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CITIZENS' DEFENCE
COMMITTEE, 1942

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To the Chairman, Citizens' Defence Committee:

A brief outline of the activities undertaken by the provisional Executive Committee, appointed at the meeting of this Committee, Friday Feb. 20th., is herewith submitted for your information.

In consultation with the officials in charge, a resolution was drafted and presented at the Victory Loan luncheon, Hotel Vancouver, Feb. 20th.. This was adopted and forwarded to the Dominion Government with suitable publicity.

With the sanction of the Action Committee subsequently appointed, a resolution expressing the views of this Committee was telegraphed over the name of all members of the Committee to the Prime Minister, the Ministers of Pensions and National Health, National Defence, Air Services, Naval Services and B.C. Members of the House of Commons. A copy of this message, together with replies received, has been furnished to all members of the Committee.

Through the courtesy of Col. McGlashan, free office accommodation was provided at 1633 Marine Bldg. Miss I. Parkyn volunteered her services as stenographer. A phone, Marine 3637, was installed, and this office was opened on the 24th inst.

The committee prepared a letter and proposed resolution for circularization among all interested organizations. Suitable lists were prepared for this purpose. As this work proceeded a widespread response was received. Among the organizations acting in support of the resolution are

Vancouver Rotary Club
Vancouver Kiwanis Club
Women's Canadian Club
The Canadian Legion, Prov. Command
with circular to all branches)

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The action committee was so formed as to enable its members to contact conveniently all community organizations and as rapidly as possible the letters forwarded were followed up with personal calls on the officers so approached.

Through Mr. J.C. Hammett consultations were arranged with committees representing the United Commercial Travellers and the United Veterans' and Citizens' Committee, with the object of avoiding any conflict of interest. Mr. Hammett was appointed to the Action Committee.

It is understood that as a result of these consultations and in the light of fresh information, plans for a public mass meeting will be postponed, and that these committees will work in harmony with your committee.

The Chairman and members of your committee conferred with Asst. Commissioner F.J. Mead of the R.C.M.P. An invitation was extended by Asst. Commissioner Mead and the Hon. R.L. Maitland to form a small sub-committee as a liaison committee for confidential exchange of information and consultation on press statements with a bearing on the problems of these public officials.

Press releases have been made by the Chairman to stimulate public interest in the personnel of the Committee and the purposes and complexion of the Committee. A full list of names to the Committee is expressed by your committee to the Government, and evidence of the same is being given to the Capilano.

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Communications were received from the Victoria Security Council, representing approximately 40 community organizations in that city and proposing collaboration. Arrangements have been made for the Chairman to confer with officials of this Council in Victoria on the 28th inst.

Press releases have been made each day on authority of the Chairman to stimulate public interest. Under pressure to divulge the personnel of the Committee and to avoid any misconception of the purposes and complexion of the Committee, it was agreed to issue a full list of names to the press on this date. Gratification was expressed by your committee because of the proposals of the Dominion Government, and evidence of action already under way at Ruskin and Capilano.

Your Committee has throughout emphasized the urgent need of the immediate removal of all Japanese from key points vital to defence and public safety. To this end a further wire was despatched to the Minister of Justice, Ottawa. The Minister's reply will be placed before you at this meeting, and you will be asked to consider his request for recommendations.

Copies of the several orders-in-council recently enacted are also tabled for your reference.

OSCAR ERICKSON

Secretary.

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President of the Gyro Club
Mrs. F. J. Rolston.
E. Buckerfield Esq.,
Major James Hamilton.
P. A. Woodward Esq.,
Col. Victor Spencer.
W. G. McMurrin Esq.,
Henry Mackin Esq.,
Major A. E. Jukes.
J. A. P. Allison Esq.

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 Major A. E. Jukes. *OK Broken Jukes Co (Pa 5311)*
 J. A. P. Allison Esq., - *OK*
 Oscar Erickson - *OK*
 H.C. Robinson - *OK*
 C.S. Williams - *OK*
 J. Bruce Haggart - *OK, Haggart*
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20th March, 1942.

Mr. Hubert Savage,
Honorary Secretary,
Immediate Action Committee,
1118 Langley Street,
Victoria, B. C.

Dear Mr. Savage:

In response to your letter of the 18th instant, I may advise you that the Citizens' Defence Committee of Vancouver has not taken any action with regard to the training of citizens. Some members of the Committee have been absorbed on the Advisory Board of the British Columbia Security Commission, others have concerned themselves in the recent effort to stimulate interest in recruiting for the reserve units.

The Citizens' Defence Committee of Vancouver is still in existence, but is standing by to render such aid as the members may consider advisable with regard to defence matters.

Should any additional important steps be taken, I shall again communicate with you in the hope that we may secure close co-operation with your Committee in all respects.

Yours sincerely,

Grant MacNeil,
Secretary.

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Hubert Savage Esquire,
Sec'y., Immediate Action Co
1118 Langley St., Victoria,

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IMMEDIATE ACTION COMMITTEE

"Lose the West - - Lose All"

1118 LANGLEY STREET
VICTORIA, B. C.
18th. March 1942.

The Secretary,
Citizens Defence Committee,
1633, Marine Building,
VANCOUVER, B.C.

Dear Sir:

It was recently suggested to our Committee by
Mr. Harold Winch, M.L.A. that we write to you for inform-
ation regarding the developments of your organization.

We should particularly like to know if you
have done anything along the line of training citizens
in the use of revolvers, rifles, etc. which we feel is a
matter of real import.

Any information which you care to give us
regarding this and other matters connected with civilian
defence will be much appreciated.

Yours truly,

IMMEDIATE ACTION COMMITTEE
per. Hubert Savage:
Hon: Secretary.



HS/s.

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March 11, 1942.

Hubert Savage Esquire,
Sec'y., Immediate Action Committee,
1118 Langley St., Victoria, B. C.

Dear Sir:

I have to advise you that your letter of the 9th instant has been placed before the B. C. Security Commission for consideration.

With reference to the first paragraph of your letter I might say that prior to the inception of this Commission an Order-in-Council was passed ordering all persons of Japanese race to be removed from the protected area extending from the Alaskan border to Hope. Between the period of the issuance of this Order-in-Council and the inception of this Commission a great many Japanese were apparently endeavoring to comply with this order and were infiltrating throughout this Province thus causing a great deal of alarm among the various communities. In consequence this Commission had another Order-in-Council issued to the effect that no person of Japanese race could move from his residence without permission of this Commission.

With reference to your suggestion that these Japanese people should be strictly interned en masse I have to advise you that fifty-two per cent of the Japanese population in this Province are either naturalized British subjects or Canadian born. Therefore in accordance with the Constitution of Canada, until one of these subjects commits some offence or does something detrimental to the State, it is impossible to intern him. Consequently we have a very difficult task to find ways and means of evacuating these people to points within this Province without strong objection being made by the people at the points wherein this Commission would like to send them.

However, to give you some enlightenment regarding the progress of this Commission in connection with this very difficult problem we have taken possession of two large buildings at the Exhibition Grounds, Hastings Park, Vancouver, where there is accommodation for approximately 2500 Japanese. We expect to have all Northern points evacuated within the next two weeks to this manning pool, as I would term it, at Hastings Park.

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Hubert Savage Esquire.....2

March 11, 1942.

We have also under consideration, and we hope it will materialize, placing about 5,000 able bodied Japanese on work projects throughout this Province with the co-operation of the Public Works Department, Victoria.

