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Clarification of the "protect zone" area, offered by the chairman of the committee indicates that Vancouver's "Little Tokyo" (Powell street), the Fraser Valley berry farms, the cannery and logging operations controlled by Japanese all will be cleared. Most vitally affected will be such areas as Prince Rupert, Sea Island, Lulu Island, Ucluelet, Tofino, Vancouver Island, and the Queen Charlottes.

According to Mayor Fred Hume, chairman of the standing committee on Orientals, who returned Sunday from Ottawa, unemployed Japanese fishermen and berry growers from the Fraser Valley and lower mainland will be the first to go.

More than 100 alien berry growers in the valley, represent one of the important phases of the problem here, it is pointed out.

OPPORTUNITY GIVEN.

If it is found that a Japanese can be of more use in a labor battalion he will be drafted, and his farm put in the hands of a white man or an organization.

Japanese berry growers, however, will have the same opportunity as the fishermen in respect to disposal of their property. They will be able either to rent, sell or lease it.

Japanese removed from the coast will be assigned to work on projects selected by a committee representing Provincial and Dominion governments.

The move to expell nationals from coastal "protected areas" will see a great depletion in Vancouver's Jap town. Powell street and surrounding sections in lower Vancouver have a large Japanese population and many stores, fish shops, cafes and taxi companies face serious curtailment.

Canadian-born and Canadian naturalized Japanese will be given a chance to volunteer for service in work battalions and serve the Dominion's war effort. Some have already volunteered.

It has not been definitely decided just what works will be done, but the projects will probably include road work and construction schemes.

Only those with special permits from the R.C.M.P. will be allowed to remain in Vancouver. "The police will have to be very particular to whom they give these permits," he added.

Corner stores owned by enemy aliens will be taken over by a specially appointed custodian who will dispose of the stock and realize as much cash as possible.

National works projects for those who will be moved from the coast will start almost immediately.

GOVERNMENT TO BEAR COST

Cost of establishing work camps will be borne entirely by the Dominion Government. But the nature of the projects to be carried out will be determined by the new committee in consultation with the Provincial Government.

While the destination of these Japanese has not yet been disclosed the chairman said "they will be quite a way from the coast and its important harbors and defense zones."

"The main thing at this moment is to get the Japanese fishing fleet, which has been immobilized into the hands of other fishermen," said Mayor Hume.

"This is the work of the committee headed by Mr. Justice Sidney Smith, who will transfer the 1100 vessels to white Canadian fishermen, at the same time protecting the equity of their original owners."

The committee has also taken preliminary action in connection with the Japanese berry-pickers and other Japanese agriculture workers in coastal areas. A board will be established by the Federal Government, according to a recommendation of the committee, to handle this phase of the Japanese problem.

JAPANESE DELEGATE.

The board will comprise a land expert, another with wide knowledge of the berry-growing industry, and a Japanese representing the Japanese in the industry. This board will work out a plan well in advance of the berry-growing season this spring.

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His statement follows:

"I have spent the week in British Columbia consulting chiefly with the Provincial Government, but also with organizations and individuals interested in civilian protection as it pertains to this province.

"I am very much gratified with the organizational work that has been done in the various municipalities, and I am assured by those who should know that if, unfortunately, an incident occurred that required it, the Air Raid Precautions groups in the different centres would spring into activity immediately to take full charge.

"It is true that these municipal efforts should be coordinated, and I am assured that steps are being taken to this end. **GREAT DEAL DONE.**"

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"For example: Statements have been made publicly implying that the Federal Government has turned a deaf ear to all appeals for Air Raid Precaution assistance to British Columbia, when, as a matter of fact, many tens of thousands of dollars worth of equipment has been received by British Columbia from Ottawa and many other tens of thousands of dollars worth of equipment is on order and will be sent to the province as soon as it can be manufactured.

"It must not be forgotten that, after the incident of December 7, there was a flood of calls for emergency supplies from all over the western portion of the United States, in addition to which the vulnerable area of British Columbia was greatly enlarged.

my utmost to be of service to you in every way that is within the power of the federal authorities.

"Col. E. H. Minns of Ottawa, who has been doing air raid precaution work in Ottawa for 18 months, came to British Columbia over two weeks ago, and is now constantly here as liaison between British Columbia and Ottawa. He is ready at all times to assist the province itself or the municipalities in their efforts to bring about a co-ordinated, uniform system of protection for the citizens in case of war incident.

"Mistakes have undoubtedly been made and others will be made. That seems to be part of our freedom, a freedom which includes the liberty of criticism without at times being fully aware of conditions.

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\$1125 Cheque

FORGER GETS THREE YEARS

A sentence of three years in the penitentiary was imposed on Andrew Cundak, 38-year-old Hungarian farmer from Clayburn, by Magistrate H. S. Wood in Police Court today on a charge of forging a \$1125 cheque.

On two other charges of forgery and one of obtaining goods by false pretenses he was sentenced to six months on each charge, sentences to run concurrently with the three year sentence.

THREE CHEQUES.

Cundak forged the name of Emil Larsen an acquaintance, to three cheques, one for \$1125, one for \$65 and a third for \$25, all of which were presented to Stonehouse Motors in payment of an automobile, a radio, and a heater on December 13.

The cheques were presented on a Friday and Cundak was told to return for the car on Monday.

The forgery was so well done that the cheques passed through the bank and it was not until Larsen went to his bank the following Tuesday that the shortage in the account was noted. Cundak did not return on the Monday to pick up the automobile.

OBTAINED COAT.

The charge of obtaining goods by false pretenses arose after he presented a \$25 cheque, signed by himself, at a Hastings street department store and obtained an overcoat and a suit valued at \$74.50.

When the accused's record was presented in court and showed that he had been convicted in Toronto in 1928 on charges of obtaining goods by false pretenses, he claimed he was "in the old country" at that time. Photostatic copies of his fingerprints and photograph as well as the Toronto record, accompanied by signed affidavits, were sent to Vancouver and presented in court today.

He was arrested by Detectives Frank White and Jack Stevenson.

SEEK ELIMINATION OF NEW CAR PLATES

A proposal to eliminate the production of new iron auto license plates and to reduce the cost of license fees, will be presented to Premier John Hart and Attorney-General R. L. Matland, by Frank Bird, secretary, and D. T. Thomson, director, of the B. C. Auto Club.

Motorists will keep their old plates, but will be given a special marker for their windshield when they pay their fees, Mr. Bird suggested.

He and Mr. Thomson are leaving for Victoria tonight where they will confer with government officials.

The motion to lower license fees has been brought about by restriction of gasoline sales, which will cut out a large part of civilian driving.

Australia Fights "Defeatist" Drive

MELBOURNE, Jan. 19.—(AP)—Stern action is being taken by the government to deal with what is described as a "campaign to bring defeatism" by the circulation of rumors against officers of the department of munitions and the executive staffs of private and government munition factories. Munitions Minister J. M. Makin said the reports have been proved baseless and must have been inspired by malice or

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Huge quantities of A.R.P. equipment is on order and will be sent to British Columbia as soon as it can be manufactured, Dr. R. J. Manion, director of A.R.P. for the Dominion Government, declares in a statement issued before returning to Ottawa Saturday night.

He spent last week in Victoria and Vancouver investigating civilian protection on the coast. During his stay, he refused interviews and held many private conferences with city and provincial A.R.P. officials.

- In his statement, Dr. Manion announced the following:
1. Tens of thousands of dollars worth of equipment has been received in B.C.—more will be sent by Ottawa.
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