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Mr.H.Wrong,
Under-Secretary of State,
Parliament Buildings,
Ottawa, Ontario.

Dear Sir:

We, the Executive Body of the Victoria College Union, representing a total of sixteen hundred students of the University of Toronto, have been urged to forward to you the petition enclosed herewith, concerning recent government action towards Canadian citizens of Japanese origin.

We are aware of the Prime Minister's stated policy towards these people, as stated in the House on August 4th, 1944. We accept this policy as being sane and just. Further, we agree with him that, I quote, "it is not to be expected that the government will do other than deal justly with those who are guilty of no crime, or even of any ill intention".

In the light of this statement, we do not understand why a Loyalty tribunal has not been set up and the individual loyalties of these people been established. We do not understand how any government of a democratic country can deny common citizenship rights to common citizens. Moreover, we cannot accept the "voluntary repatriation" scheme carried out by the Government in the spring of this year as being free from an element of indirect coercion. We feel that these people were placed in an unfavourable position in that the alternatives presented to them were not encouraging.

Hoping that this letter will be given the consideration that any expression of public opinion warrants, we remain,

Respectfully yours,

Joan Chalk

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Toronto, Ontario
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WHEREAS this sense of insecurity in locating elsewhere in Canada was made acute by wartime emergency restrictions, Federal and Provincial, which, now that the war is over, in our judgment need no longer be imposed;

WE urge: (1) THAT no loyal Canadian citizens of Japanese ancestry be sent out of the country.

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(3) THAT the Dominion Government immediately seek ways and means of encouraging and aiding Canadians of Japanese ancestry to locate and re-establish themselves in the various provinces of the Dominion and to assure the Provinces and Municipalities that it is in the interest of this Dominion that permanent settlement by them should be encouraged as an implementation of the rights of Canadian citizenship.

(4) THAT full rights of citizenship, including property rights, the franchise, and freedom to travel be extended to all loyal Canadian citizens of Japanese ancestry.

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RECOMMENDATION CONCERNING JAPANESE NATIONALS RESIDENT IN CANADA

We urge THAT, in the interest of justice and in view of the fact that many Japanese nationals have spent the greater part of their lives in Canada and have identified themselves in all respects with the country of their adoption, Japanese nationals loyal to Canada be encouraged to take out Canadian citizenship, and that, in the meantime, as many disabilities as possible be removed.

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Ottawa, 29th October, 1945.

Mrs. R. M. Douglas,
President,
Pengarth Women's Missionary Society,
United Church of Canada,
Pengarth, Saskatchewan.

Dear Madam:

In the absence of the Prime Minister, I wish to acknowledge the recent letter signed by yourself and by the Presidents of the Duval Women's Missionary Society and the Strasbourg Women's Missionary Society of the United Church of Canada, with regard to the treatment of persons of Japanese origin in this country.

The views expressed in your letter as representing the Women's Missionary Societies of the United Churches of Pengarth, Duval and Strasbourg have been noted, and are being brought to the attention of the appropriate authorities of the Canadian government.

Yours sincerely,

(R.G.Robertson)
Secretary.

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We, the W.M.S. Auxiliaries of the United Churches of Pengarth, Duval and Strasbourg, have learned with deep concern and regret of the recent legislation of the Federal Government of Canada by which loyal Canadian-born citizens of Japanese descent have been disfranchised and deprived of their fundamental rights as citizens for no other reason than that their racial origin is Japanese.

We strongly oppose any legislation which discriminates in any way against the Canadian minorities purely on a basis of race. We heartily disapprove of the deportation of any racial minorities from the Dominion of Canada for any other reason than disloyalty to the Dominion. We are opposed to legislation that gives to the Custodian of Enemy Properties power to sell properties of loyal groups of people who have been removed from their homes for security reasons and we urge that if property has been seized from minority groups, by the Dominion of Canada and sold, payment be made at full value at the time of seizure.

Sgd. Mrs. R.M.Douglas,
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United Church of Canada.

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I urge THAT in the interest of justice, Japanese nationals with a clear record be given opportunity to remain in Canada and take out Canadian citizenship after the war, and that in the meantime as many disabilities as possible be removed.

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(Mrs R.S.) Leona Edwards.

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THE NATIONAL INTERCHURCH ADVISORY COMMITTEE
ON
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October 3rd,
1 9 4 5.

The Right Honourable W. L. Mackenzie King, P.C., C.M.G.,
Prime Minister of Canada,
O t t a w a, Ontario.

Dear Sir:

The National Inter-Church Advisory Committee on Resettlement of Japanese Canadians, whose membership represents the following: The Church of England in Canada; Baptist Convention of Ontario and Quebec; The Presbyterian Church in Canada; the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Toronto; and The United Church of Canada, - on June 27th, 1944, submitted for your consideration its views on the proper policy to be followed by your Government in dealing with persons of Japanese racial origin now residing in Canada.

The members of the Committee read with deep interest the statement made by you in the House of Commons on August 4th, 1944, and have already expressed their appreciation of this statement of policy.