With reference to the third paragraph in your letter wherein you state that surely there must be plenty of camps where our own unemployed were housed sufficient to accommodate a great number of these Japanese I must inform you that unfortunately most of these camps have been demolished. In consequence, before the work projects can be put into effect, accommodation will have to be constructed which will take some little time.

We have also several other proposals under consideration and in due course we hope that this Commission will be in a position to report favorably upon them.

I fully realize and appreciate the fact that there is a great deal of alarm and anxiety in connection with the development of war in the Pacific which undoubtedly makes our problems very difficult but I would appreciate it if you would convey to your Committee that this Commission is doing everything within its power to meet the situation and we hope to have every person of Japanese race evacuated from the protected area within a reasonable time.

Sincerely yours,

J. Shirras, Member
for the Commission.

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Austin C. Taylor Esq.,
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British Columbia Security Council
VANCOUVER, B. C.

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1118 LANGLEY STREET
VICTORIA, B. C.
9th. March 1942.

Austin C. Taylor Esq.,
Chairman,
British Columbia Security Commission,
VANCOUVER, B. C.

Dear Sir:

Knowing that you and your committee of two others have full power to deal with the Japanese situation we are anxious to know why these people are being allowed to infiltrate through the Province, and are not being interned or placed under guard.

To allow people who should be strictly interned en masse to live where they will in this Province is simply inviting disaster, for in no time they will be found in places of vital importance to our war effort, and when caught their excuse will be that they do not understand. Enclosed please find copy of correspondence with Royal Canadian Mounted Police (marked "A"), from which you will note that they deny that any Japanese are being sent to Vernon--this in spite of written evidence from a Japanese woman in the writer's possession. Somebody is not telling the truth here.

There surely must be plenty of camps where our own unemployed were housed, and the Chinese would probably make competent guards for them, under police superintendence. For you information, we are enclosing a copy of a letter received from the City of Sudbury, Ontario (marked "B"), from which you will note that they recommend that 1,000 be sent to Burwash Industrial Farm, Ontario, and be put to work building the Sudbury-Parry Sound Highway.

The Government has completely ignored all demands from every organization in British Columbia with regard to internment. We therefore beg of you, sir, with your able committee, to further this procedure with all speed, as the civilian morale is being seriously affected by the thought that British Columbia is being left to its fate.

Yours truly,

IMMEDIATE ACTION COMMITTEE,
per. *Hubert Savage*
Hon: Secretary,

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ROYAL CANADIAN
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Mr. Hubert Savage,
617, Scollard Building,
Victoria, B.C.

Dear Sir:

I have for acknowledgment of March 6th, and would a nationals of military age are sent to work camps situated at other points. Persons notified by mail to report.

I would further inform you that Nationals are being sent out that this latter part of the restricted area, Notice dated Ottawa, B.C.

(signed

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ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE.
(C.I.B.)

Vancouver, B.C.
March 7th. 1942

Mr. Hubert Savage,
617, Scollard Building,
Victoria, B.C.

Dear Sir:

I have for acknowledgment your communication of March 6th, and would advise you that Japanese Nationals of military age are being assembled in Vancouver and sent to work camps situated at Lucerne, Rainbow, Geikie and other points. Persons in this category are being notified by mail to report to our office in Vancouver.

I would further advise you that no Japanese Nationals are being sent to Vernon, and would also point out that this latter place does not lie within the boundary of the restricted area, as outlined in the Ministerial Notice dated Ottawa, February 7th. 1942.

Yours truly,

(signed) C. H. HILL
Asst. Commissioner
Commanding "E" Division.

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Ottawa "Indifferent"

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The Officer Commanding
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VANCOUVER, B.C.

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617, Scollard Building,
Victoria, B.C.
6th. March 1942

The Officer Commanding,
Royal Canadian Mounted Police,
VANCOUVER, B.C.

Dear Sir:

I have definite information that certain Japanese Nationals are leaving here via Vancouver for Vernon, B.C. Upon making enquiries regarding this at your local office in the Central Building here, I was informed that they know nothing, or have nothing to do with the local Japanese, but was politely referred to you, as this matter was controlled solely from Vancouver.

Will you therefore be kind enough to let me know why certain Japanese Nationals are being sent from one Military centre (Victoria) to another one (Vernon), both places being within the defined Defence Area?

Thanking you for an early reply,

Yours truly,

(signed) Hubert Savage.

Ottawa "Indifferent"

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Mr. Hubert Savage,
Immediate Action Committee,
1118, Langley Street,
Victoria, B.C.

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March 4th. 1942

Mr. Hubert Savage,
Immediate Action Committee,
1118, Langley Street,
Victoria, B.C.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of February 24th, I give you herewith copy of resolution passed by Council at their meeting held March 2nd. 1942:

" Recognizing that the Department of National Defence is experiencing difficulty in clearing out Japanese Residents from Coastal Areas because of the failure of other parts of Canada to recognize the necessity of their removal from the Coast.

Therefore this Council recommends to the Department of National Defence and the Provincial Government that 1,000 of these Japanese be transferred to Burwash Industrial Farm, Ontario, and be put to work building the Highway between Sudbury and Parry Sound by Manual Labour.

They would be doing a Constructive Job for Canada, by work of this nature, and the Japanese would be under proper care and control by experienced Authorities".

For your information.

Yours truly,

(signed) H.P. McKeown,
City Clerk.

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GENERAL OFFICE AND ADJUSTMENT OFFICER
PA CIFIC 4635
PROVINCIAL SECRETARY PA CIFIC 6646



The Canadian Legion, of the B.C.

BRITISH COLUMBIA PROVINCIAL COMMAND AND
SUITE 810, DOMINION BANK BUILDING, 207

Vancouver, B.C.
March 2nd, 1942

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The Secretary,
Citizens Defence Comm
1633 Marine Bldg,
Vancouver, B.C.

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The Canadian Legion, of the British Empire Service League

BRITISH COLUMBIA PROVINCIAL COMMAND AND PENSIONS SERVICE BUREAU
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The Secretary,
Citizens Defence Committee,
1633 Marine Bldg,
Vancouver, B.C.

Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith you will please find copy of a letter recently received at this office from Mr. Sinclair MacKay, also a news clipping which he forwarded with the letter.

It is thought possible that your Committee might be able to take some action in connection with the matter referred to in this letter.

Yours sincerely,

David McKee

David McKee,
Secretary,
B. C. Provincial Command,
Canadian Legion, B.E.S.L.

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NEILL ATTACKS POLICY ON JAPS

(Special to The Daily Province.)

HOUSE OF COMMONS, Ottawa, Feb. 20.—"Indifference" by the Federal Government toward the Japanese situation in British Columbia and the province's defense problems was charged in the House last night by A. W. Neill (Ind., Comox-Alberni).

While he commended the government for its action in seizing 1200 fishing boats belonging to Japanese on the Pacific Coast, Mr. Neill said that it had been too slow in moving to carry out other measures of control and restriction.

He summarized his complaints under these three headings:

- 1.—Except in the case of immobilizing fishing boats the government had moved too slowly. Why had they not followed the example of quick and thorough action taken by Mexico, Cuba and Nicaragua?
- 2.—Even the small restrictions were applied only to Japanese nationals and not to naturalized Japanese whose knowledge of English and the country made them most dangerous.
- 3.—The government has been "indifferent" to defense of the Pacific Coast. He blamed them specifically for tardiness since the outbreak of the war.

