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Copy sent to Mr. Keenleyside.

Ottawa, January 23rd, 1941.

Major General L. R. LaFleche,
Associate Deputy Minister,
Department of National War Services,
Ottawa.

Dear General LaFleche:

See Jan 16

Mr. Keenleyside has sent me a copy of your letter of January the 15th, regarding the Recommendations of the Special Committee on Orientals in British Columbia.

The Special Committee's Recommendations were formally approved by the Cabinet War Committee, on January the 20th, and it will now be in order for you to proceed accordingly in the matter of compulsory military training, and instructions to your Divisional Registrar at Vancouver.

As to registration of Japanese in the Province, this is to be conducted under the supervision of the Commissioner of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, and I have so informed Commissioner Wood.

Yours very truly,

A. D. P. HEENEY

Secretary to the
Cabinet War Committee.

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Ottawa, January 23rd, 1941.

H. L. Keenleyside, Esq.,
Department of External Affairs,
Ottawa.

My dear Keenleyside:

Re: Orientals in British Columbia

Referring to your letter to me of January the 16th, I am quoting below an extract from the Minutes of the Cabinet War Committee meeting of January the 20th:

"It was agreed, thereupon, that the Report and Recommendations of the Special Committee (as revised) and submitted to the Prime Minister on January the 6th, 1941, and the recommendation set out in Mr. Keenleyside's letter of the same date, be approved; also that the Report be printed and tabled in Parliament".

-- I am enclosing copies of letters which I have written to Commissioner Wood and to General LaFleche, informing them of the government's formal approval of the Recommendations of the Special Committee.

Yours very truly,

A. D. P. HEENEY

Secretary to the
Cabinet War Committee.

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Ottawa, January 23rd, 1941.
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Commissioner S. T. Wood,
Royal Canadian Mounted Police,
Ottawa, Ontario.

Dear Commissioner Wood:

As you are aware, the Report of the Special Committee on Orientals in British Columbia, recommends a re-registration of the Japanese population of the Province, "both for purposes of civil security and in order to deprive persons hostile to the Japanese of a constant and effective ground for complaint". Suggestions as to the method of registration are contained in Appendix B, to the Report; among them, that "registration be effected under the supervision of the Commissioner of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police".

The Cabinet War Committee, on January the 20th, 1941, gave formal approval to the Special Committee's Report and Recommendations, copies of which, I assume, are available to you.

Yours very truly,

A. D. P. HEENEY

Secretary to the
Cabinet War Committee.

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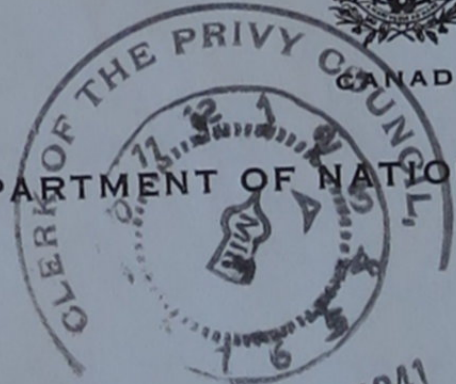
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DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL WAR SERVICES



CONFIDENTIAL

Ottawa, Ontario,
January 22, 1941.

Dear Mr. Heeney:

May I refer to your Confidential letter dated the 11th of this month and to our telephone conversation during which you told me that I might expect further information from Dr. Keenleyside.

I enquired of Dr. Keenleyside and I quote below, for your information, the contents of his last letter on the subject:-

"On receipt of your letter of January 15th regarding the Oriental problem in British Columbia, I wrote to Mr. Heeney enclosing a copy of your communication. I suggested that it would be appropriate if he, as Secretary of the Cabinet War Committee, would answer the points raised in the second and fourth paragraphs of your letter. I imagine, therefore, that you may expect to hear from him in regard to this matter in the near future."

Yours sincerely,

L. A. L. Keenleyside

A. D. P. Heeney, Esq.,
Secretary, Cabinet War Committee,
Office of the Clerk of the Privy Council,
Ottawa.



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Confidential.

Ottawa, January 16, 1941.