On December 2nd, 1944, the Committee drew your attention to the fact that this policy should be implemented:-

(a) By the removal of restrictions which prevent Japanese from owning land or property.

(b) By the abrogation of the agreement with Provinces and Municipalities (i) that, without the consent of Province or Municipality, the Japanese would not be allowed to move into their areas, and (ii) that, if permitted such entry, they would be removed therefrom at the close of the war.

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(c) By the appointment of the Commission promised in your statement, - which Commission would determine the loyalty of those Japanese who desire to remain in Canada.

The Committee regrets to say that in the months since the letter was sent to you nothing seems to have been done to remove the obstacles which operate so powerfully and effectively in delaying - if not actually preventing - the resettlement of the Japanese east of the Rockies.

On March 12th, 1945, a notice was issued by the Commissioner of Japanese Placement in British Columbia to all persons of Japanese racial origin in British Columbia, notifying them that provision had been made for the return to Japan of all who desired to return. The notice then continued:

"2. Japanese Canadians who want to remain in Canada should now re-establish themselves east of the Rockies as the best evidence of their intentions to co-operate with the Government policy of dispersal.

"3. Failure to accept employment east of the Rockies may be regarded at a later date as lack of co-operation with the Canadian Government in carrying out its policy of dispersal."

The Committee has good reason to believe that many Japanese who were not desirous of returning to Japan signed the application because the obstacles to their relocation in the Provinces east of British Columbia had not been removed. Some were told by the Agent of the Government that it would be possible to change their decision at a later date.

The Committee is also informed that all persons of Japanese racial origin living in the relocation centres in British Columbia who decided to remain in Canada were deprived of their positions and jobs which they had in relocation centres - which jobs were all assigned to those Japanese who decided to return to Japan. By this action strong inducement was offered against staying in Canada. Indeed, wittingly or unwittingly, this action assumed the appearance of duress, calculated to, at least, induce biassed decisions. In the judgment of the Committee, this is hardly in line with the statement of policy to which reference has been made.

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The Committee is also informed that all persons of Japanese racial origin who had actually located east of the Rockies -- which action seemed to indicate full co-operation with the Government policy of dispersal -- were required to appear before an Agent of the Government to indicate whether they desired to return to Japan or not. This action disturbed the minds of a good many and gave them the impression that their co-operation was not appreciated and that they were still being urged to return to Japan.

The Committee feels that, while a certain number of persons of Japanese racial origin will undoubtedly, of their own free will, elect to return to Japan, yet all - and especially those born and educated in Canada - should be made to feel that the Government in no way desires to force them to leave our country, and that as loyal residents they will be accorded such equal rights with other Canadians as are indicated in this letter.

The Committee, therefore, respectfully suggests:

1.- That a Commission of a quasi-judicial nature, to examine the background, loyalties and attitudes of all persons of Japanese race in Canada, in order to ascertain those who are not fit persons to be allowed to remain here, - should be at once appointed.

2.- That it be publicly announced that all persons of Japanese racial origin who have signed applications to return to Japan will have the right to appear before the Commission to ask that this decision be withdrawn, - the Commission to have the right to pass judgment on the loyalty of such applicant, as above stated.

3.- That repatriation be delayed until those who wish to retract have had an opportunity of making application to the Commission; and that a final decision should not be required until there is assurance that unjust restrictions will be removed and that there will be security of residence and livelihood in resettlement east of the Rockies.

4.- That all restrictions regarding the purchase of land - residence in any part of Canada - travel - and, generally, all those restrictions applicable only to persons of Japanese racial origin - be removed as soon as

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5.- That, in view of the serious losses sustained by the Japanese through the liquidation of all their property, compensation be paid to those who loyally show their desire to co-operate with the Government in relocating outside of British Columbia.

In order to expedite and assist in this relocation, and to put into effect the policy laid down by yourself on August 4th, 1944, this Committee believes that steps listed above are necessary.

We believe, Mr. Prime Minister, that we represent the opinion of by far the large majority of the membership of our various Communions. As is so often the case the negative elements are vocal, while the positive ones, expecting the good to happen, are silent. We believe that we represent the large fraction of Christian opinion throughout the country and we are prepared to support you in action which you may take along the lines indicated above.

The Committee wishes to assure you of its appreciation of the difficulties facing yourself and the Government in dealing with this whole matter, and also would say that the Churches represented by the Committee hope that the policy and methods adopted will be worthy of Canada and demonstrate that ours is a Christian country and one in which the hateful doctrine of racialism - which is the basis of the Nazi system everywhere - is not to find root.

Yours respectully,

(Sgd.) W. W. Judd

The Church of England in Canada

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Respectfully yours,

(Mrs.) Jessie Manly

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MARGARET SMITH,
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National Young People's Board
of the
Religious Education Council of Canada

THE BOARD MEMBERSHIP IS COMPOSED OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE BOARDS OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S ORGANIZATIONS OF THE FOLLOWING CHURCHES: ANGLICAN, BAPTIST, EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN, AND UNITED; CHURCHES OF CHRIST (DISCIPLES); THE NATIONAL COUNCILS OF YOUNG MEN'S AND YOUNG WOMEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATIONS; AND THE STUDENT CHRISTIAN MOVEMENT.

