

City Housewives Reported Organizing to Boycott Japanese



ON THEIR WAY—As demands for action on removal of Japanese from coast areas gained strength throughout the city and province, first batches of Oriental emigrants began to trickle out of Vancouver this week. A group of 106 left Tuesday night for a work camp near Jasper. Here some are pictured as the train pulled out of the C.N.R. station. Most were not visibly unhappy, but there were some tears and a certain amount of dejection, such as is depicted in the picture of the solitary Nipponese on the left.

WAR-TIME SACRIFICE

JAP EMIGRE GLAD TO CO-OPERATE

Second Contingent Of Workers For Jasper Leaves City

Some of the Japanese drafted for roadwork in the interior aspect the evacuation from the Coast as a sacrifice they must make willingly in this war.

Mitsuo Amemori, 37-year-old millworker, one of 106 Japanese nationals who entrained last night by C.N.R. for Geikie, Alta., said he was "glad to co-operate in anything the Canadian Government wants me to do."

Mitsuo has a Canadian-born wife, four children—the youngest two years of age—and his parents in Mission to support out of the 25 cents an hour he will earn at roadwork. He has worked steadily for 10 years in a sawmill in New Westminster. He was earning 46 cents an hour when he joined the draft of workers bound for the Rocky Mountains.

"I owe a great deal to Canada and I am glad to do what the government wants me to do in payment. That is the real Japanese spirit—to remember the country where I was able to make a living," Mitsuo said, through an interpreter.

Manasharu Omasa, 33, a laborer who has worked for a year on Vancouver Island at 40 cents an hour, said he did not believe there was a fifth column among the Japanese in British Columbia.

He said he has a wife in Japan and has not heard from her for a year. He came to B.C. in 1927. Although officials declined to predict further movements of Japanese this week, it is believed among the Japanese that other contingents will leave Thursday and Friday.

Officials said the only obstacle to rapid movement of approximately 2000 nationals of Japan to areas where they will build important roads, was the lack of shelter at those points.

The 206 Japanese who left Vancouver Monday and Tuesday for three points near the Alberta border—Rainbow, Lacombe and Geikie—were selected for their skill as laborers, carpenters and cooks. They will construct

buildings to house their compatriots, whom the government has undertaken to move from the coast. All the areas where men have already been sent are under snow and still experiencing winter temperatures.

IN GOOD SPIRIT

There were evidences that many of the Japanese were taking the evacuation orders in good spirit. An official reported a Japanese gardener who had lived in B.C. 30 years as saying the government was "very kind to take the Japanese out of the coast area," because of the possibilities of enemy action.

Reporters trying to give newspaper readers a true picture of the scenes at the C.N.R. station where families were broken up by the evacuation, were handicapped by conflicting censorship orders.

On Monday night R. C. M. P. officials banned photographs and interviews with departing Japanese and their friends. The order superseded the press censor's edict that photographs and interviews were permissible.

Tuesday night, although the R. C. M. P. headquarters had relaxed their ban on the movement, constables assigned to the station had not been informed of the change. Ten minutes before the train left a constable told reporters that a telephone call to his superiors confirmed that pictures and interviews were permitted.

Reporters climbed aboard the two special cars and interviewed a few Japanese in the minutes remaining before the train steamed out of the depot.

Friends of the outboard-bound Japanese—men, women and children—were barred from the station platform until the men

were aboard the cars. C. N. R. police then allowed them to stream through the gates to the platform to bid farewell to those in the cars. Coach windows opened and the smiling Nipponese waved and shouted to their friends, and received parcels of food, cigarettes and Japanese delicacies to brighten the 17-hour journey to Alberta.

ALL VOLUNTEERS

All the Japanese who left Monday and Tuesday are volunteers brought from Fraser Valley farms and sawmills, from mills and camps on Vancouver Island and a few other settlements on the lower coast. They were organized by R.C.M.P. who hold the only complete records of Japanese age groups and centres of population, and by representatives of the federal department of labor.

They will receive a little more than army pay, but must buy their food. The pay is 25 cents an hour, of which \$20 monthly must be assigned to wages. No other special allowances have been announced for dependents, but Ottawa despatches said to day that in cases of large families the allowances will be supplemented at the rate of civil relief in Vancouver.