My dear Heeney,

I enclose a copy of a letter, relating to the Report on Orientals in British Columbia, which I have just received from General LaFleche. I should imagine that the authority for the Department of National War Services to issue instructions to the Divisional Registrar in British Columbia should come from you. Certainly I have no power to meet General LaFleche's request.

With regard to Recommendation number seven to which General LaFleche refers in the penultimate paragraph of his letter, I would assume that the answer should be in the negative; that the R.C.M.P. should be allowed to organize the registration by themselves.

Yours sincerely,

A. R. Menzies

A. D. P. Heeney, Esq.,
Clerk of the Privy Council,
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DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL WAR SERVICES

CONFIDENTIAL.

Ottawa, January 15, 1941.

Dear Dr. Keenleyside,

Re: Orientals in British Columbia.

Please accept thanks for your letter of yesterday's date with which you sent me a copy of the report of the Special Committee on Orientals in British Columbia, which reached me under secret cover.

The typed copy which you sent me quite meets my requirements but I am not certain whether I may, at this time, issue instructions to the Divisional Registrar in British Columbia, under National War Services Regulations, 1940 (Recruits), as it is not stated whether the report has been approved and if it is to be made effective.

It is noted that Recommendation number five (with some other recommendations) has been recommended to be implemented, mutatis mutandis, in the case of persons of Chinese racial origin resident in British Columbia.

In regard to Recommendation number seven and Appendix B "Proposed Method of Registration", it is noted that this is to be done under the supervision of the Commissioner of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police. It is not known whether it is intended that this Department take any action under Recommendation number seven.

Will you please tell me, at your earliest convenience, when I may issue instructions to our Divisional Registrar at Vancouver.

Yours sincerely,

L. R. LAFLECHE.

Dr. H. L. Keenleyside,
Dept. External Affairs,
Ottawa.

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Ottawa,
January 11th, 1941.

Memorandum for Mr. L.R. LaFleche

Major General L.R. LaFleche, D.S.O.,
Associate Deputy Minister of
National War Services,
Ottawa.

Dear General LaFleche:

Referring to our telephone conversation of yesterday and to our correspondence in the month of October last, regarding compulsory military training for persons of Japanese origin, I quote below a recommendation of the Special Committee on Orientals in British Columbia whose report has been accepted by the Government.

"That, at least for the present, Canadians of Japanese race should not be called up for military training."

I believe that the Special Committee's report is being printed and suggest that you obtain a copy thereof from Mr. Keenleyside of the Department of External Affairs.

Yours very truly,

A. D. P. HEENEY

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January 10th, 1941.

Memorandum for the Prime Minister:

Mr. R.A.C. Henry of the Department of Munitions and Supply telephoned me yesterday to say that he thought it would be very helpful if the Prime Minister would see Mr. H.R. MacMillan, Chairman of the War Requirements Board.

Mr. Henry did not give any specific reasons for his suggestion, though I assume that he thinks it would be an encouragement to Mr. MacMillan if Mr. King were to ask to see him.

The War Requirements Board have been engaged for some time in a study of Canada's productive capacity, and it may be that Mr. MacMillan could give the Prime Minister information which would be of assistance in discussions of the Cabinet War Committee where approval of specific expenditures by Army, Navy or Air Force are requested without data being available as to the capacity of Canadian industry to meet all these demands. So far, despite Mr. King's repeated requests, no information on this subject has been put before the Committee.

A. D. P. H.

A. D. P. H.

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CANADA

MINISTER OF PENSIONS AND NATIONAL HEALTH

Ottawa, 7th January, 1941

By Hand

Dear Mr. Heeney,-

With reference to your letter of January 6th, dealing with the special committee on Japanese-Chinese problems in British Columbia, I notice that in the committee you have Lieutenant-Colonel MacGregor MacIntosh. He would be an excellent member of the committee except for the fact that he is now stationed at Lethbridge and in charge of a military school there, and therefore I doubt if he would be available for observation of the situation in British Columbia.

He, of course, has always had an anti-Japanese attitude, just as Professor Angus is considered to be in the opposite direction.

