Little Excitement Among Japanese Here Over Dominion Gov't's Freezing Order

Japanese-Language Daily Spreads the News

Yoriki Iwasaki (right) editor of the Continental Daily News, Vancouver's Japanese-language daily, and his son, Tsutomu, scan a page proof of today's paper which will tell the city's Japanese community of the serious economic situation, now existing between Japan, the British Empire and United States.

By DORIS MILLIGAN

The doors of the Canadian-owned Japan & Canada Trust Savings Co., at the corner of Dunlevy and Powell Street were tightly locked at 10:25 a.m. today, 55 minutes after the usual Saturday opening hour.

Leaning idly against the building were two bright faced young men, the bank's tellers.

"The manager (T. Hara) has gone down to the Bank of Commerce to find out what it's all about," one explained.

Apparently none of the depositors were concerned. At least there wasn't one on the doorstep.

BAG OF MONEY

Five minutes later Mr. Hara himself unlocked the door.

"So sorry," he said, "but I can't stop to talk. I am so busy. You see we are an hour late for opening.

A minute later a uniformed man came in carrying what was obviously a big bag of money.

I was chatting to the white druggist across the street seconds after and he expressed surprise at the sight.

"That's the first time in 15 years I've seen that happen," he said. "They must expect a run on the bank."

I went back to the bank. It was doing a big business.

NONE ALARMED

One woman had a handful of bills. But she wasn't drawing it out, she was putting it in. I stayed long enough to see that that was what most of the clients were doing.

Vancouver's "Jap town" was slightly quieter than the usual Saturday, but no one seemed alarmed at the latest turn in international affairs. The city's 17,000 Japanese are taking things calmly.

The uneducated were slightly bewildered and refused to talk. The educated, particularly the Nisei (second-generation in Canada) talked freely.

I learned that the chief worry will be personal. There are Japanese-Canadians visiting and studying in Japan. It boats are held up they may have to stay.

LEADERS IN JAPAN

There is for instance Dr. M. Ishiwara, retired physician, and father of Dr. George A. Ishiwara, dentist, head of the Japanese-Canadian Citizens' League. Dr. Ishiwara, Sr., went to Japan about six months ago to see his mother, who is not in good health.

Also in Japan are a number of other Vancouver Japanese including K. Suzumoto, head of the Canadian Salt Herring Exporters, Dunlevy Avenue, and president of the Salt Herring Exporters Co-operative, and T. Matsugyami and K. Ohta, both of the Salt Herring Exporters, who are on a business trip to Japan.

Margaret Murakl, 18, Vancouver-born and educated Japanese girl, is in Japan completing her education.

HERE LONG TIME

"If I cannot send her money she will have to come home, if she can get a ship," explained her father. "I don't know what will happen if she has to stay and I can't send her money.

Most of the Japanese here have resided in Canada for a long time," said Y. Iwaki, editor of The Continental Daily News, Vancouver's Japanese-language daily.

He was answering the query I put to him as to how the "freezing" of Japanese funds would effect the local community. He gave his answer in Japanese to his son Tsutomu Iwaki, Vancouver-born lad, who is a graduate of Britannia High. But Mr. Ishiwaki speaks good English himself, and he later used his adopted tongue to remind me that the balance of trade has always been in favor of Canada.

C.P.R. Train Delayed By Derailed Freight

Derailment of two Canadian Pacific Railway westbound freight cars in a tunnel east of Field, B.C., at 8 p.m., Friday, has delayed the westbound passenger train due in Vancouver at 11:30 p.m. Saturday. The train is running about eight hours late.

Japanese Property Holdings In Vancouver Will Be Probed

Provincial Police are reported today to be checking the bona fides of real estate transfers by Japanese within the past month to check "cheating" against the new federal freezing order.

Although the holdings of residents of Japan are understood to be extensive, recent activity has not been as brisk as had been expected.

Off the record, officials had anticipated a wave of mortgaging or selling so that assets could be transferred to Japan ahead of the ban.

Reason why this has not materialized "ought to be plain to anyone who has followed the history of Japanese economic penetration in British Columbia," The Vancouver Sun was told by Ald. H. D. Wilson, president campaigner in the City Council for anti-Japanese restrictions.

REVENUES RE-INVESTED

"Apart from the money sent out of the country to support families in Japan," he said, "all of the revenues from Japanese-owned property is retained here and re-invested. This is the process known as pyramiding. It accounts for the swift expansion of Nipponese assets in retail and wholesale trade and natural resources."

