

Reason for Return of Evacuated Japanese

More Recruits Swell Canada's Sky Army



... the flow of recruits into the Royal swelled to a rushing tide on Friday when sworn into Canada's army of the skies. Features of the Dominion-Provincial Youth

Training Scheme, and will become air-frame mechanics, engine mechanics, fabric workers, whose duty is to "keep 'em flying" . . . till the last of the Luftwaffe crashes a blazing wreck in the sea.

Okanagan Roused Opposition to Japanese Hunt For New Homes

Parties of Japanese, believed to represent Canadian-born and naturalized Japanese at the Coast, are touring Interior British Columbia in expensive autos, apparently with a view to voluntarily move from the Pacific Coast defense area.

The Japs, apparently well educated, have acquired at many real estate firms regarding fruit and farm lands.

First advices of the move came from Kelowna, where The Courier, weekly newspaper there, reports in the current issue that in most real estate offices they were informed that the firm did not wish to do business with them.

Questioned by Provincial Police, their spokesman was non-committal as to their intentions and little could be ascertained as to their previous occupations at the Coast.

Officers were told that they, the Japs, had been instructed to report to the postmaster in regard to the change of address on their registration cards.

"It is apparent," said The Courier, "that these groups were acting as scouting parties for certain sections of the Canadian-born and naturalized Coast Japanese."

Plans are being made in Kelowna for public meetings of protest against any move by Japanese to settle in the Okanagan.

Residents are resigned to Japanese coming in as farm labor under military supervision, but they are definitely opposed to any coming without restrictions.

(A Guest Editorial)

'It Can't Happen Here?'

(From the Cowichan Leader)

Singapore, it is feared, is about to fall. Contributing to that dire result, we are told by Cecil Brown, journalist on the spot, has been vicious fifth-column activity by little brown men deemed to be very innocent and thus not molested by the authorities.

Then there has been the fallacious assumption that the Japanese could never come through the Malayan swamps and jungles; and even a stupid confidence that the Japanese would not even dare to attack such a stronghold as Singapore. Again those fateful words: "It can't happen here!"

And here we are on Vancouver Island like the neck of a chicken stuck out ready next for the axe, while an apathetic Government at Ottawa still in effect chants those same damning words, "It can't happen here," and tells the people of this Island and B.C. that the coast defense is adequate.

If B.C. wishes to miss the helpless feeling of unpreparedness in emergency, and the terrors of being beset from without and within, her people will have to rise in a body and demand greater defense preparation and internment of all Japanese, whether considered loyal or otherwise.

R. W. Mayhew, M.P., is doing a good job at Ottawa in trying to impress upon the government the potential menace of Japanese "roaming at will on the Pacific Coast." His hand should be strengthened with a flood of telegrams indicating the widespread alarm here over the situation and its possibilities.

25-Mile Speed Limit Urged for Vancouver

Reduction of Vancouver's speed limit to 25 miles per hour as a drastic attempt to curb traffic accidents will be recommended to the City Council by the Police Commission under a tentative agreement reached Friday.

Confirmation awaits a special meeting which commissioners will hold at 1 p.m. Monday so that council could pass the necessary bylaw at its regular meeting opening at 2 p.m. the same day.

The resolution was moved Friday by Judge A. M. Harper but was not put to the vote pending receipt of reports from Chief Donald MacKay and Acting City Prosecutor Evans Wasson on contributory causes of accidents and the best methods to stop them.

Mayor Cornett made the proposal originally, advocating a 15-mile-per-hour limit as a temporary measure. He permitted himself, however, to be talked out of this idea by Ald. G. H. Worthington, chairman of the Official Traffic Commission.

Police commissioners were stirred to approval by the Chief's monthly report for January, disclosing a sharp increase in the number of accidents by comparison with the same month of 1941.

The number rose from 322 to 368, fatalities from four to five, amount of property damage from \$26,253 to \$30,470. The number of persons injured dropped from 166 to 14.

Later in the meeting the board learned the statistical story the traffic safety drive conducted last year by the Police Department.

The annual report listed 91 convictions for traffic offenses. This was one-third more than 6667 for 1940. Fines and costs were up \$19,452 to an time record of \$65,925.

Decision Reserved

Mr. Justice Coady reserved judgment Friday on the quest of succession duties in the estate of Mrs. Bonnie Isabella R. Ste San Francisco, who died a year ago, leaving as her sole beneficiary her husband, George Stead.

Value of the Castle Hill property, estimated at \$150,000 to \$165,000 and subject to a \$46,000 mortgage, was chief point of dispute.

BIRTHS and MARRIAGES

Deaths, Cards of Thanks, and In Memoriam Notices on following pages.

