

Japs Accept Ottawa Order Calmly; Total to Leave Homes in Doubt

Vancouver Japanese are taking the news that came from Ottawa Wednesday quietly and although there is some disquietude as many face the probability of having to leave their homes here and go to other parts, the general disposition is to await further and more definite news.

It is impossible, until details are known, to estimate the number who may have to move.

In the whole province there are approximately 6000 "nationals" which means Japanese born who have not become naturalized Canadian citizens.

About 4000 of these are men who, if they are in what are designated as "protected areas" will have to move.

But until it is known just what these "protected areas" are to be, and whether their woman are to be included, leading Japanese refuse to estimate how many of them may have to move.

There is much speculation as to whether "nationals" in the Fraser Valley will be included.

WARNED TO KEEP COOL

A Japanese spokesman said he expected to see a large response to the announcement of formation of a volunteer civilian corps of Japanese Canadians. Many have been volunteering for some time to serve Canada "in any way they can."

"The New Canadian," the English-speaking Japanese newspaper, published late Wednesday an appeal to all Japanese headed "Keep Cool and Keep Calm." It said:

"Keep cool and keep calm and don't get excited! "Let's wait until all the details of the new regulations are worked out before we start rushing around like a flock of chickens with their heads off.

"Ottawa's announcement is only the general plan of what is to be done. The important and effective details are yet to be decided. Until the proper authorities make known exactly what has to be done, let's behave like adult human beings, and not like pre-school age children.

FAIR TREATMENT PROMISED

"Certain regulations have been imposed but the govern-

ment has stressed that principles of justice and fair treatment must be maintained.

"The administration of these regulations, we feel, will therefore be conducted in a common sense manner and with the proper regard for these principles.

"Let's not jump to the silliest extreme conclusions and get ourselves just balled up with over-worked nerves. And if we must talk about the 'situation' we'll feel better if we don't say anything unless we know what we are talking about.

"Reliable information on all the details will be forthcoming soon, so in the meantime let's keep cool and calm."

Officers of the RCMP were still without any word from Ottawa today and are not expecting any "for another day or two."

READY TO START WORK

Mr. Justice Sidney A. Smith, named to the three-man committee which will supervise transfers of the interned Japanese fishing fleet to non-Japanese operators, expects the committee to start functioning immediately after arrival of Commander B. L. Johnson, RCNVR, from Ottawa.

Commander Johnson, according to private advice, will reach Vancouver on Monday as representative of the Defense Department on the committee.

Police authorities state they have had no new instructions about the reported ban on possession or use of cameras or short-wave radio receiving or sending sets by Japanese "nationals."

None had yet been turned in by Japanese, they said.

Okanagan Moves to Control Jap Influx

By Sun Staff Correspondent

KELOWNA, Jan. 15.—Public concern resulting from actions taken by an informal committee of vegetable and fruit growers, who contacted Ottawa last week stating that the Okanagan would welcome Japanese as laborers for the duration of the war, culminated in a meeting here Wednesday, called by Kelowna Board of Trade, of members of the informal committee, business men and representatives of various organizations.

After four hours of discussion, a resolution was forwarded to Ottawa and one to Victoria. The Ottawa resolution stated that should the Japanese be sent into this district for the duration of the war as laborers, they should be considered as enemy aliens and treated as such, being placed in concentration camps.

Before any action is taken it was suggested that a govern-

to settle in the Okanagan Valley, either during or after the war. "Should government be considering move as indicated regarding camps, suggest representative of labor department be sent in here to investigate whole situation.

"Important that Japanese be not allowed to travel from coast to interior except under supervision. Please advise action government proposes to take on latter point.

"Same meeting also on record

The Inquiring Cameraman

The Sun will pay \$1 for every timely, interesting question submitted and used in this column on public opinion.

THE QUESTION

"Do you think it would be a good idea to have teachers show school children how to handle incendiary bombs so that they in turn could take their knowledge to every home?"

(Submitted by Mrs. E. Jordan, 1045 East Twenty-second Avenue.)

THE PLACE

Granville and Pender Streets.

THE ANSWERS

Torval Johnson, waiter, 530 Hornby Street: "Sounds like it

would be a good idea. After all, kids pick up this sort of thing pretty quick and they'd certainly spread the knowledge around. They could even have classes on it."