No segregation of properties owned by residents of Japan has ever been made, authorities told The Sun.

A search of the title index of the land registry office or the civic assessment roll would be a lengthy labor and would not be conclusive.

Many parcels registered in Occidental names or represented by local agents are actually controlled from Japan, it was alleged. If the registrations could be tracked down to investment sources.

BILLS SENT TO JAPAN

City Treasurer James L. Armstrong remembers several instances, however, in which tax notices are sent direct to Japan.

At City Hall it is expected that the Dominion Government will ask for a complete record of these cases to be compiled immediately.

This would disclose, however, that some are actually white persons resident in Japan.

It is commonly understood that a choice tract of residential sites on Twenty-Fifth Avenue at Quesnelle Drive is held by Japanese, but title is registered in the name of a man on Powell Street.

CLAIMS HE HAS PROOF

Dealing with natural resources, Ald. Wilson stated that he has positive information of Japanese penetration. "I can not divulge the sources of my information," he said, "but I would have no difficulty in proving it if I was called upon to do so."

"Between 1936 and 1937," he said, "the Mitsui Interests, the largest financiers of Japan, working through white Canadians, financed the re-opening of the Granby Consolidated Mining & Smelting Company and contracted to take the entire copper output."

"The Nippon Soda Company, a subsidiary, recently bought 46 square miles of timber limits at $800,000.

JAPANESE MONEY IN TIDEWATER?

"Nisso Rayon Pulp Company, also a subsidiary, has considerable timber limits in the Queen Charlottes. It acquired a large holding within the last three years, intending to use the logs for the manufacture of artificial silk in Japan.

"There is also Japanese capital in the Tidewater mine on Vancouver Island, although it has a white board of directors.

"Personally, I am delighted that the revenues are to be impounded. It means that the policy of appeasement has ended, and that now we are going to talk to the Japanese in the only language they understand."

Pattullo to Begin Interior Tour Today

VICTORIA, July 26.—Premier Pattullo leaves today for a tour of the Kootenay and Arrow Lakes district. He will travel by automobile, by way of Seattle, through Washington and Osoyoos. The premier will be absent about 10 days.

North Carolina has 294 members in the state explaining important phases in the state's history.

Japan Trade Ban Will Have Little Effect

British Columbia business with Japan shut off by the freezing order amounts to very little, it is stated in commercial and banking circles.

Japan has never bought our manufactured goods, only raw materials for her own highly-developed industries.

FEW CARGOES

Up to 1940 there was a considerable business in logs but it has dropped to a "whisper" owing to the shortage of ships and the necessity of conserving foreign exchange in Japan for war materials.

Col. Nelson Spencer states that the shipment of hemlock and balsam now loading on the North Shore is the first full cargo in six months or more. Last year there were about 20 cargoes, amounting to about 30 million feet, B.C. log scale.

He says that if the ships were available and the trade was not cut off as it now has been, Japan would have taken 40 million feet of logs in 1941.

HERRING AND COPPER

The only sizeable piece of business cut off by the order is the annual export of salt herring from B. C. waters to Japan which, it was expected, would go as usual this fall when the pack is put up.

Last year the Japanese government allotted 800,000 yen for purchase of salt herring from B. C. and this exchange, amounting roughly to $150,000 was all covered by shipments. Most of the salt herring is produced by firms operated by Japanese here.

The ban on export of copper to Japan, put into effect in October 1940, shut off a business that had grown phenomenally. It amounted to $1,300,000 in 1938 and $2,155,000 in 1939.

Vancouver bankers refuse to even hazard a guess at the amount of Japanese assets and credits lodged in banks here and which are affected by the order.

BUSINESS AS USUAL

All agree that it must be quite small as there has been so little business with Japan in the past year or more.

No definite advice has been received as yet but bankers think that assets and credits affected by the order will be taken over by the Secretary of State, possibly through the custodian of enemy property in each province.

At the office of the Foreign Exchange Control Board it was made clear that the order affects only residents of Japan and does not apply to Japanese in Canada who can go on doing their usual business in Canada as heretofore.

The Foreign Exchange Control Board also stated that applications for ordinary commercial permits are still being received, but will be under close review of the Canadian government before any transaction can be authorized. No non-commercial permits have been issued for the past week.

