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The Spanish Council
Representative of the Protecting Power

Dear Sir:

We seek your clarifications on the subjects here-
below cited:

Re: Marriage

It is said that the Commission does not recognize Japanese marriages ceremonized since September, 1942. Is this a Federal law or is it just Commission regulation? Assuming the above as law issued by Canadian Gov't, then the child born from the above marriage would be illegal from the eyes of the society? The government agencies continue to issue marriage certificated without a question; this make us believe that this non-recognition of marriage is not of governmental law but that of B.C. Security Commission.

On the other hand, the B.C. Security Commission is recognizing new-born child--a child born from the marriage which took place since September, 1942. If so, why can't the B.C. Security recognize the marriage which is responsible for the child.

If the non-recognition of marriage has any affiliation to the issuing of Maintenance, then there should be some amendments made to the regulation now in force.

We will greatly appreciate your endeavour if you will act towards inducing the B.C. Security Commission to carry out the contents of the preceding paragraph, if, our assumptions re marriage is correct.

Re: Unemployment Insurance

The Japanese have been contributing towards Unemployment Insurance and there are quite a number of Japanese who have in their possession, Unemployment Insurance book which is in order. In case of unemployment and if the B.C. Security Commission refuses to issue Maintenance, then what bars the Japanese from seeking unemployment insurance?

Yours respectfully,

Spokesmen for the Japanese Nationals