Miss F. Morgan, telephone operator, 520 Fifth Street, New

Westminster: "I think children would probably pay attention to this sort of thing when they would not pay attention to others. I'd say it was a good idea. We certainly must be prepared."

Harry Little, clerk, Box 494, Kelowna: "Sounds like it might

be a very sensible thing to do but why limit it to kids. Why not teach the parents too and make sure that somebody knows how to handle them."

Miss Margaret Morgan, student, 620 Fifth Street, New West-

minster: "Well, as a student, I'd say it would be a good thing. I'm sure that most students would find it very interesting and would be keen to learn."

Vancouver Airman Home on Furlough

Sergeant Kenneth Rowe, 20, wireless air gunner in the RCAF,

is home on leave after receiving his wings at Lethbridge on Dec. 30. He is the only son of Mr. and Mrs. Percy W. Rowe, 3506 West Twenty-

Three Brothers on Active Service



The three sons of Mrs. C. F. Brown, 2257 East Twelfth Avenue, are on active service. From the left they are: Stoker Petty Officer Ralph Winterton, 32, serving with the Navy; Gunner Kenneth C. Brown, 20, and Bombardier George B. Brown, 26, in Britain. PO. Winterton joined the Navy Edmonton in July 1941. Gnr. and Bdr. Brown were signed September 10, 1939. Gnr. Brown, who came to Vancouver with his brothers from Edmonton eight years ago, attended McDonald and Alexandra Schools here. Before the war he was with the B. C. Hussars.

'Shoddily-Built Boxes'

Mrs. Steeves Assails North Shore War Houses

By Sun Staff Reporter

VICTORIA, Jan. 15.—If the Federal government set itself to the deliberate creation of new slums, it is on a flying start in North Vancouver, where 200 houses have been completed by Wartime Housing Limited. This, in fact, was what Mrs. Dorothy Steeves told the Legislature Wednesday.

The C.C.F. member for North Vancouver urged the Provincial government to guard citizens against shoddy housing schemes. Specifically, she asked protection "against the kind of financial racket going on in North Vancouver today."

Wartime Housing Limited, she said, was set up under the Federal Board of Munitions and Supply. Its architect, she alleged, is untrained in wooden construction, having worked previously in steel and stone.

'WOODEN BOXES'

"It would be better if we did away with these dollar-a-year men," Mrs. Steeves said. "This dollar-a-year business is going to cost us a lot of money before the war is over. It is a headache, at least as far as North Vancouver is concerned."

She described the North Shore housing project as follows:

"There are rows and rows of shoddily built wooden boxes. They are hideous to look at—just hideous.

"What I think terrible is that these little places are costing from \$1700 to \$2200 each to put up. These houses have four or six rooms.

"Somebody is making good money out of this deal, believe me

'SLUMS FOR UNEMPLOYED'

"We were told they wouldn't be permanent, but I have every reason to believe they will be. I suppose some enterprising contractor will jack them up and put a basement under them.

"It looks as if the Dominion government is deliberately planning for slums after the war—perhaps for the unemployed shipyard workers of North Vancouver."

BRITAIN'S MISTAKES'

Progress of the war, Mrs. Steeves said, had seen a steady working-out of C.C.F. predictions. Britain, China and the Soviet Union have been forced into an

Mrs. Steeves' Declarations 'Are Incorrect'

Dr. D. J. Millar, chair of the North Vancouver committee to the Wartime Housing Board, stated in answer to the attack of Mrs. Dorothy Steeves, C.C.F. member for North Vancouver, upon Wartime Housing Ltd., that it is regrettable that a publication should make such statements but that what one expects from the position in the House of Commons.

"We have had some from Mrs. Steeves regarding this matter.

"The housing committee greets such statements as assure the public that the program is finished such condition will. Rather the contrary will be true.

"A wild field of stum boulders has been conveyed a rather attractive row of houses which will be pretty when finished—credit to any community

ization of human power but the converse is also true. We have done a certain amount of mobilization of human power already. I think we shall have no more until we have toward mobilization sources—and I mean a movement."

She described war work as "champing at the bit" and that materials are delayed in arriving.

CANADIANS AND NA

"These men are biting it. Don't be blind at them, but go to the root matter. Go higher up, in control."