I shall think of someone else to replace Colonel MacIntosh if the objection I state is valid, and will speak to you personally about it.

Yours sincerely,

A. D. P. Heeney, Esq.,
Clerk of the Privy Council,
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* spoke to Mr. Kennedy
- he thinks this is
impediment - Mr
MacIntosh informed
- he concurs

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Ottawa, January 7th, 1941.

Honourable C. G. Power, M.P.,
Associate Minister of National Defence,
Ottawa.

Dear Mr. Power:

I am sending you, herewith, the revised Report and Recommendations of the Special Committee on Orientals in British Columbia, which was approved in principle by the Cabinet War Committee, at its meeting held on January the 2nd.

Yours very truly,

A. D. P. HEENEY

Secretary to the
Cabinet War Committee.

Secretary to the
Cabinet War Committee.

Ottawa, January 6th, 1941.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRIME MINISTER:

Re: Special Committee on Orientals in British Columbia
Ottawa, January 7th, 1941.

Attached are, a letter from Mr. Keenleyside, the Rt. Hon. Ernest Lapointe, M.P., Minister of Justice, a confidential statement, an excerpt of a letter from Sir George Ottawa, and a draft press statement, suggested for release by the Prime Minister.

Dear Mr. Lapointe:

Attached also is a draft recommendation to Council. I am sending you, herewith, the revised Report and Recommendations of the Special Committee on Orientals in British Columbia, which was approved in principle by the Cabinet War Committee, at its meeting held on January the 2nd. As soon as possible, and thereafter steps taken to set up the standing committee, for which provision is made in the at Yours very truly,

General approval of the Committee's views is recorded in the Minutes of the Cabinet War Committee meeting of January 2nd, 1941.
[A. D. P. HEENEY]
Secretary to the
Cabinet War Committee.

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Ottawa, January 6th, 1941.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRIME MINISTER:Re: Special Committee on Orientals
in British Columbia

Attached are, a letter from Mr. Keenleyside, the Special Committee's revised Report, a confidential statement, a copy of certain excerpts of a letter from Sir George Sanson, and a draft press statement, suggested for release by the Prime Minister.

Attached also is a draft recommendation to Council, for the Prime Minister's signature and return, or revision.

In submitting the revised Report, Mr. Keenleyside points out the opinion of the Special Committee that the press release should be made as soon as possible, and thereafter steps taken to set up the standing committee, for which provision is made in the attached recommendation to Council.

General approval of the Special Committee's views is recorded in the Minutes of the Cabinet War Committee meeting of January the 2nd.

A. D. P. HEENEY

A. D. P. H.

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The Right Honourable W.L. Mackenzie King, M.P.,
Prime Minister of Canada,
OTTAWA.

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Ottawa, January 6, 1941.

CONFIDENTIAL

Dear Mr. Prime Minister:

In accordance with your instructions I have re-examined the Report of the Special Committee on Orientals in British Columbia and have effected certain minor alterations which make the Report suitable for tabling in Parliament. These changes have been approved by the other members of the Special Committee.

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A copy of the revised Report is submitted herewith.

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I attach also a brief and confidential statement in which the Committee indicates certain views which, although proper for consideration by the Cabinet War Committee, are of such a nature as to be unsuitable for general publication at the present time.

The Right Honourable W.L. Mackenzie King, M.P.,
Prime Minister of Canada,
OTTAWA.

..... Finally, I enclose a copy of certain excerpts
 from Sir George Sanson's letter of November 22, 1940,
 and a copy of the draft statement to the Press which
 the Special Committee suggests should be considered for
 release by the Prime Minister. These two documents
 have been detached from the Report as prepared for
 submission to Parliament.

I trust that the presentation of these
 documents in this form may meet with your approval.

Yours sincerely,

H L KEMENLEYSIDE

January 6, 1941.

CONFIDENTIAL

Additional Statement by the Members of the Special Committee on Orientals in British Columbia for consideration by the Prime Minister and members of the Cabinet War Committee.