COMING BACK—IN NAVY.

Shortly before the attack on Pearl Harbor, he said, a number of Japanese had left British Columbia for their homeland "with their charts, their photographs and their knowledge."

"But we may see some of them again—leaning over the bridge of a Japanese warship in Vancouver harbor," he warned.

STOCKED UP ON POWDER.

Restrictive steps against the Japanese, such as prohibition against their purchasing gunpowder and gasoline, had been preceded by a warning which enabled some of them to stock up on these commodities.

Prohibition against Japanese use of radios and cameras was contingent upon four months' notice.

"Did they give us four months' notice at Pearl Harbor?" asked Mr. Neill.

Defense Minister Ralston interrupted to say the order against use of cameras and radios was effective when issued. The order to evacuate protected areas becomes effective April 1, he said.

Among other examples of the way that officials of the government had "stalled him off" when he complained about Japanese activities, Mr. Neill

Charge By Neill

Says Notorious B.C. Pro-Jap Advises Ottawa

By TORCHY ANDERSON.

Daily Province Staff Correspondent.

HOUSE OF COMMONS, Ottawa, Feb. 20.—That the Government of Canada brought from British Columbia to Ottawa as an adviser a man who was "notorious" for his friendship to the Japanese, a protagonist of their interests, was charged by A. W. Neill (Ind., Comox-Alberni) during the course of a speech that he wedged between divisions of the House last night.

Mr. Neill said in part:

"Ottawa is 3000 miles from us

out there and it is useful to have

a man here who is familiar with

conditions on the Coast . . . So

they sent for a man who for 15

years has been notorious—there

is no other word to describe

activities in the Province of

British Columbia for his char-

acterization of the Japanese. The

never was a man who believed

so strongly and implicitly

Japan . . .

ILL-WILL ROUSED.

"A great deal of ill-will

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Varsity Notes

City Nurse Wins U.B.C. Scholarship

Two scholarship awards are announced by Charles B. Wood, registrar of the University of British Columbia.

Miss Mary Hicks, resident student nurse at the Vancouver General Hospital, is winner of the University scholarship in nursing and health.

The Kelowna Exploration Company scholarship in metallurgy is awarded to Raymond Russell Taylor, M.A.Sc.

Russ Warned Of Hun Attack

DES MOINES, Ia., Feb. 20.—(AP)—Adolf A. Berle jr., assistant secretary of state, disclosed today the United States warned Russia of Germanys' invasion plans months before the actual attack.

"We had reason to believe early in 1941 that the Germans planned the conquest of Russia, and we gave the Russians warning of this fact," he said in an address prepared for delivery at the National Farm Institute.

Spirit of British Prisoners Praised

TOKYO (From Japanese Broadcasts), Feb. 20.—(AP)—Writing from Fort Changi, Singapore, now an internment camp for British prisoners, a Domei correspondent expressed amazement at "the insensibility to defeat and the high spirits of the prisoners."

He said there are 13,000 Britons and 15,000 Australians interned in the fort.

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1721 E. 10th Ave.,
Vancouver, B.C.
Feb. 26, 1942

Secretary,
Canadian Legion,
City

Dear Sir:

In regard to the organization of a mass meeting to protest against government inactivity in removing Japanese, may I put forth the suggestion for your consideration that an agitation be initiated to dismiss the man who is advising the Dominion Government on the Japanese policy; the man whom A. W. Neill (Ind., Comox-Alberni) criticized in the House of Commons a few days ago as a defender of Japanese interests. A successor should be named. I enclose copy of Mr. Neill's remarks.

If you could have Mr. Neill, and others familiar with the matter, make a few public speeches, perhaps public indignation would swell into a threat to Premier King's political security causing a strong enough pressure to bend him to the will of the people. As pressure is the only thing that influences Mr. King, the strategy would be to keep the heat on. There are signs that if the Canadian people sleep, this country will be sold down the river to the enemy by the pressure of big interests on the government, just like France.

Perhaps you could put this letter into the hands of the organizers of the mass meeting.

Cordially yours,

"Sinclair MacKay"

CITIZENS' DEFENCE
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Mr. Hubert Savage,
Immediate Action Committee,
1118 Langley St.
VICTORIA, B.C.

Dear Sir,

On behalf of
I beg to acknowledge your
enclosed memorandum.
attention of the Chair.
I know it was his intention
he was in Victoria for

I know that
endeavour to establish
your undertaking.

CGM/IP

Feb. 28th, 1942.

The Honourable Louis St. Laurent,
Minister of Justice,
OTTAWA, Ont.

Sir:

I desire to acknowledge receipt of your courteous telegram of the 26th. inst. with reference to the evacuation of Japanese from the defence areas of British Columbia.

Your message was submitted to the Citizens' Defence Committee at a meeting held on the 27th. inst. and I was instructed to express to you the gratification of all members of the Committee upon the decision of the Dominion Government to proceed forthwith in this matter as set forth in your telegram.

The Committee is fully cognizant of the many difficulties confronting the authorities in undertaking a large scale evacuation. With this in view the active co-operation of the Committee has been tendered to Major Austin C. Taylor, recently appointed Chairman of the Security Commission. You may be assured that every assistance will be offered to Major Taylor and his colleagues in this undertaking.

It is the expressed wish of the Committee to urge upon you the necessity of so planning this evacuation as to provide a definite test of all public facilities to carry out speedy evacuation, by way of preparation for an even greater emergency.

I trust this suggestion may meet with your approval.

Yours respectfully,

M.C. Robinson,

Chairman.

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CITIZENS' DEFENCE
COMMITTEE, 1942

VIA AIR MAIL.

Capt. M.C. Robinson,
Empress Hotel,
VICTORIA, B.C.

Dear Capt. Robinson,

It has occurred to me that it would be of assistance to you in Victoria. I am therefore enclosing a copy of minutes of the meeting on the 27th. inst. and the action taken at that meeting.

As requested I am handing the various documents to the Chairman of the Citizens' Defence Committee.

CCM/IP

February 28th, 1942.

Major Austin C. Taylor,
Home Oil Distributors,
VANCOUVER, B.C.

Dear Major Taylor,

I am instructed by Capt. M.C. Robinson to place in your hands the enclosed material relating to the activities of the Citizens' Defence Committee. Attached hereto you will find a copy of report submitted to the Committee and copies of correspondence and telegrams exchanged with the Right Honourable the Prime Minister and the Honourable the Minister of Justice and Members of the Dominion Cabinet.

You will note that the Committee has advised the Honourable Minister of Justice of their intention of extending to you every possible co-operation, and I am instructed to further this in every way possible.

Yours sincerely,

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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF
held in the Hotel Vancouver

Present:

Capt. M.C. Robinson

J.H. Roaf, Gen. J.

B. Showler, C.J. M.

Major James Hamilton

Major A.E. Jukes,

Grant MacNeil, J.C.

Major Oscar Erickson

His Worship the Mayor

There were also present

Asst. Commissioner

and J.H. McVety, M.P.

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A report was submitted by
of the Committee to date.

Orders in Council and Ministerial
gated were read and tabled.

A statement as released to
and additional information was
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MOVED by Gen. Clark and SECONDED
That the active co-operation
Major Austin C. Taylor in the
Security Commission,

And That the Committee urge
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And Further that without ceasing
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It was agreed, upon the suggestion
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Motion.