BIRTHS	MARRIAGES
HASLETT —BORN TO ROBERT HASLETT, RCAF, and Mrs. Haslett, at the Vancouver General Hospital on Friday, February 13, 1942, twin sons, James and Robert.	MOONEY-ARNISON —ON THURSDAY, February 12, 1942, in Port River, B.C. by Rev. Graham J. Edwards. Edward Mooney, third son of Mrs. E. Mooney, Vancouver, to Beatrice Arnison, eldest daughter of Mrs. Beatrice Johnston, of Vancouver, B.C.
PERCY —TO MR. AND MRS. H. L. Percy (nee Egan), at the Vancouver General Hospital, February 12, 1942, a son. Both doing well.	PARSONS-LEICESTER —ON SATURDAY, February 12, 1942, at Port Ruper, B.C. Robert Brian, elder of Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Parsons, Port Ruper, B.C., to Pauline Alberta (Vera), youngest daughter of Mrs. and Edward J. Leister, 4056 West 37th Ave., Vancouver.
SMITH-McLEAN —ON FRIDAY, February 6, 1942, in St. Joseph Church, Powell River, B.C. by Rev. P. McCullough, Patrick Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Patrick, to Barbara Leona, elder daughter of	

Dim-Outs Threaten City's Outdoor Fun

Vancouver will forego its summer entertainment program this year unless dim-out regulations are relaxed so as to permit the showing of grandstand lights.

Plans of a "Theatre Under the Stars" in Stanley Park involve an expenditure of \$12,000. Park Board Commissioners do not wish to commit themselves for that amount if there is any danger that police or ARP authorities will order the lights turned out.

The entire problem was aired at a luncheon meeting held in Stanley Park Pavilion Friday, attended by members of the Park Board, members of the Vancouver Entertainment Council, Kiwanis Club, Home Oil Distributors, Mayor J. W. Cornett and Chief Warden F. O. Fish.

IMPORTANT FOR MORALE
R. Rowe Holland, chairman of the Park Board, presented the case in favor of relaxation of existing regulations.
"A man would be stationed full time at a main switch which he could pull at the first sign of a siren," he suggested. "Then there could be seats reserved for ARP wardens, who would take care of the crowd if anything happened."

"Summer entertainment also is an important item in the maintenance of public morale."
"Furthermore, the Vancouver Tourist Association is expecting a good tourist year despite the restrictions on tires and the sale of gas."

CROWDS DANGEROUS
"It still will be necessary to entertain the tourists when they visit our city. The tourist industry is important to the war effort. Here in British Columbia it is the third largest industry."

Mayor Cornett and Chief Warden Fish both emphasized that outdoor functions would necessitate the gathering of a large crowd of people and would present a danger in case of an air raid.

Col. H. E. Minns, federal representative on civilian protection

The Inquiring Cameraman

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

THE QUESTION
"High school students in United States are going to school on Saturdays and holidays so they can have considerably longer summer holidays and on the farms. Do you think we should do the same?"
(Submitted by Arlene Wright, 4052 Second Street, Huntingdon, B.C.)

THE PLACE
Peender and Seymour Streets.

THE ANSWERS
Emily McLean, housekeeper, 878 Nanaimo Street: "Well, it looks like there is going to be any shortage of help for these things in Canada. I'd say it would be a good idea. It's one way they could deal with the shortage of help."

Helen Alexander, student, 2126 West Fifty-first Avenue: "I don't think the average student in high school would mind working a little harder during the winter for this. As a matter of fact, I think there is a lot of time wasted."

Grace Turner, student, 3895 West Twenty-first Avenue: "This sounds like a very good idea. I think most of the students would be glad to go without their days off in the winter if they knew they could get a few months to work in the

Band Music To Herald Loan Progress

There will be military band music in front of Vancouver barracks, Georgia and Granville, sharp at noon every day of the three weeks of the Second Victory loan drive.

The depot band will play while members of the Loan committee clamber up ladders and record progress by adjusting the "mercury" on the huge thermometer at the corner.
Doran Miles, co-ordinator of the features committee, reports that plans are already being discussed for a great celebration the day the loan goes "over the top."

Valentines—In Classified Ads

Little Dan Cupid is having his innings today.
The postman's bag is bulging with valentines, and messenger girls and boys are delivering heart-shaped boxes of chocolates, flowers and many other tokens of love.

Even in the cold print of advertising, there's romance. They don't look like valentines, those two little notices on page 20 of The Vancouver Sun, but who knows...
"Young man would like to meet lady, between 22 and 26, for companionship. Object matrimony..."
"Gentleman, single, wishes to meet lady 30 to 40 as companion."

IWA Supports Mayor's Appeal for ARP Funds

An appeal to members of the International Woodworkers of America and the trade union movement to support Mayor

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