While it would be inexpedient to present the following information and recommendations in a document which is to be tabled in Parliament the members of the Special Committee on Orientals in British Columbia believe that they will be of interest to the Prime Minister and the members of the Cabinet War Committee.

Witnesses who appeared before the Special Committee during the investigation in British Columbia were found to be almost unanimous in the belief that public opinion in British Columbia would not be prepared to accept as ultimately and permanently satisfactory any proposed solution of the oriental problem in that Province that fell short of the cancellation of the Immigration Agreement with Japan and the prevention of further immigration of Japanese into Canada. It was recognized that any such action, if taken unilaterally by Canada at this time, might have the most unfortunate repercussions in the international sphere, but it is, nevertheless, considered to be an urgent and inescapable element in any approach towards a final solution of this

problem. The views on this subject which have been expressed in British Columbia in the past are held even more strongly today.

In view of this evidence, which the Special Committee believes to be a true representation of the views of the people of British Columbia, the Committee recommends that, when the international situation permits, the Government should announce its intention of revising or revoking its agreement with the Japanese Government with the object of prohibiting further Japanese immigration into Canada.

The members of the Special Committee are also of the opinion that in the event of the outbreak of war with Japan the Defence of Canada Regulations should be brought immediately into effect and that all Japanese residents of British Columbia of whom the authorities have reason to be suspicious should at once be taken into custody and held until their cases can be reviewed in detail and until the initial danger is passed. The necessary preparatory steps, in the opinion of the Committee, should be taken at once.

EXCERPTS FROM A LETTER FROM SIR GEORGE SANSON

COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY
in the City of New York

November 22, 1940.

Department of Chinese
and Japanese

Dear Dr. Keenleyside,

I have gone carefully through the draft report and appendices, and I have no criticisms or suggestions to offer.

But I should like, only for purposes of record and not for inclusion in the report, to state my opinion that:

- 1) the minority problem presented by the presence in British Columbia of large aggregations of Japanese is one which deserves the serious attention of the Canadian Government, not only in present circumstances but also from the point of view of long term policy, domestic and foreign;
- 2) the complete assimilability of this minority is ultimately a biological problem, and I can well understand the reluctance of British Columbia to become a field for a biological experiment which might have unhappy results; but there are degrees of assimilation, and I believe that a policy designed to promote social, political and economic equality as between white and Oriental citizens would in the long run produce a degree of assimilation sufficient to make the minority problem unimportant;
- 3) a failure to grant to Canadians of Japanese race the right and the duty to receive military training is contrary to such a policy, and can be justified only by the conviction of the military authorities that such Japanese must be excluded on grounds of emergency.

Yours sincerely,

(Sgd) G. B. SANSON

DRAFT PRESS RELEASE

The Prime Minister announced at Ottawa today that the Government has been making a re-examination of the oriental situation in British Columbia and that a Special Committee appointed for this purpose has recently reported.

The Committee which carried on its study both in Ottawa and subsequently in British Columbia consisted of Lieut.-Col. A.W. Sparling, D.S.O., of the Headquarters Staff, Military District No. 11 (British Columbia), Convener; Dr. H.L. Keenleyside, Counsellor, Department of External Affairs, who was for some years on the staff of the Canadian Legation in Japan; Assistant Commissioner F.J. Head of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police; and Sir George Sanson, who was until recently Commercial Counsellor of the British Embassy in Tokyo and who is recognised as perhaps the leading occidental authority on the history and culture of Japan.

The Government has now examined the Report prepared by the Special Committee and has decided to implement many of its conclusions.

As a result of the Committee's study and of its own knowledge of the situation, the Government is satisfied that the great majority of the people

MW Turnbull

PM may have some revisions on his original - this advance only + unapproved please return

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please note attached letter

of oriental racial origin who are now in Canada are thoroughly loyal to their adopted or (in the case of the large percentage who have been born in Canada) their native, land. The Government is further satisfied that all necessary measures have been and are being taken by the various military and police authorities to deal with any disloyal or subversive activities that may arise.

