

# Japtown Doomed As Ottawa Issues Orders For Nipponese Curfew And Seizure Of All Cars

## BUSINESS MEN LOSE LAST HOPE

A curfew on Japanese and seizure of their cars and trucks would paralyze the night life of Powell street and to complete the ruin of Japanese businessmen have been expected.

To involving Nisei — Canadian born — the curfew-to-dusk curfew was a bitter blow. Scores of meetings scheduled for evenings were cancelled. Basketball and badminton games—popular sports among the young Japanese-Canadians—were postponed indefinitely.

**SERVICE AT 5 P.M.**

Reverend K. Shimizu, minister of the Powell Street United Church of Canada, announced that the Sunday evening service would be held at 5 p.m. Sunday, so that worshippers may be home before dark.

A squad of War Loan bond salesmen for the Japanese section of the drive cancelled their evening schedules for soliciting among their compatriots.

Estimated 1500 to 2000 Japanese in the coastal area prepared saddy to give up their automobiles and trucks to the R.C.M.P. when the seizure order is enforced.

**SMALL DWELLINGS.**

The curfew is a heavy blow to residents of "Little Tokyo" because most dwellings of Japanese are smaller and less suitable for recreation than the homes of Occidentals.

Young and old haunt the street corners like farmers at the village store, exchanging opinions and information on the growing difficulties confronting people of Japanese origin.

Strangely enough, some Chinese will suffer in business from the curfew. Most popular eating places in the colony are three chop suey houses on Powell street. The Japanese are fond of Chinese cooking and Chinese dishes. The evening trade will be killed by the curfew.

Hard hit by the order is the only remaining publication of the Japanese in New Canada—English language newspaper of the second generation.

**REVISED SCHEDULES.**

Theorists have been publishing almost daily to keep Japanese informed of their ever changing fortunes everywhere in British Columbia. With the restriction on night activity the editors hurriedly revised schedules for article news and printing the paper.

Thomas Shoyama, editor, said the new news as a "sting shock" to the people. He pointed out that a large section of the colony—night workers in restaurants, shops, factories, places of amusement and commercial activities of many kinds in which the Japanese are engaged—would be automatically deprived of livelihood.

Scores of Japanese-owned and operated supply houses, wholesale and retail, fish companies, and trucking and other individual firms in the valley and suburban Vancouver area, two taxi firms with available fleets of new sedans face a complete stoppage of their activities.

Bewildered Japanese, all of whom fall under one of three classifications — nationals of Japan, naturalized Canadians and Canadians by birth—were unable to see any hope of carrying on business.

Hundreds of Japanese in the dry cleaning business prepared to give up their cars and trucks. Almost every establishment has a delivery and pickup service.

Shigeo Furukawa, secretary-treasurer of the Japanese Merchants' Association, said most Japanese business men were worried about disposing of their real property—land, buildings and equipment—but had some time ago become resigned to complete loss of their assets in "custom and goodwill."

**WORLD LIKE AGENCY.**

"Personally, I think the Japanese hope that a government agency will be set up to evaluate and dispose of all property in the manner that fishing boats have been handled," said Furukawa.

All Japanese today realize that complete evacuation is inevitable, he added. Previously there had been a great deal of talk because of the piecemeal manner in which Ottawa has applied the restrictions from day to day.

The great concern of all Japanese males is that the government will evacuate women and children first, so that men need not leave the coast not knowing what will happen to their families.

**PRETORIA.** — (CP) — South Africa. Minister of Finance J. H. Hofmeyr, with a slight travel, said the foundation of a new Methodist Church at Randfontein.

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## Twenty-six Soldiers' Babes Christened

Twenty babies whose fathers are now serving in the R. C. Regiment (D.C.O.R.) were christened in a case ceremony held in St. Mary's Church Thursday afternoon.

Major W. H. Jackson and Rev. William Garbutt officiated at the ceremony which was arranged by the "study" lady of the unit under Mrs. W. Hargreaves.

Following the christening, tea was served in the Canadian Legion Hall, Branch 15, by members of the Ladies' Auxiliary of Branch 15.

Mrs. Hargreaves, on behalf of her organization, expressed her thanks for the use of the hall and to the Ladies' Auxiliary for arranging refreshments.

## Red Cross Work Heavy in Year

Women's war work for the Red Cross was a year of steady progress and—never before have so many persons taken part in Red Cross work.

Mrs. H. A. Ramsden, chairman of the Women's Work committee, told Red Cross delegates Friday morning.

The interim report for the period of January to June, 1941, showed that British Columbia came third with a total of 577,415 articles shipped, this being nearly equal to the previous twelve-month record.

Materials purchased in 1941 amounted to \$322,844 and an estimate set to national head quarters for requirements in the coming nine months amounted to approximately \$80,000 for service, hospital and civilian supplies.

Today there are 80 towns shipping salvage to Vancouver, according to the report of Mrs. Anne D. Sugrman, chairman Red Cross Salvage Plan committee.

## Mary F. McAlpine

The death occurred at 2 a.m. today of Mary Florence McAlpine, wife of Dr. Thomas K. McAlpine of 1608 Nanton. Besides her husband, she is survived by three sisters, Mrs. F. Brazil, U. Alberts, Miss Ann Road of Vancouver, Mrs. Melville Krolik of Montreal; two brothers, James Road, Ottawa and Robert Road, Victoria. Last rites will be performed Monday at 2:30 p.m. from Mount Pleasant Funeral Chapel, with Rev. C. S. Owen officiating. Interment will be in the family plot, Mountain View Cemetery.