MOVED by Major James Hamilton, SECONDED
Report submitted by the
the Executive

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE CITIZENS' DEFENCE COMMITTEE
held in the Hotel Vancouver 4.30 p.m. Feb. 27, 1942.

Present: Capt. M.C. Robinson in the Chair

J.H. Roaf, Gen. J.A. Clark, B.O. Moxon, Col. J.P. Fell,
B. Showler, C.J. McNeely, Bruce Haggart, Mrs. F.J. Rolston,
Major James Hamilton, Col. Victor Spencer, W.G. Murrin,
Major A.E. Jukes, A.P. Allison, C.S. Williams,
Grant MacNeil, J.C. Hammett.

Major Oscar Erickson, Secretary.

His Worship the Mayor also attended on special invitation

There were also present for purposes of consultation
Asst. Commissioner F.J. Mead, R.C.M.P., Col. Hill, R.C.M.P.,
and J.H. McVety, representing the Dominion Department of
Labor.

A report was submitted by the Secretary reviewing the activities
of the Committee to date.

Orders in Council and Ministerial Regulations recently promul-
gated were read and tabled.

A statement as released to the press on February 26th. was read
and additional information was supplied by the Chairman on behalf of
the Executive and Action Committees.

MOVED by Gen. Clark and SECONDED by Mr. Haggart;
That the active co-operation of this Committee be tendered to
Major Austin C. Taylor in his capacity as Chairman of the
Security Commission,
And That the Committee urge upon the authorities the necessity
of proceeding with the evacuation of the Japanese as speedily
as possible,
And Further that without causing unnecessary hardship, plans
for this evacuation be carried out in such a manner as to
observe and test all available facilities for evacuation, by
way of preparation for any possible future emergency.

CARRIED.

It was agreed, upon the suggestion of Mr. A.P. Allison, that a
communication be addressed to the Minister of Justice, Ottawa, con-
veying the views of the Committee as set forth in the foregoing
Motion.

MOVED by Major James Hamilton, SECONDED by Mr. McNeely, that the
Report submitted by the Secretary outlining the activities of
the Executive and Action Committee be approved.

CARRIED.

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Chairman: M.C. Robinson

Meeting Feb. 27, 1942

by Col. Victor Spencer,
The Executive be instructed
in cooperation with the authorities

Meeting adjourned at 5.15 p.m.

Capt. J. C. Robinson,
Chairman, Citizens' Defence Committee,
2430 Marine Building,
Vancouver, B.C.

Dear Captain Robinson:

I have before me your
letter of Feb. 26th. in regard to
the evacuation of the Japanese.

Individuals desiring to
be evacuated should apply to the
Security Commission.

Being such public, as you
are, it is not possible for me
to be available for an
interview, and as I am
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MOVED by Col. Victor Spencer, SECONDED by Major James Hamilton,
That the Executive be instructed to continue activities in hand
in co-operation with the authorities until further notice. CARRIED.

Meeting adjourned at 5.15 p.m.

OSCAR ERICKSON, Secretary.

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B. O. MOXON
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Capt. J. C. Robinson,
Chairman, Citizens' Defence Com
1633 Marine Building,
Vancouver, B.C.

Dear Captain Robinson:

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Chairmen: M.C. Robinson,
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Gen. J.A. Clark, 475 Howe St. (PA 9574)

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Express Dept., CP.R. Station, Cordova (PA4311)

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Major Jas. Hamilton, - B.C. Telephone Co., 768 Seymour St. (MA 9171)

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Col. Victor Spencer - David Spencer Ltd., 515 W. Hastings (MA 7112)

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Henry Macken - Canadian Western Lumber Co., 355 Burrard St (MA 3347)

Major A.E. Jukes, 840 West Hastings St. (PA 5311)

A.P. Allison, Allison Logging Co., 510 Hastings St. W. (MA 9431)

C.S. Williams, McDonald & McDonald, 718 Granville St. (MA 5364)

Grant MacNeil, M.L.A., 1633 Marine Bldg. (MA 3637)

J.C. Hammett, War Time Merchant Shipping, 732 Marine Bldg. (PA 9571)

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1. Japanese live and move freely in close proximity to points vital to the defence of British Columbia and to the safety of the public:
2. Japanese therefore command opportunities to sabotage and demoralize defence measures under threatening conditions of attack.
3. The delay in evacuation has caused public alarm with increasing danger of disorder.

The _____
therefore urges the Dominion Government to implement the provisions of the recent Order-in-Council by instructing the appropriate authorities to remove immediately enemy aliens and all persons of Japanese origin from key points designated as vital to defence and public safety, - to proceed without delay with general plans for the humane evacuation of all Japanese from the coast areas, and to make a public statement with regard to such plans.

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CITIZENS' DEFENCE
COMMITTEE, 1942

We are gratified at the recent statement of the Government respecting the Japanese Citizens Defence Committee will be made under the new amendment to the Defence Act to remove all Japanese immediately from the coast to defence and public safety. The following telegram was despatched to Hon. Louis St. Laurent, Minister of National Defence, N.B. Reference made to report of the Council.

Statement was issued

We are gratified at the recent action of the Federal Government respecting the Japanese on the B.C. coast. The Citizens Defence Committee will continue to press for action under the new amendment to the Defence of Canada Regulations to remove all Japanese immediately from points vital to defence and public safety. To this end therefore the following telegram was despatched last evening to the Hon. Louis St. Laurent, Minister of Justice (Telegram attached)

N.B. Reference made to representations from Victoria Security Council.

Statement was issued on behalf of M.C. Robinson.

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Signed -

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Front Copies of this were sent to:
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Parliament House, Provincial House
Bob McPherson, Mayor & Council Vancouver
Citizens Committee Mission City, Fraser Valley,
Heads of the 3 Services, Junior Chamber
Nanaimo, Kinsmen Vancouver, (Howard Beatty)
Kinsmen West Vancouver, Kinsmen Nanaimo
Kinsmen Alberni and every organization
listed here. This is only a start; as soon
as our Citizens Security consultations report
the press a copy will reach you.

Done

Capt. Robinson



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M. C. ROBINSON
CITIZENS DEFENCE COMMITTEE,
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Come on Canada! —

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COPY FOR MAJOR AUSTIN C. TAYLOR.

Feb. 28th, 1942.

The Honourable Louis St. Laurent,
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OTTAWA, Ont.

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I trust this suggestion may meet with your approval.

Yours respectfully,

M.C. Robinson,

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Telephone: MARine 3637

CITIZENS' DEFENCE

1633 MARINE
VANCOUVER

Dear:-

Owing to the citizens of the Pacific comprising a cross section of the Dominion Government of enemy aliens from the

It was felt that without tangible indication therefore resolved that the Prime Minister and B. meeting, and that all call emergency meeting to the Prime Minister that immediate action authorities along with resolution, which has as to implications, time, commensurate with our country.

In order to the citizens above the Citizens' Defence will be offered to

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COMMITTEE, 1942

Telephone: MARine 3637

CITIZENS' DEFENCE COMMITTEE
1633 MARINE BUILDING
VANCOUVER, B. C.

Dear:-

Owing to the justifiably growing alarm among the citizens of the Pacific Coast a group of twenty citizens, comprising a cross section of the community, met and gave careful consideration to the plans publicized by the Dominion Government of Canada in respect to the removal of enemy aliens from the Pacific Coast defence area.

