provincial Police and by the Secretary of the Department of Agriculture on all precautions they must take; and all merchants throughout the Province, who have stocks of explosives, have been written by Col. Leach, Chief Inspector of Explosives, Ottawa, and they have reported back to him, and we also in making our calls and inspection of their magazines keep a close check on them. The Railroad companies have consolidated their stocks of explosives at certain magazines and keep them under guard.

Yours very truly,

(signed) "MORLEY SHIER"
District Sales Manager.

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Memo from Law Dept. May 30/40

The Rt. Hon. Ernest Lapointe,
Minister of Justice,
Ottawa.

My Council recommends the restoration of section fifty-eight of the Defence of Canada Regulations as it was prior to the amendment of January Fourth last.

MAYOR

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