$8,500,000 Trade With Japan in 1940

VICTORIA, July 26.—Freezing of Japanese assets in Canada will shut off a trade between British Columbia and Japan which last year amounted to nearly $8,500,000.

Statistics here show that B.C. exports to Japan, totalling $6,600,000, far exceeded the province's imports, which were $1,706,000.

Main B.C. products shipped to Japan were wood pulp, copper and lead.

The province's purchases cover a varied range, some major items being $200,000 worth of sake (Japanese beer), $127,000 worth of canned tuna fish, $107,000 worth of textiles and $139,000 worth of chinaware.

Alderman Wants Jap Fish Boats Confined

Ald. H. D. Wilson Monday will airmail a letter to the department of external affairs, Ottawa, asking that all Japanese-owned fishing vessels in British Columbia waters be confined to port until the situation existing between the Japanese and British Empires is clarified.

The alderman alleges that practically all Japanese fishboats in these waters have been re-engined and re-outfitted within the past year, and says that their opportunities for doing damage are hardly understood by persons unfamiliar with the technique of modern warfare.

"The way this war is being fought, and the experience we have had with Quislings shows that we can take no chances," Ald. Wilson said.

Alderman Wilson will ask Ottawa to consider the possibilities that marine mines may have been secreted along the British Columbia coastline in readiness for mining local waters at an instant's notice.

In this connection, he charges that Japanese fish boats have had their hatches enlarged to dimensions far beyond those common for fishing purposes.

His letter to Ottawa will also ask a closing order, under the Federal War Measures Act, for all Jap language schools in B.C., on the grounds that civic investigation has proven young Japanese are being steeped in admiration for Japanese military might.

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Chinese Jubilant Over Japanese Ban

Bulletins posted in front of the Chinese Times office today brought a great cluster of excited Chinese.

Was it god news or bad news that United States and Britain were at last retaliating against Japanese aggression?

Most of the Chinese just shook their heads when it came to economic theory, but there was one thing that they understood well. They know just how much their families in China need the monthly remittances they send.

Fear spread through that group of Chinese. Did this mean that they couldn't send monthly remittances to their families? A Vancouver Sun reporter talked with some Chinese.

Foo eLe, Chinese confectioner, thought that Chiang Kai Shek would know what's best in any case.

Apologizing because he was "not many English," he pointed to his bald pate, explaining that the Chinese leader was "good head."

'JAP NO GOOD; THEY KILL'

Yet Foo Lee was happy at the thought that the freezing of Japanese and Chinese assets was going to hurt Japan, not China.

"Jap no good. They kill," he said. "My village in Canton, 100 stores, they kill 300 people. But China too big for Jap to conquer."

Quon Hipp Wong, U.B.C. graduate, feared that the freezing order might affect some local Chinese, but it was certainly necessary.

WHO'LL FEED FAMILIES

"This is wartime, and if a thing has gone to be done then we've got to do it," he said. "It's one step towards curbing Japan, and that's all that matters. It is in the interests of China, Great Britain and the United States that we should maintain a decent war in China."

"But the Immigration Act prevented the Chinese from bringing their families here, and it would be too bad if they can't maintain them in China."

Quene Yip asserted that the local Chinese would not be affected at all by the new measure.

When he first learned of the freezing order, he phoned the Royal Bank of Canada who assured him that the monthly remittances of $100 Hong Kong ($27.90 Canada) would surely be continued.

'JAPS GET THEM ANYWAY'

"The Chinese here are certainly jubilant that Britain and the United States are finally doing something," he reported.

The Bank of Montreal on Pender Street is conducting business as usual.

Business went ahead as usual on Pender Street this morning and local Chinese felt cheered by the thought that the invader would find it difficult to build more planes to bomb the villages of their homeland.

Vancouver Flier Killed in England

NORTH VANCOUVER, July 26.—Sgt. Pilot Frank L. Turner, 26, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Turner, formerly of this city but now of Montreal, was killed in an airplane accident in Oxfordshire, Eng., recently, according to word received here.

Sgt. Turner was born in Vancouver and formerly lived at 2626 Western Avenue.

He enlisted with the RCAF in August, 1940, and had been in England for two months taking his pilot officer course.

H. H. Mills

Funeral services will be conducted at 3 p.m. Monday in Mount Pleasant Undertaking Co.'s chapel for Harcourt Herbert Mills, 59, of 2012 East Twelfth Avenue, who died Thursday in Royal Columbian Hospital, following the rail disaster at Sapperton.