It was felt that such plans were inadequate and without tangible indication of prompt action. It was therefore resolved that a resolution be forwarded to the Prime Minister and B. C. members of Parliament by the meeting, and that all loyal organizations be asked to call emergency meetings to demand by resolution forwarded to the Prime Minister and B. C. members of Parliament that immediate action be taken by the Federal Government authorities along lines outlined in the attached suggested resolution, which has been drawn up with all due caution as to implications, possible retaliation, and at the same time, commensurate with public safety and the defence of our country.

In order that public expression may be co-ordinated the citizens above referred to have organized themselves as the Citizens' Defence Committee, and every possible assistance will be offered toward accomplishing this end.

Chairman.

CITIZENS' DEFENCE COMMITTEE.

Capt. Robinson

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Suggested letter to president or responsible official of local and patriotic organizations, Greater Vancouver



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MINISTER OF JUSTICE INVITES CITIZENS' DEFENCE
COMMITTEE TO MAKE SUGGESTIONS FOR GENERAL
EVACUATION OF ENEMY ALIENS.

In reply to the telegram to the Minister of Justice from the Citizens' Defence Committee, an invitation has been extended to the Committee to offer constructive suggestions for the implementing of the Order-in-Council calling for the complete removal of all persons of Japanese origin from the protected areas of British Columbia forthwith. A similar invitation has been extended by the Royal Canadian Mounted Police and the Attorney General of the Province. A sub-committee has been appointed to act as a liaison with these bodies, and a meeting of the full Committee will be held this afternoon to study plans of a working basis between the Citizens Defence Committee and the Government departments.

The removal of Japanese from the Ruskin dam at Stave Lake, the Capilano pipe line, and other vital points will be commenced immediately, it was announced.

The extent of the problem involved in the humane evacuation of 23,000 people is apparent, and while it is the Committee's intention to satisfy themselves that matters will be expedited with all possible despatch, care must be exercised to avoid any possible grounds for retaliation. Severe winter conditions and lack of available accommodation, and a proper understanding of the British Columbia problem by other provinces must be borne in mind.

Appreciation was expressed for the action taken by the federal government and the co-operation extended by the Minister of Justice.

Capt. Robinson

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The undivided support of the general public of the Citizens' Defence Committee's efforts has been a most important factor in the success of the Committee's endeavors, and the satisfactory response of the Government renders mass meetings or other demonstrations in respect to this problem at present unnecessary.

The personnel of the Citizens' Defence Committee is as follows:

Chairman: Capt. M.C. Robinson,
Vice-Chairman: Major Hamish Hamilton
Secretary: Major Oscar Erickson
Co-ordinator: Grant MacNeil, M.L.A.

Major Austin G. Taylor, J.H. Roaf, Brig. Gen. J.A. Clark,
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Ottawa Ont Feb 25/42

M U ROBINSON
CHAIRMAN CITIZENS COMMITTEE ENEMY ALIENS VANCOUVER BC

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ANNOUNCEMENT TODAY WHICH I HOPE WILL BE SATISFACTORY

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CITIZENS' DEFENCE
COMMITTEE, 1942

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Feb. 26th, 1942.

Memo for Major Erickson:

Mr. E. Buckerfield expressed his regrets that as he is leaving for the East this evening he will be unable to attend the meeting this afternoon.

He advanced the proposal that the Committee should deal with the probable disruption of the shipment of jams to Great Britain because of withdrawal of the Japanese from the berry districts. He stated that Great Britain is prepared to absorb all our production and that suggestions should be advanced to deal with the situation.

He also stated that the Custodian of Alien Property has as yet not been granted jurisdiction over the property of those Japanese who were naturalized or born in Canada and that this is causing a great deal of confusion.

C.G.M.

SO
CITIZENS' DEFENCE
COMMITTEE, 1942

Major James Hamilton,
B.C. Telephone Co.
768 Seymour St.
VANCOUVER, B.C.

Dear Major Hamilton,
The attached submission by the secretary of the meeting called for you may have time to peruse Major Erickson of any necessary.

I understood to have all members of the major activities

DM:HW

... we are firmly welded

Let. 25/42

Dear Grant, just a line, (be pencil, please excuse)
The enclosed for your special attention; hope
you can arrange for your Citizens Defense
Council to endorse; though you and your
Special group may not on principle like
or favour the idea; be hit as it may, I
can think of no other means with which to
bring responsible parties to time.
Over here in Victoria, we have set in motion
the machinery for a "Citizens Security Council"
dropping "Defense" for obvious reasons; Council
is made up from the support of all major
Social Service, Benevolent and Fraternal bodies
who are fed up with the ineptitude
of those whose job it is to see that the
Steps necessary for the successful prosecution
of the war are slow & halting. We propose to
augment the intelligent actions of Civic, Provincial
and Dominion representatives operating on a non-
political basis.

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CITIZENS' DEFENCE
COMMITTEE, 1942

Sent: all members of Committee
exception of Mr. Robinson, O.L. Erickson,
Haggart, McNeil, Hammett, Mrs. Rolston

Mr. C.S. Williams,
McDonald & McDonald Ltd.
718 Granville Street,
VANCOUVER, B.C.

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Our chief weapon, once we are firmly welded
will be to enliven proceedings for the
recall of Parliamentary entities to the bar
of public opinion. How successful this will
be and how far reaching will depend
on just how much we can keep the Council
its members and supporters non-political.

at any rate, let us have your Council
and your personal reactions, at an early
date. There is always the A.R.P. et al
to reorganize after we have seen the
last Japanese. The scope was large as
our courage. You will perhaps remember
me from North Vancouver; more especially
as a friend and cohort of Doug McDonald
of the Sand City.

Yours truly

John Price

Secy. Co. Tom

Citizens Security Council

Secy. Victoria Women's Club

2-3 Kresge Block

Victoria B.C.

John Price had a
phone call from
Ken Maclellan -
who endorses our
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COMMITTEE, 1942

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Sent to all members of Committee with
exception of Mr. Robinson, O.L. Erickson, H.R. Welch,
Haggart, McNeil, Hammett, Mrs. Rolston

Feb. 25th, 1942.

Mr. C.S. Williams,
McDonald & McDonald Ltd.
718 Granville Street,
VANCOUVER, B.C.

Dear Sir:-

This will serve as a summary of action taken as a result of
the appointment of the provisional executive committee by you at
the meeting held in Room X Vancouver Hotel last Friday, Feb. 20th.

1. The committee appointed to draft a resolution to be presented
at the Victory Loan luncheon held in the Hotel 12.30 Friday found
that those in charge of the luncheon were contemplating a similar
resolution, and therefore as a result of consultation, the resolu-
tion as published in the press was presented and passed.
2. The provisional executive committee appointed an action committee,
which drafted and forwarded the attached resolution to the Prime
Minister, other Cabinet Ministers and B.C. Members. Attached also
are copies of replies.
3. The action committee drafted a circular letter to be sent to
organizations, together with a suggested resolution. This letter
will be followed up by personal contact, and the resolution has
already been passed by the Vancouver Rotary Club.
4. In order to offer some degree of coordination, your action
committee secured free office accommodation at the above address.
5. Every effort will continue to be made for public opinion to be
expressed in an orderly and constitutional manner. There is a wide-
spread movement on foot to organize and hold a mass meeting in the
Cambie Street grounds on Wednesday, March 5th. Your action committee
has discouraged such action, but has warned Ottawa that unless
tangible evidence is apparent, matters of serious consequence may
develop.