After careful study of the entire question it is the opinion of the Committee, and in this the Government fully shares, that the most serious danger in the British Columbia situation is that arising from ill-informed attacks against the loyalty and integrity of the oriental population. Some weeks ago such attacks became widespread and public opinion was aroused in a manner that was prejudicial to the welfare of the community as a whole.

Fortunately, public minded citizens, organizations and newspapers, realizing the unfairness and danger of basing suspicion on mere rumour and hearsay, sought facts before serious developments occurred.

In this connection the Prime Minister stated that the Committee and the Government had been very greatly pleased by the temperate and reasonable attitude adopted, in this critical time, by the newspapers of the Province which, almost without exception, have contributed to the enlightenment

and pacification of public opinion on this serious subject. The Prime Minister expressed the hope and belief that this policy would be continued in the future.

The Government is determined that every step will be taken to see that no subversive act is committed by any resident of the Province, and that if any such act is committed the full penalty of the law will be invoked against the guilty person. At the same time the Government will take whatever measures are necessary to see that no loyal and law-abiding oriental shall be made to suffer in his person or his property through acts of persons who may be misled and provoked to illegal action by inaccurate rumours and intemperate words such as featured the recent anti-oriental campaign in British Columbia.

The Special Committee paid particular attention to revived charges that many orientals had entered Canada illegally in recent years. Both the Committee and the Government are satisfied that these charges are unjustified but it has been decided, after consultation with leaders of the Japanese community, that in order to protect the Japanese themselves - and to eliminate any illegal entrants who may in fact be in Canada - a special registration of all Japanese residents of the Province will be carried out in the near future. Each member of the

community will be registered and if found to be legally in Canada will be given a certificate and a card which will be final proof of his legal residence in this country and will thus exempt him from future suspicion or annoyance.

As a special registration of the Chinese population was effected a few years ago they will not be included in the present project.

In accordance with the recommendations of the Committee the Government has decided that for the time being Canadians of oriental racial origin will not be called upon to perform compulsory military service. It is felt that in the present state of public opinion unfortunate incidents might occur and that under the circumstances Canadian citizens of oriental race should be allowed to make their contribution to the national war effort in some other form.

X ^{Today approved}
The Government has decided to set up in ~~British Columbia~~ a small standing committee to supervise the carrying out of the proposals outlined above. This Committee will also be in a position to advise the Government constantly in regard to the situation in ~~British Columbia~~ the province and to recommend any steps that may be necessary to provide against a recurrence of the recent campaign against the oriental population with its disturbing effect on public opinion in the Province. The ~~names of the~~ ^{the} members of this Committee ~~will be~~ ^{are} announced shortly.

Ernest J. Hume, Mayor of New Westminster, Chairman
Prof. H. F. Angus, University of British Columbia
Asst. Commissioner F. J. Mead, R.C.M.P.
Lt. Col. Wellington McIntosh, M.L.A.
Lt. Col. A. N. Sparling, D.S.O.

Finally, the Government wishes it to be understood that every aspect of the situation is well in hand and that it is its intention to keep it so.

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TO HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR GENERAL IN COUNCIL:

The undersigned, the Secretary of State for External Affairs, with the concurrence of the Minister of Justice and the Minister of National Defence, has the honour to represent

That the Special Committee on Orientals in British Columbia, which was appointed by the Cabinet War Committee on the 1st of October, 1940, has now reported;

That the Special Committee has recommended, inter alia, that a small standing Committee should be set up in British Columbia to supervise the carrying out of such other recommendations of the Special Committee as may be adopted by the Government and to keep the Government constantly informed as to the oriental situation in that Province.

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, therefore, with the concurrence of the Minister of Justice and the Minister of National Defence has the honour to recommend

Secretary of State for
External Affairs.

Signed,

January 6, 1941.

That a standing Committee consisting of:

Fred. J. Hume, Esq., to be Convener

Lt.-Col. A.W. Sparling

Asst. Commissioner P.J. Mead, R.C.M.P.

Henry P. Angus, Esq.