In the contingent of 106 there were 67 married men of whom 42 have one or more children. The average size of the families is between two and three children. One Japanese evacuee has six children, another five.

Among the group are farmers, millhands, truck drivers, a salesman, a miner, foundryman, shoemaker, teacher, janitor, grocery clerk, logger, typesetter, cook, gardener, bakery hand, and one Diesel engineer.

NEW DEMANDS FOR REMOVAL

Vancouver housewives are organizing to boycott Japanese merchants, Ald. Jack Price told the City Council.

He asserted that local women were "using the telephone for 'days' in preparing their mass move against patronizing Nipponese because Ottawa has been no lax."

Aldermen endorsed a petition from the bootbuilders' section of Canadian Manufacturers' Association urging removal of all enemy aliens from B.C. defense areas.

Aldermen took no action regarding the proposal of Citizens' Civil Defense Committee of Victoria which proposes a total boycott of Japanese if they are not all removed from B.C.

Real Estate Exchange Urges Move at Once

Immediate removal of all Japanese and all enemy aliens, regardless of age or sex, from the Pacific Coast area is urged by Vancouver Real Estate Exchange in a resolution sent today to Prime Minister Mackenzie King and all B.C. members of Parliament.

"The presence of thousands of Japanese on the Pacific coast adds enormously to the dangers of hostile attacks which may be made very soon," the resolution states. "It is generally recognized that it is the intention of many of the Japanese to support their countrymen in the event of an invasion."

Ottawa's intention of removing 3500 Japanese from the coast within the next month was termed a "leisurely procedure, inadequate to cope with the speed of enemy activity, as demonstrated in other places."

Japanese, born or naturalized in this country, should be included in the evacuation because many of them have been trained in Japan in preparation for hostile action here, the organization charges.

A resolution demanding im-

mediate evacuation of all Japanese aliens from the coast will be presented at a meeting of Vancouver East Liberal Association on Thursday at 8 p.m. in the Polish Hall, Victoria drive and Kingsway. Gerald V. Pelton will speak on the Old Age Pension Act.

Travellers Ask Action

Vancouver branch Associated Canadian Travelers Tuesday night adopted a resolution asking the Dominion Government to remove all male Japanese from B.C. defense areas.

C. defense areas. The resolution was directed to Howard Green, M.P., and asked him to press home on the government the need for immediate action.

Railmen Protest

Protest of the government's failure to remove enemy aliens from the Pacific coast has been made to the Prime Minister by the Canadian Brotherhood of Railway Employees in Vancouver.

Copies of a statement by the

union, sent to Angus MacInnis, M.P., and Howard Green, M.P., read, in part:

"There is no doubt that if we were attacked... an immediate scramble would take place to evacuate women and children regardless of whether they wanted to go or where they could be accommodated. Yet thousands of enemy aliens here, potential fifth columnists, are allowed to express their desire as to whether and when they will leave prior to the deadline."

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Source of Danger

Would Tie Up All Japanese Autos, Trucks

NEW WESTMINSTER, Feb. 25.—Impounding of all Japanese owned automobiles, including trucks, immediately was asked in a resolution passed at the annual meeting of the New Westminster Conservative Association Tuesday.

The same resolution also asked that all radios be taken from the Japanese.

Members of the association pointed out that while Japanese fishing boats had been immobilized, Japanese residents had been left with their automobiles, which were a greater potential source of war danger than the fishing fleet.

Dan K. McKenzie was elected president of the association, with the following other officers: First vice-president, E. E. McKay; second vice-president, Mrs. C. J. Worsfold; third vice-president, Mrs. Colin D. McQuarrie; secretary, E. E. McKay; executive, Miss Janet K. Gilley, Miss Dorothea N. McBride, J. Morgan, Mrs. J. P. Copp, D. Frank Marshall, G. L. Cassidy, T. B. Selkirk, G. R. McQuarrie and C. J. Gisham.

Delegates to federal association, D.K. McKenzie, E. E. McKay, Mrs. Worsfold, Mrs. C. J. Worsfold, G. L. Cassidy, U. H. Morgan, D. E. McKenzie, Miss Janet K. Gilley, D. P. Marshall, F. J. Green and G. R. McQuarrie.

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