

Minutes of the  
War Committee of the Cabinet  
October 6, 1943

Secret

Ottawa, October 6, 1943.

CABINET WAR COMMITTEE

A meeting of the War Committee of the Cabinet was held in the Privy Council Chamber on Wednesday, October 6th, 1943, at 3.00 p.m.

Present:

The Prime Minister (Mr. King), in the Chair,  
The Minister of Mines and Resources  
(Mr. Crerar),  
The Minister of National Defence  
(Mr. Ralston),  
The Minister of National Defence for Air  
(Mr. Power),  
The Minister of Transport (Mr. Michaud),  
The Minister of Munitions and Supply  
(Mr. Howe),  
The Minister of National Defence for  
Naval Services (Mr. Macdonald),  
The Minister of Justice (Mr. St. Laurent).

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The Assistant Under-Secretary of State  
for External Affairs (Mr. Wrong),  
The Secretary to the Cabinet (Mr. Heeney).

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Mr. J.R. Baldwin, Privy Council Office.

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Also present (for consideration of items  
discussed in paragraphs 1 to 11):

The Chief of the Naval Staff  
(Vice Admiral Nelles),  
The Chief of the General Staff  
(Lieutenant-General Stuart),  
The Deputy Chief of the Air Staff  
(Air Vice Marshal Anderson),  
The Secretary, Chiefs of Staff Committee  
(Wing Commander Morrow).

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1. The Secretary referred to the decision  
of the War Committee on September 22nd, 1943, and  
reported that the Department of Labour and the  
R.C.M. Police were unwilling to concur in the  
proposed recommendation of Defence Council for  
amendment of British Columbia Security Commission  
Order No.1, New Series.

It had been stated by the Minister of  
Labour that the amendment proposed would be an



impediment to the employment of Japanese in British Columbia and would be both unworkable and un-enforceable under present conditions. It was suggested as an alternative that a zoning system would serve the same purpose more effectively. An explanatory note had been circulated.

(Letter, Minister of Labour to Secretary, Sept. 29, 1943; also Secretary's memorandum, Oct. 5, 1943 - C.W.C. document 630).

2. The Chief of the General Staff said that while it was not intended to hinder the employment of Japanese, nevertheless, it was felt by Defence Council that the present system did not provide sufficiently effective control to satisfy security requirements.

3. The War Committee, after discussion, agreed that appropriate officials of the Department of Labour confer with the R.C.M. Police and the Chiefs of Staff, with a view to recommending agreed measures which would provide the required measure of security without involving the difficulties mentioned by the Minister of Labour.

Navy; construction of additional small craft

4. The Chief of the Naval Staff submitted a statement of the Navy's small vessel requirements up to the end of the next fiscal year.

The programme recommended involved an estimated expenditure of \$6,265,400. Of this, \$500,000 would be expended during the present fiscal year; for this, funds were available in the 1943-44 estimates. The balance would be required during the fiscal year 1944-45. \$1½ million of the total amount involved would be employed for the hiring of small craft, and the balance for construction and purchase.

This programme had been prepared and submitted at the request of Munitions and Supply because of the need of advance notice for provision of small craft. An explanatory note had been cir-