## Maud McDonald

Requiem mass will be celebrated Saturday at 9:30 a.m. in St. Francis Church, by Rev. Father Camille, O.S.M., for Maud McDonald, 48, widow of Raymond W. McDonald, of 873 Howe. Mrs. McDonald was born in London, and had resided here 36 years. James McDonald, her sister, Mrs. E. Goodie; a niece, Miss L. Goodie, and a cousin, Mrs. M. McDonald, all of Vancouver. Interment will be in Calvary section, Ocean View Burial Park. Slavin Funeral Directors are in charge of arrangements.

Detectives are investigating a report by Jack Kemp, Patricia Hotel, that he was robbed of \$64 by two figures in the city. The victim was questioned by Detectives L. M. Murray and Arthur White after the victim was picked up in the 2100 block West 41st.

## Boettiger Here ALASKA ROAD IS VITAL NEED

The much-discussed Alaska Highway is as vital to Canada as it is to the United States, declared John Boettiger, son-in-law of President Roosevelt and publisher of the Seattle Post-Intelligencer, addressing a Good Neighbor Day luncheon at Hotel Vancouver today.

In an interview later Mr. Boettiger said:

"I can not conceive of any argument against the Alaska Highway that could not be overcome by the desperate need for it."

"To suggest that the Japanese could use the highway against us is ridiculous. We would be splendid cowards if we refused to build the highway because it might be used for the transport of Japanese troops."

"Surely we have more confidence in our defense forces than that."

**WARRANT FOR ATTACK.**

Mr. Boettiger saw the Alaska Highway as a potential "jumping off place" for an attack on Japan. He believed it could be financed and controlled without any serious difficulty.

The only objection I have heard against it is that of the steamship companies, and at a time like this I do not think this objection could possibly be sustained."

Welcomed at the Ford Motor plant on Kingsway by Victor Loan and Board of Trade officials, Mr. Boettiger was guest of honor at a luncheon sponsored by the Vancouver Victory Loan and advertising sales bureau of the Board of Trade.

To an audience of 600 he urged that Canada and the United States should pool their resources in the defense of the Pacific Coast.

## BREAK DOWN TARIFF.

"I think it is time we changed that word 'defense' bonds into war bonds as you in Canada have done."

Mr. Boettiger was introduced by W. L. MacFavish, editor of the Vancouver Daily Province. Mr. Boettiger was welcomed by Mayor Cornett on a brief visit to the City Hall. He was accompanied by Paul Ashley, president of the English-speaking Union in Seattle.

## Strike Unchanged

A conference today between management of the Contractors Supply Sash and Door Co. and representatives of the International Woodworkers of America failed to change the situation in regard to a four-day-old strike involving 17 employees of the plant, union officials said.

## ANNUAL REPORT Red Cross Outpost Hospitals Serve Vital Needs In Interior

A four-pound can of jam landed in England costs the Canadian Red Cross approximately 20 cents, according to Mrs. J. F. Price, chairman of the food conservation committee, B. C. division of the Red Cross, in her annual report before delegates this morning now meeting in Hotel Vancouver.

"This amazingly low figure is due to the fact that there were no labor costs, that all fruit was donated and to the hard work and planning of the food conservation committee," Mrs. Price explained.

"Our food warehouse manager, Charles S. W. Barwell, figures the actual cost of processed fruit in England to be 6.06 cents a pound, but he also estimates that the National Red Cross secures the drawback duty, refund of excise tax on the sugar and rebate of sales tax on cans and labels, and without the net cost to the Red Cross of the B. C. processed fruit food. England will be approximately five cents a pound."

**EXAMPLE.**

As an example of what the 46 Women's Institute canning kitchens, and 34 others throughout B. C. have done, Mrs. Price mentioned the outstanding achievement of Oliver, which contributed 16,000 pounds (8 tons) of fruit processed in syrup at the low cost of 22 cents to the Red Cross and every pound went overseas.

"The woman provided all the sugar, making money for it by running a stall every Saturday night, where they not only sold fruit and vegetables, but received donations of sugar. Ap- proximately 400 cans were done, and the Oliver Sawmill gave 252 wooden cases."

"No worker thought of reward or appreciation, but those who took part are deeply touched by such grateful letters as this from a London County Council rescue worker:

"Your peaches are like gold dust to us—We opened a can to celebrate the birthday of one of six children, all under 12. What a surprise!"

Of the many detailed reports presented one was that of Dr. G. A. Lamont, chairman, Outpost Hospital committee.

"During 1941 outpost hospitals were operated at Bamfield, Cedee Lake, Zeballos, McBride, and nursing service at Fernbrook on the P. G. E. Sixty-three babies were born in these hospitals during 1941. At Bamfield almost

1000 miles was covered by the nurse, and this mainly by water and in all kinds of weather and at all hours to make 365 come out."

The nurse at Cedee Lake was frost-bitten so many times during the winter 1940-41, that this year a cutter was obtained for her. She covered over 1600 miles on the cutter.

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## Kinsmen Plan Milk Events

**NORTH VANCOUVER, Feb. 27.—**The Association of Kinsmen Clubs of Canada plans to send 2,000,000 quarts of milk to the children of Britain by August.

North Vancouver's Kinsmen's Club is 40,000 quarts, and to raise \$4000 required to meet that year a cutter was obtained for her. She covered over 1600 miles on the cutter.

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**petition.** Vancouver Kinsmen will also participate.

Tickets on the modern bungalow which will be raffled by West Vancouver Kinsmen on August 1, are available from members of North Vancouver Kinsmen Club. The home, valued at about \$500, will be completely furnished.

At their last meeting the Kinsmen celebrated the 22nd anniversary of the Canada-wide organization. A telegram was received from Prime Minister Mackenzie King congratulating the club on its efforts in behalf of the Milk for Britain Fund.

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