

Ottawa,
March 30, 1942.

Miss Anne Kimura,
c/o Box 196,
Mission City, B. C.

Dear Madam:

The Prime Minister has asked me to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 23rd of March in which you ask whether or not the regulations respecting the removal of persons of Japanese origin from the Pacific Coast would apply to you if you are married to a Chinese citizen.

The evacuation of persons of Japanese origin from the British Columbia coastal areas has been placed in the hands of the British Columbia Security Commission and you should therefore write direct to Mr. Austin Taylor, Chairman of the British Columbia Security Commission, Vancouver, who will, I am sure, give your case due consideration.

Yours faithfully,

H. R. L. Henry,
Private Secretary.

CEB.

P.O. Box. 196.
Mission City
B.C.
March. 23, 1942.

Dear Sir:-

I am just writing
these few lines to you. to
find out. that if I get
married to a Chinese man
does that mean I have to go
to where all the Japanese are
put. As I've been living
with a Chinese man for over
2. 3. years and we intend to
get married. that if I don't
have to go where all the
Japanese. I've left home
since I was. 13 years old.
I am a Canadian Born
and I would gladly like
to know if I have to go
even I get married to

a Chinese man Please
and kindly write and
Let me know

Thanks you.

I Remain
Till I hear from
you.

Yours Very Sincerely

Miss.

Cheryl Kimura,
P.O. Box. 196.

Mission, B.C.

P.S.

Write soon & Let me
know. Thanks you.
Very much.

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Copy of Resolutions passed unanimously at a meeting held on March 12, 1942 of residents of South Kelowna and East Kelowna and being the largest meeting of residents ever held in that area. P-306
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Whereas, by reason of proximity of the Okanagan Valley-Kamloops area to lines of communication connecting Eastern Canada with the Coast, the influx of the Japanese into such Valley is inconsistent with proper national defence.

And whereas such influx menaces the economic and military safety of the Okanagan Valley.

And whereas disorders are likely to occur and reprisals be taken against such Japanese if they are permitted to remain in such area.

Be it resolved that the Government of Canada be urged to declare the Okanagan Valley-Kamloops area a protected area and that with respect to such area it be ordered that all Japanese who have come into the area since the recent R.C.M.P. Japanese registration be taken out of such area.

Be it further resolved that the Government of Canada be urged to distribute all Japanese among the provinces of Canada on a pro rata basis to be there kept under proper supervision and control.

Be it further urged upon the Government of Canada that adequate provisions be made for keeping all Japanese at safe distances from main lines of communication.

J. Thorneley Jr. Sec.
South & East Kelowna Local
B.C.F.G.A.

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this is in hands of
A.C. Security Comm.
Should direct response
to Mr. Austin Taylor

R. R.

Langley Prairie
British Columbia

March 16th 1942

The Right Honourable
Prime Minister
William Lyon Mackenzie King
Ottawa

Sir,

I have the honour to enclose a cutting
(dated March 13th) regard
from the Vancouver Daily Province, re
to a Canadian born Japanese Nurse
of Vancouver General Hospital, in the hope
that you Sir, may be able to make possible
this nurse to take her degree, as she has
all but finished three years training.
I thought perhaps an exception could
be made even in regard to Japanese born
in Canada. This young girl considers herself
a true Canadian & never has been in Japan
and knows no home but Canada. All her ideas
& thoughts are Canadian, her only misfortune is
being born of Japanese Parents.

My father was a Scots man born in
 Edinburgh, I know ^{how} I should feel if
 Scotland went to war with Canada
 I would stand by Canada, no matter what
 Scotland did, my daughter born in Canada
 says the same. So I plead this
 young girl's cause, her mind is set
 on Nursing, & she is clever, now
 for her Homeland Canada where she
 was born to turn on her in this way
 seems ~~too~~ cruel. Her mind is Canadian
 Japan means nothing to her

So Sir, I leave her case
 to you. Know as I do your just
 judgement I have the honour to be
 Sir, your obediently
 Thomas K. Beveridge

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Ottawa,
March 23, 1942.

Thomas K. Beveridge, Esq.,
R. R. No. 2,
Langley Prairie, B. C.

Dear Sir:

The Prime Minister has asked me to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 16th of March requesting that a Canadian-born Japanese nurse in training be permitted to complete her course in the Vancouver General Hospital.

You are no doubt aware that the task of removing persons of Japanese origin from the British Columbia coastal areas has been placed in the hands of the British Columbia Security Commission, under the Chairmanship of Mr. Austin Taylor, acting in co-operation with the Federal Ministers of Labour and Justice. Any representations you may have to make should, therefore, be addressed to Mr. Taylor who, I am sure, will see that they are given every consideration.

Yours faithfully,

H. R. L. Henry,
Private Secretary.

"It Makes Me Ashamed"

Sir: I read in The Vancouver Daily Province that the General Hospital has dismissed nurses of Japanese race, among them "one who would graduate this year."

