

Department of External Affairs
RECEIVED
JAN 16 1942
Secretary of State

January 15, 1942

Dear Sir,

Your letter of January 10th concerning the employment of Japanese and other enemy aliens in the food canning industry has been passed to this Department by the Deputy Minister of Labour. You will note that since this letter was written the general policy of the Government of Canada, adopted after consultation with the committee of which Mayor Hume is chairman, has been announced. The Japanese and other enemy aliens are being required to withdraw from certain defense areas unless they receive permits authorizing them to remain. Canadians of Japanese race are being excluded from engaging in fishing on the Coast. We are glad to note that your protest does not extend to Canadians of Japanese race because if this policy of the Government is to produce the results hoped for it is important that unnecessary difficulties should not be placed in the way of persons of Japanese race who continue in other employments.

Yours sincerely,

H.L. Keenleyside

Assistant Under Secretary of State
for External Affairs.

J. McKinlay, Esq.,
General Secretary,
Amalgamated Building Workers of Canada,
Room 34,
165 Hastings Street, West,
Vancouver, B.C.