In the meantime there is increasing insistence on the part of
the public for the personnel of this committee to be made known.
It would seem advisable in order to assure the public that our
committee is not a cushion for the Government, that names be pub-
lished. We would greatly appreciate your concurrence in the sugges-
tion of publicising the names. If however you feel yourself unable
to acquiesce, please advise by 10 a.m. Friday.

Respectfully yours,

M.C. Robinson,
Chairman.

SO
CITIZENS' DEFENCE
COMMITTEE, 1942

CONFIDENTIAL.

Mr. H. Garbe,
C/o Morton Clark & Co.
568 West Broadway
VANCOUVER, B.C.

Dear Sir,

The objectives of your propose
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Feb. 25th, 1942.

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Mr. H. Garbe,
C/o Morton Clark & Co.
568 West Broadway
VANCOUVER, B.C.

Dear Sir,

The objectives of your proposed organization being made known to the writer, and as these objectives are apparently similar, if not identical, with the objectives of the Citizens Defence Committee insofar as the removal of enemy aliens and of persons of Japanese origin from the protected area of British Columbia are concerned, our Committee would be pleased to appoint any one of our members agreeable to you to serve - ex officio or otherwise - on your proposed executive committee, with a view to co-ordination of our efforts.

In the meantime, any details you wish to know respecting the personnel or activities of our Committee will be gladly given from our office at the above address.

Respectfully yours,

M.C. Robinson, Chairman.

House of Commons
Canada
OTTAWA
26th February 1942

M. C. Robinson, Esq.,
1101 West Broadway,
Vancouver,
B. C.

Dear Robbie:-

I acknowledge receipt of the 23rd and also of your night signed by a very representative group of citizens and I think ~~that~~ ^{that} the Government; as you know, they have a broadening of their policy on ~~the~~ ^{the} we shall do our best to see that move.

With kindest personal
Yours sincerely

HCG/P

that the whole question of the removal as a matter of great urgency, and Branch the resolution contained in this circular

Branches should also advise Pr with reference to the resolution.

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CANADIAN LEGION of the BRITISH EMPIRE SERVICE LEAGUE
B.C. PROVINCIAL COMMAND

CIRCULAR B/4

Members Executive,
Secretaries Branches, Women's Auxiliaries,
B. C. Provincial Command,
Canadian Legion, B.E.S.L.

810 Dominion Bank Bldg,
Vancouver, B. C.,
Feb. 25th, 1942.

Re Disposition of Japanese

Comrades:

A Committee of prominent citizens in the City of Vancouver has been formed, and among the objectives aimed at by this Committee is the one of placing before the Government at Ottawa the necessity of dealing rapidly and effectively with the Japanese in this Province.

This Committee has drawn up a resolution and is asking all public bodies to pass this resolution and forward it to the Prime Minister at Ottawa.

Our Provincial President has therefore instructed me to forward the resolution to all Branches and Auxiliaries in this Command requesting that a meeting either of the Executive or of the Branch be called immediately in order to deal with this resolution. If the resolution is passed it should be signed and forwarded to the Prime Minister as quickly as possible. The resolution follows:

- "The _____ Branch of the Canadian Legion directs the attention of the Dominion Government to the following facts -
1. Japanese live and move freely in close proximity to points vital to the defence of British Columbia and to the safety of the public;
 2. Japanese therefore command opportunities to sabotage and demoralize defence measures under threatening conditions of attack;
 3. The delay in evacuation has caused public alarm with increasing danger of disorder.

The _____ Branch of the Canadian Legion therefore urges the Dominion Government to authorize the military authorities to remove immediately enemy aliens and all persons of Japanese origin from key points designated as vital to defence and public safety - to proceed without delay with general plans for the humane evacuation of all Japanese from the Coast areas, and to make a public statement with regard to such plans.

For the information of Branches, the Provincial President wrote personally to the Hon. Ian Mackenzie some time ago pointing out the dangerous situation that exists in this Province and urging that everything possible be done to have the Japanese removed from the Coast areas. Capt. Mackenzie replied by wire stating that the problem was being dealt with as quickly as it could be dealt with in view of the fact that considerable difficulty has been met with in arranging suitable accommodation for the Japanese at the destinations to which they would be sent. We realize the difficulties with which the Government is faced in this matter, but we feel that the whole question of the removal of the Japanese must be treated as a matter of great urgency, and Branches are therefore requested to pass the resolution contained in this circular and forward it as instructed.

Branches should also advise Provincial Office of the action taken with reference to the resolution.

Yours fraternally,

David McKee

David McKee,
Secretary, B. C. Command
Canadian Legion, B.C.

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DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE

AIR MAIL

M. C. Robinson, Esq.,
VANCOUVER, B.C.

Dear Mr. Robinson,

Mr. Ralston has asked me receipt of your telegram of February of yourself and other citizens of Vancouver reference to the evacuation of Japanese enemy aliens from British Columbia.

As this is a matter referred to by the Department of Justice, you referred at once to the office of L.S. St. Laurent, Minister of the

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REMEMBER—INTERNMENT

IMMEDIATE ACTION COMMITTEE, 1

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COMMITTEE, 1942

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The Honourable
Louis St Laurent - Minister of Justice
Ottawa.

Further to our telegram of Monday last to Prime
Minister Ministers of Defence Naval and Air Services and
B.C. Members reference evacuation enemy aliens and to
replies from the Honourable MacKenzie and MacDonald our
Committee express gratification with Government action Stop
If public opinion is to be stabilized and demonstrations
avoided immediate removal of enemy aliens and all persons
of Japanese origin from strategic areas of defence and public
safety to temporary accommodations if necessary pending general
evacuation is imperative Stop urgency of situation renders it
advisable you reply by wire as to date of commencement such
action.

(Sgd) M.C. ROBINSON

Chairman Citizens
Defence Committee

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CITIZENS' DEFENCE
COMMITTEE, 1942

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M. C. Robinson, Esq.,
Canadian National Institute
Vancouver,
B. C.

Dear Mr. Robinson:

This will acknowl
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date of February 23rd, re
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REMEMBER—INTERNMEN

IMMEDIATE ACTION COMMITTEE, 1

IMMEDIATE ACTION COMMITTEE

"Lose the West -- Lose All"

1118 LANGLEY STREET
VICTORIA, B. C.

Feb. 24, 1942.

Dear Sir:

We at the Coast here, feel strongly that the Dominion Government does not fully realize the imminence of the Japanese danger, particularly as regards Vancouver Island. If this island were seized as a base (and it is a well-known objective of the enemy to do so), then from this island, once strongly in enemy hands, allied shipping and cities, both Canadian and American, within a radius of 1500 miles (which would include Winnipeg, Los Angeles and Alaska, could readily be bombed from the air.

If you would do us the favor of carefully perusing the enclosed folder, commencing with the evil Japanese face and hands in the left-hand top corner, menacingly regarding any and all of our coast cities and the foundation of their community life, and even their means of escape--shown graphically at the lower left-hand corner--you will, I feel sure, agree with us that the very preservation of Canada and the United States and their war industries on which the world depends, are gravely menaced.

We therefore earnestly plead with you to use your great influence towards the total elimination from the Pacific Coast, of the Japanese of all ages and all sexes.