This young girl, who has spent three years in training, is Canadian born, a graduate of B. C. schools, and up to now taught that this is the country she owes her allegiance to. Now, through no fault of hers, Japan is at war with us.

Surely this in a Christian country is very cruel and very short-sighted when the gift of nursing is so much needed all over the war-torn world. This young girl would give more to her adopted country, more in loyalty than we have given in our treatment of her case.

It makes me ashamed. I know what I should feel as my daughter is graduating next month.

"HER MOTHER."



*Subject
refer to
Immigration*

The Canadian Legion ^{OF THE} British Empire Service League

North Okanagan Zone



BRANCHES:

ARMSTRONG, No. 35

ENDERBY, No. 98

KELOWNA, No. 26

VERNON, No. 25

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BOX 933.

KELOWNA, B. C.

March 16th, 1942.

The Rt. Hon. W. L. McKenzie-King.
Prime Minister of Canada.
Ottawa, Canada.

Dear Sir:-

At a meeting of the North Okanagan Zone, Canadian Legion, B.E.S.L. which was held on March 15th, the following resolution was passed unanimously.

1. That all Japanese regardless of place of Birth, be immediately ~~Interred~~ and placed under strict Military Guard for the duration of the War, and at the end of the War be deported to Japan.
2. All Japanese properties be confiscated.
3. All Licences of any description, including Motor Vehicles etc. to be cancelled.
4. That all immigration of Orientals to this Country shall cease.
5. That Total Mobilisation of Wealth, Industry, ~~and~~ Natural Resources and Man Power be immediately enforced.

Yours very truly,

David Addy
David Addy, Secretary.
North Okanagan Zone.
Canadian Legion, B.E.S.L.

Referred to the Minister of Justice and the
Minister of Mines and Resources.

Ottawa,
March 20, 1942.

David Addy, Esq.,
Secretary, North Okanagan Zone,
Canadian Legion, B.E.S.L.,
Box 933,
Kelowna, British Columbia.

Dear Sir:

The Prime Minister has asked me to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 16th of March, embodying a resolution which was passed at a meeting of the North Okanagan Zone of the Canadian Legion respecting the Japanese situation in British Columbia and requesting the total mobilization of wealth, industry, natural resources and man-power.

Mr. King wishes me to let you know that the representations of your communication have been noted and are being brought to the attention of the Ministers of the Cabinet most directly concerned.

Yours faithfully,

H. R. L. Henry,
Private Secretary.

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TABER CITIZENS COMMITTEE

Taber, Alberta
16th. March 1942

The Right Hon. W. L. Mackenzie King
Prime Minister of Canada
Ottawa, Canada

Dear Sir;

I wish to acknowledge receipt of the letter sent to Mr. E. Meacham, Chairman of Taber Citizens Committee, by Mr. H. R. L. Henry, your private secretary; and thank you for same.

The feeling regarding bringing any Japanese into these districts is quite high, and following a meeting held on Sunday, I was instructed to send the following message to yourself, and also to The Hon. The Minister of National Defence and the Hon. The Minister of Justice Ottawa, as well as to Austin Taylor, B.C. Security Commission at Vancouver.

"At a publicly advertised meeting of residents of Taber and district held yesterday, and which filled local theatre to overflowing, the following resolution was passed unanimously: "Be it resolved that the proper authorities be advised this meeting goes on record as being definitely opposed to bringing any Japanese into the Taber District. Further resolved that ~~that~~ the proper authorities be requested to make an immediate and thorough survey of all other sources of labor, including the possible return of those who have left this district."

Yours very truly

Arthur B. Avery

Secretary
Taber Citizens Committee
Taber, Alberta

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Ottawa,
March 20, 1942.

Arthur H. Avery, Esq.,
Secretary,
Taber Citizens Committee,
Taber, Alberta.

Dear Sir:

The Prime Minister has asked me to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 16th of March, embodying a resolution which was passed at a meeting of the residents of Taber and district protesting against the bringing of Japanese into the district and requesting that a thorough survey be made of all other sources of labour.

Mr. King wishes me to let you know that the representations of your communication have been noted.

Yours faithfully,

H. R. L. Henry,
Private Secretary.

CEB.

Referred to: The Oil Controller; the Minister of National
Defence; the Minister of National Defence (Naval Ser
and the Minister of Pensions and Nat. Health.

Ottawa,
March 17, 1942.

Lt. Colonel R. E. Rooms,
Commodore, Maple Bay Yacht Club,
Maple Bay, British Columbia.

Dear Sir:

The Prime Minister has asked me to
acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 11th
of March requesting the Government to increase
the gasoline ration for certain motor boats and
suggesting that these vessels could be used as
auxiliary aircraft rescue boats, forest fire
spotters and patrol craft.

Mr. King wishes me to let you know
that the representations of your communication
have been carefully noted and are being brought
to the attention of the appropriate authorities,
for consideration.

Yours faithfully,

H. R. L. Henry,
Private Secretary.

CEB.