

Refuse Transfer of Land To Evacuees

B. C. Government Policy Unchanged Says Maitland

VICTORIA, B. C.—Attorney-General R. L. Maitland has refused another batch of requests for permission to transfer property in B. C. to persons of Japanese origin, reports the Province.

"The policy of the government is unchanged," the attorney-general is quoted as declaring. "We do not think that Japanese should be given title to property at this time," he said commenting upon the subject.

He explained that these requests mostly come from interior points. They are made, in the first instance to the Dominion Government which refers them to the Provincial Government.

The position taken by Mr. Maitland, says the Province, is that he does not want to see any further infiltration of Japanese into B. C. by the acquisition of vested interests.

(Under order - in - council no person of Japanese ancestry, citizen or alien, may buy or lease land other than for residential purposes without first securing a special permit from the Minister of Justice.

(Applications for such permits, usually made by the owners of the land who agree to sell or lease, it is indicated, are referred by the Minister to the provincial governments of the province in which the persons interested live.)

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