We are,

Yours sincerely,

THE IMMEDIATE ACTION COMMITTEE

Per:

Hubert Savage

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News Flashes After We

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CANADIAN LEGION, B.E.S.



JAPANESE CIVILIAN JOB

To Sabotage Flumes to Power Generating Stations, Power Lines, Reservoirs, and serving all our Coast Cities. This is a Civilian Obligation.

ANY ENEMY

Young or old, male or female, when the dry weather comes, sa

The only Munitions needed!

A BOX OF MATCHES With Blazing Forests

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No Water to combat Fires of
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No Chance of Evacuating
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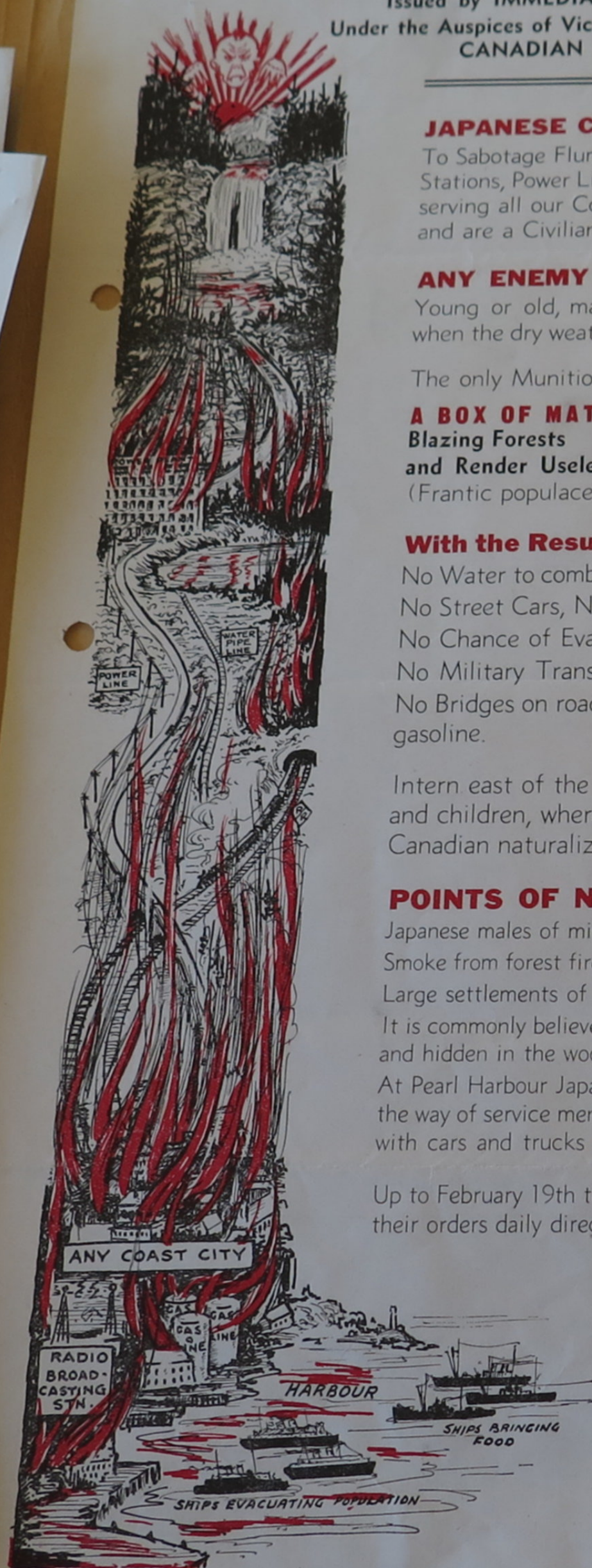
REMEMBER—INTERNMENT

IMMEDIATE ACTION COMMITTEE, 1

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COMMITTEE, 1942

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Under the Auspices of Victoria and District Zone Council
CANADIAN LEGION, B.E.S.L.



JAPANESE CIVILIAN JOBS ARE:

To Sabotage Flumes to Power Generators, Electric Generating Stations, Power Lines, Reservoirs and their outlets and Pipelines serving all our Coast Cities. These are inadequately guarded, and are a Civilian Obligation.

ANY ENEMY

Young or old, male or female, can render them useless, and when the dry weather comes, sabotage our forests.

The only Munitions needed!

A BOX OF MATCHES With which to start
Blazing Forests Blazing Roadsides
and Render Useless Radio Broadcasting
(Frantic populace unable to receive radio orders).

With the Result:

No Water to combat Fires or to Drink.
No Street Cars, No Elevators, No Light, No Escape.
No Chance of Evacuating Women or Children.
No Military Transport.
No Bridges on road or rail. Harbour and Wharves blazing with gasoline.

Intern east of the Rocky Mountains all Japanese men, women and children, wheresoever born, whether Japanese nationals or Canadian naturalized.

POINTS OF NOTE:

Japanese males of military age are readily disguised as females.
Smoke from forest fires makes valuable smoke screen for enemy landing.
Large settlements of Japanese adjoin Airports.
It is commonly believed they have large caches of arms in disused mines and hidden in the woods and mountains and in sawmills, etc.
At Pearl Harbour Japanese residents (supposed to be friendly) blocked the way of service men rushing to their stations by obstructing the roads with cars and trucks across the roads and shooting down airmen.

Up to February 19th they still had their radios, enabling them to receive their orders daily direct from Japan in Japanese.

Our Demand!

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REMEMBER—INTERNMENT INVOLVES NO DISGRACE

IMMEDIATE ACTION COMMITTEE, 1118 LANGLEY STREET, VICTORIA, B. C.

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CITIZENS' DEFENCE
COMMITTEE, 1942

February 20, 1942



The Imperial Order Daughters of the Empire
and Children of the Empire

HEAD OFFICE NATIONAL CHAPTER OF CANADA - 102 LOWTHER AVENUE
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MRS. J. W. DOUGAN

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MRS. E. W. MUNCEY
TREASURER:
MRS. C. BARRETT-LENNARD

ALL OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS TO BE ADDRESSED TO THE HEAD OFFICE OF THE PROVINCE
513 METROPOLITAN BUILDING
VANCOUVER, B. C.

Citizens' Defence Committee,
1633 Marine Building,
Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Sirs:

At a meeting of the Comforts Council of Greater Vancouver to-day spoke and urged all Organizations to support your Group intended sending to members of

I explained at this meeting that I had already taken action in this matter and the blanks are left for the name of signature of the sender.

S:T
Enc. 1

P. S. These letters have already been

Suggested Resolution

The VANCOUVER ROTARY CLUB directs the attention of the Dominion Government to the following facts:

1. Japanese live and move freely in close proximity to points vital to the defence of British Columbia and to the safety of the public;
2. Japanese therefore command opportunities to sabotage and demoralize defence measures under threatening conditions of attack.
3. The delay in evacuation has caused public alarm with increasing danger of disorder.

THE VANCOUVER ROTARY CLUB therefore urges the Dominion Government to authorize the military authorities to remove immediately enemy aliens and all persons of Japanese origin from key points designated as vital to defence and public safety, - to proceed without delay with general plans for the humane evacuation of all Japanese from the Coast areas, and to make a public statement with regard to such plans.

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CITIZENS' DEFENCE
COMMITTEE, 1942

February 20, 1942

1 Vancouver Water Supply:

a. settlement of young Japanese living
quarter mile of the north
- lined yards

Copy forwarded to Major-General

Major-General H.F.G. Letson,
Adjutant General, Department of
Ottawa, Ontario.