Lt.-Col. McGregor McIntosh, M.L.A.

be appointed to assist the Government by overseeing the execution of such recommendations of the Special Committee on Orientals in British Columbia as the Government may from time to time refer to it for action, and by keeping the Government constantly informed, through reports addressed to the Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Minister of Justice and the Minister of National Defence, as to the oriental situation in that Province; and

That any necessary expenses for travel or correspondence incurred by the Committee in the execution of its duties made a charge upon an appropriation of the Department of Justice.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

Secretary of State for
External Affairs.

Ottawa,

January 6, 1941.

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Ottawa, January 6th, 1941.

Honourable Ian Mackenzie, M.P.,
H. L. Keenleyside, Esq., and National Health,
Department of External Affairs,
Ottawa.

Dear Mr. Mackenzie:

My dear Keenleyside:

I think you are aware that the Special Committee I thought I might let you have this note, in confirmation of the action of the Cabinet War Committee with regard to the Report and Recommendations of the Special Committee on Orientals. the government as to how this problem should be dealt with. You will remember that the War Committee, while expressing general approval of the Recommendations of the Report, requested that the Report be revised so as to be suitable for tabling in Parliament. Such matter as was regarded as confidential was to be made the subject of a separate report to the War Committee.

In British Columbia to supervise the carrying out of such of the foregoing recommendations as to the naming of the special standing committee recommended, the personnel mentioned in your letter of December the 2nd to the Prime Minister, were approved, subject to the concurrence of the Minister of Pensions and National Health. I will let you know as soon as I have spoken to Mr. Mackenzie on this question.

Recommendation, approved also, subject to your concurrence, the following personnel for the standing Committee recommended - Lt. Yours very truly,
Assistant Commissioner F. J. Head (both of whom have been members of the Special Committee)
A. D. P. HEENEY
Angus, Lt. Col. McGregor McSecretary to the
Fred J. Hume, Mayor of New Cabinet War Committee. named
Chairman.

Provided that you are agreeable, it is the intention to request these persons to act. I am asking Mr. Keenleyside, who is a member of the Special Committee, to let you have a copy of their Report, when it is prepared.

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You might let me hear from you, in this connection, as soon as convenient.

Ottawa, January 6th, 1941.

Honourable Ian Mackenzie, M.P.,
Minister of Pensions and National Health,
Ottawa.

Dear Mr. Mackenzie: Secretary to the Cabinet War Committee.

I think you are aware that the Special Committee appointed on October the 1st last to investigate the situation of persons of Japanese and Chinese racial origin resident in British Columbia, are making certain recommendations to the government as to how this problem should be dealt with.

Among the Recommendations of the Committee is the following:

"That a small standing Committee should be set up in British Columbia to supervise the carrying out of such of the foregoing recommendations as are adopted by the Government, and for the purpose of keeping the Government constantly informed as to the oriental situation in that Province."

At their last meeting the Cabinet War Committee in approving this Recommendation, approved also, subject to your concurrence, the following personnel for the standing Committee recommended - Lt. Col. H. F. Sparling, Assistant Commissioner F. J. Mead (both of whom have been members of the Special Committee), Professor H. F. Angus, Lt. Col. McGregor McIntosh, M.L.A., and Mr. Fred J. Hume, Mayor of New Westminster, the last named to be Chairman.

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Ottawa, January 6th, 1941.
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRIME MINISTER:

Yours very truly,

Re: Special Committee on Orientals
in British Columbia

A. D. P. HEENEY

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A. D. P. H.

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Ottawa, January 6th, 1941.

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PRIME MINISTER

January 17th, 1941.

National Defence CABINET WAR COMMITTEE

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13. Recruiting in the U. S. of Radio Mechanics for the U. K.
14. British Commonwealth Air Training Plan -
 - (a) Transfer of further R.A.F. schools to Canada,
 - (b) Financial arrangements,
 - (c) Exchange of Senior Officers R.C.A.F. and R.A.F.
15. Training of Officers of Iraq Air Force.
16. Release to Portugal of 10 Fleet Trainer Aircraft.
17. Revised departmental estimates 1940-41.

National War Services:

18. Fire fighting personnel for the U. K.
19. Public Information - publicity in connection with Day of Prayer for victory.

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