Born in England, Mr. Mills lived in Vancouver 15 years, was engineer of the C.N.R. train involved. He leaves his wife; two sons, Herbert C. and William H., Vancouver; his mother, two brothers and sisters in England.

Rev. C. C. Owen will conduct services; burial, Forest Lawn Memorial Park.

Deaths and Funerals

Mrs. C. L. Sell

NEW WESTMINSTER, July 26.—Mrs. Charlotte Louisa Sell, 75, of 610 Belmont Street, died Friday in St. Mary's Hospital.

She was born in Croydon, Eng., and had resided in New Westminster 28 years. Mrs. Sell was the widow of Henry Sell and leaves two sons, Charles in England and Thomas at home; two sisters in England, Mrs. L. Simmons and Mrs. Albert Druvett, and a great-granddaughter.

Funeral services will be conducted in S. Bowell & Son's chapel here Monday at 1:30 p.m., Rev. A. R. L. Kevill officiating; burial in Fraser Cemetery.

David J. Copping

ABBOTSFORD, July 26.—David Jonathan Copping, 56, pioneer butcher and cattle buyer, died in his home here following a serious illness.

He was born in Quebec and had been buying cattle in the Fraser Valley for 32 years.

He leaves a brother, William, and a niece, Mrs. Irene Campbell in Vancouver, and a nephew, Russell Roberts, in Mission.

Henderson Funeral Home here have charge of the funeral which will be held on Monday.

Mrs. Margaret Hall

CHILLIWACK, July 26.—Funeral services will be held here Monday for Mrs. Margaret Catherine Hall, 90, one of Chilliwack's oldest residents, who died Thursday.

Born in Denmark, Mrs. Hall came to Canada in 1882 and had resided in this district for 59 years. She was a life member of St. Thomas Women's Association and of the Order of the Eastern Star.

James Rowe

NORTH VANCOUVER, July 26. — James Rowe, 52, of 1370 Duchess Avenue, died Friday in North Vancouver General Hospital. He was born in England and had resided here six months. He leaves his wife in West Vancouver three sons, John with the RCAF; Reginald in Northern Ontario, and Victor in Manitoba, and a sister in England. The body will be forwarded to Winnipeg where funeral services will be held. Hollyburn Funeral Home, West Vancouver, has charge.

James Lynam

Requiem Mass will be sung at 9 a.m. Monday in St. Patrick's Church for James Lynam, 49, of 2936 Sophia Street, who died in Royal Columbian Hospital Thursday as a result of the CN.R.-Great Northern railway accident at Sapperton.

Mr. Lynam was born in San Francisco, was a fireman with the C.N.R. for about eight years. He served in the First Great War with the Railroad Battalion, was with No. 65 engine crew. He leaves his wife.

Burial in Returned Soldiers' Plot, Mountain View Cemetery.

Mrs. Mary C. Jenkins

Mrs. Mary Crosby Jenkins, 72, widow of John Crosby Jenkins, died Thursday at her residence, 3272 West First Avenue.

Born in Toronto, Ont., Mrs. Jenkins lived here 42 years. She leaves two daughters, Mrs. H. B. Gourlay, Vancouver; Mrs. E. P. Dudley, Kellogg, Idaho; seven grandchildren, Lieut. H. B. Gourlay, in England; Douglas, Salt Lake City, Utah; Robert Montreal; John and Nancy, at home; Mary and Robert, Kellogg, Idaho; a sister, Mrs. E. A. Legge, Toronto; a brother, W. H. Crosby, Buffalo, N.Y.

Private funeral services were conducted at 10:30 a.m. today in Center and Hanna's chapel, Rev. W. H. Smith, D.D., officiating, followed by cremation.

Harold Krinks

Funeral services will be conducted at 2 p.m. Monday in Nunn & Thomson's chapel for Harold Krinks, 1809 East Thirteenth Avenue, who was killed in the C.N.R.-Great Northern rail disaster at Sapperton Thursday.

Mr. Krinks was born in England, lived in Vancouver 21 years. He was a C.N.R. baggageman, and had been with the line 32 years. He leaves his wife; a son, Robert; a daughter, Mrs. Hazel Richardson; a grandson; a granddaughter, all in Vancouver; a sister and a brother in England.

Rev. A. C. Bingham and Rev. G. Harrison Villett will conduct services; burial, Forest Lawn Memorial Park.