Dear General,

I am taking the liberty
and confidential communication
aware of certain facts, and if
the attention of the Minister of
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meeting on Cambie Street grounds on
4th. We will do everything in our po-
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organizations as passed by Rotary tod-

Copy forwarded to Major-General G.O. Alexander

February 24th, 1942.

Major-General H.F.G. Letson,
Adjutant General, Department of Defence,
Ottawa, Ontario.

Dear General,

I am taking the liberty of writing this personal and confidential communication to you so that you may be aware of certain facts, and if you see fit, bring same to the attention of the Minister of Defence with whom I am not sufficiently well acquainted to write.

As you know the Japanese question has thoroughly aroused the public on the B.C. coast. Last week there seemed to be a definite need to offer some leadership and co-ordination in order to prevent untoward action and expression. I am enclosing a copy of a wire despatched to the Prime Minister, various cabinet ministers, and B.C. members, signed by some score of citizens whose names will be well known, and I think significant, to you. It will also be obvious by these signatures that both influence, caution and judgement will be exercised by the committee they represent, and for the want of a better name, called the Citizens Defence Committee. They have opened an office in the Marine Building where it is the intention to assist in the co-ordination of sane and reasonable expression of public opinion. I also attach copy of the Hon. Ian Mackenzie's reply, which was received together with replies from other members. It is the intention of this Committee to encourage public opinion to the point that will insure the requests mentioned in the telegram being carried out. I also attach copy of resolution drafted by this Committee, and passed at today's luncheon of the Vancouver Rotary Club. There has already been unwise resolutions and expressions passed, and our old friends the Flying Column have re-organized with the intention of holding a mass meeting on Cambie Street grounds on Wednesday evening, March 4th. We will do everything in our power to discourage any such demonstrations which might lead to unfortunate incidents, but we will encourage the adoption of the resolution by all organizations as passed by Rotary today.

SO
CITIZENS' DEFENCE
COMMITTEE, 1942

February 20, 1942

1 Vancouver Water Supply:

- a. Settlement of young Japanese living in the quarter mile of the north side of the Fraser River, near the bridge, and within the city limits.
- b. There are Japanese living in the city limits, and it is suggested that they be settled in the quarter mile of the north side of the Fraser River, near the bridge, and within the city limits.

Major-General H.F.G. Letson

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You will understand that the Committee has been organized in opinion, but at the same time possible to see that the action all due speed. It is my personal opinion that reasonable co-operation by the Government to acquaint this Committee with the Committee's publication, according to the programme, encouraging the Committee to

In the meantime the Committee is given that the matter is with all due despatch, commencing.

With best wishes,

MCR/O
Encls.

Major-General H.F.G. Letson

Feb. 24/42

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You will understand that the Citizens Defence Committee has been organized to attempt to stabilize public opinion, but at the same time to do everything constitutionally possible to see that the action requested is implemented with all due speed. It is my personal opinion that this Committee might be used to advantage by the authorities, providing reasonable co-operation is extended. It might be wise for the Government to acquaint this Committee with its intentions, either for the Committee's confidential information, or for publication, according to instructions. This would go far in encouraging the Committee to continue its stabilizing programme.

In the meantime the Government might look forward to orderly, but insistent, pressure until tangible assurance is given that the matter is in hand, and is being carried out with all due despatch, commensurate with the problems involved.

With best wishes, I remain

Yours faithfully,

M.C. Robinson.

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CITIZENS' DEFENCE
COMMITTEE, 1942

February 20, 1942

1 Vancouver Water Supply:

- a. There is a settlement of young Japanese living in a boat yard within a quarter mile of the north Gate Bridge and within a few hundred yards of the water tunnel goes under the First Narrows.
- b. There are Japanese living all along both the Capilano pipelines.

These facts may be verified through Mr. Cleve of the Vancouver Water Board.

2 Power Supply:

- a. The Ruskin area is dominated by Japanese.
- b. The powerlines all up the Fraser Valley are Japanese farmers.
- c. The Indian River area reported that a responsible parties shows a great influx of Japanese residents. As this is with Buntzen power plant and no restriction movements of these Japanese, a potential exists.

These facts may be verified through the Japanese throughout the Fraser Valley.

3 Airport:

The whole delta dike system, including the adjacent to the Vancouver Airport, is of Japanese.

This fact can be verified by the Naval Intelligence Department of the Vancouver.

4 Shipyards:

- a. The West Coast Shipbuilders and a nest of Japanese residences.
- b. There is a Japanese sawmill Van Ship Repairs.
- c. There is a Japanese sawmill North Yard.
- d. The Burrard South yard is a number of Japanese residences.

February 20, 1942.

1 Vancouver Water Supply:

- a. There is a settlement of young Japanese living and working in a boat yard within a quarter mile of the north end of the Lions Gate Bridge and within a few hundred yards of the point where the water tunnel goes under the First Narrows.
- b. There are Japanese living all along both the Seymour and Capilano pipelines.

These facts may be verified through Mr. Cleveland, Chief Commissioner of the Vancouver Water Board.

2 Power Supply:

- a. The Ruskin area is dominated by Japanese.
- b. The powerlines all up the Fraser Valley are straddled by Japanese farmers.
- c. The Indian River area reported that a check of this area by responsible parties shows a great increase in the number of Japanese residents. As this is within a mile of the Lake Buntzen power plant and no restriction is placed on the movements of these Japanese, a potential source of sabotage exists.

These facts may be verified through the B.C. Electric Company.

3 Airport:

The whole delta dike system, including that immediately adjacent to the Vancouver Airport, is surrounded by thousands of Japanese.

This fact can be verified by the Naval or Vancouver Defense Intelligence.

4 Shipyards:

- a. The West Coast Shipbuilders are operating in the middle of a nest of Japanese residences.
- b. There is a Japanese sawmill operating just west of the North Van Ship Repairs.
- c. There is a Japanese sawmill operating just east of Burrard North Yard.
- d. The Burrard South yard is in close proximity to a large number of Japanese residences.

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5 Coal Harbour:

There are three Japanese shipyards, the Stanley Park, K & M and the Union Boat Works, operating in the Coal Harbour area. These are adjoining and close to shipyards operated by Canadians doing essential war work. There is nothing to prevent them from 'sabotaging' a number of sub-chasers and other boats which are in the water at the present time and nothing could prevent a fire started in one of these yards from spreading throughout this district even as far as the Union Oil Dock, provided the wind was in the right direction.

6 North Arm Fraser River:

There are a number of Japanese upstream from the Canadian White Pine and B.C. Plywoods plants. There is a Japanese shipyard immediately alongside the Naval Station at Steveston.

7 Granville Island.

Essential industries in this area are threatened by a Japanese settlement adjacent.

8 There are at least 1500 private passenger cars operated by Japanese in Vancouver alone and the majority of these are new. This does not include the cars and large trucks operated by Japanese throughout the Fraser Valley area.

9 The Japanese throughout the Fraser Valley are painting the roof of their residence a bright red colour.

These facts may be verified by the Naval Intelligence and by the Intelligence Department of the Vancouver Defence Command.

10 Communications: A Japanese store is located in close proximity to the building housing the central through which telephone communications for the military district pass, and these could ~~easily~~ communications could easily be intercepted.

This can be verified through the B.C. Telephone Co.

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