October 5th, 1945.

Honourable and Dear Sir:

I enclose herewith copy of a resolution passed by the Executive of the National Young People's Board of the Religious Education Council of Canada at a meeting held on September 20th, 1945.

I trust this resolution will have your careful consideration.

Yours very truly,

Margaret Smith

Secretary.

To the Right Honourable W. L. Mackenzie King,
Premier of Canada,
Ottawa, Canada.

EXTRACT FROM MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE OF THE NATIONAL YOUNG PEOPLE'S BOARD OF THE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION COUNCIL OF CANADA HELD ON SEPTEMBER 20TH, 1945.

"RE: Canadian Citizens of Japanese origin.

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V. C. Harris
"ARBORES"
Indian Grove
R. R. 2, Port Credit
Ontario.

October 2, 1945.

The Rt. Hon. W. L. Mackenzie King,
Prime Minister of Canada,
OTTAWA, Ont.

Dear Sir:

I wish to register with you my protest against the policy of your Government respecting Japanese Canadians in Canada.

I do appreciate the necessity for certain military security regulations, but I do not sympathize with a Government policy which would usurp the inalienable rights of a group of Canadian citizens whose attitudes and actions, expressed or implied, have done nothing to merit persecution of a social, political or economic nature.

I hereby request the rescinding of the Voluntary Repatriation order issued to Canadians of Japanese origin, because I feel that:

(a) Those who signed for repatriation did so without knowledge of the full implications of the order, resulting from the harried and confused existence under which they have been forced to live since the mass evacuation.
(b) It is inconsistent with the highest traditions of British and Canadian democratic Government.
(c) These people have contributed, and can contribute, much of value to Canadian national life and should not be deprived of the opportunity to do so

Furthermore, I urge that:

(1) In view of the cessation of hostilities in the Pacific, all limitations affecting Canadians of Japanese origin be immediately lifted and that their rights of citizenship be fully recognized.
(2) Restitution be made for losses suffered by these people resulting from the evacuation, and that a Royal Commission be appointed to evaluate such losses.
(3) The Government should take positive steps to set up a programme of education of the general public to help to influence Canadian public opinion to accept Japanese Canadians in their Communities and thereby further their rehabilitation in the post war period.

Respectfully yours,

Vivian C. Harris.

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INTER-VARSITY
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Headquarters: 1130 Bay Street, Toronto 5, Canada — Telephone: KIngsdale 7370

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Associate General Secretary

October 2, 1945.

The Right Honourable W. L. Mackenzie King,
OTTAWA, Ont.

Dear Sir,

We have been seriously concerned with what seems to be an unfair and un-Christian discrimination against Canadian born Japanese, an attitude based upon emotional prejudice rather than British justice and fair play. This attitude seems to be quite unjustifiable since no such discrimination was made during the war against Canadian citizens of German and Italian origin. The Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship through its Executive Committee would respectfully recommend that:

(a) WHEREAS it is stated that 70% of those in British Columbia relocation centres have applied to go to Japan after the war, and

(b) WHEREAS we believe that among the reasons for their decision is their sense of injustice at the denial to them of citizenship rights and the hazard of taking up their lives anew in central and eastern Canada, in spite of the best efforts of the Government Commissioners on replacement, and

(c) WHEREAS this sense of insecurity in locating elsewhere in Canada has been made acute by war-time emergency restrictions, Federal and Provincial, that in our judgment need no longer be imposed;

(1) WE, recommend that the Government of Canada now recognize the citizenship of Canadians of Japanese origin in granting them their full rights as citizens.

(2) FURTHERMORE that the Dominion Government seek ways and means of encouraging and aiding Canadians of Japanese origin to locate in the various provinces of the Dominion and to assure the Provinces and Municipalities that it is in the interest of this Dominion that permanent settlement should be encouraged by them, not only as a method of dispersal but also as an implementation of the rights of Canadian citizenship.

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Trusting that you will give careful consideration to this problem and do your utmost to see that these Canadians receive their just due,

Respectfully submitted,

C. Stacey Woods,
General Secretary.

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II. Re. Japanese nationals resident in Canada.

We urge THAT in the interest of justice and to avoid breaking up families, loyal Japanese nationals be encouraged to take out Canadian citizenship after the war, and that in the meantime as many disabilities as possible be removed.

The following resolution, or one similar to it, should also be presented to any group which sends the above resolutions to the government.

"Resolved that the organization here represented be urged to assume responsibility for influencing public opinion in favour of the resettlement of Canadians of Japanese origin, and also that the members take definite measures to assist these people in their adjustment, particularly by helping them to secure decent housing and suitable employment, and further that they endeavour to make them feel welcome in our communities.

This resolution was passed by the members of the Woman's Missionary Society of the United Church at Olds, Alberta at their regular meeting Sept 21/45 Mary Mabel Elliott Sec.

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W.H. Moss
Minister of United Church of Canada
Drumheller, Alberta

Burlington, Ontario.
September 8, 1945.

Right Honourable W. L. MacKenzie King,
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Honourable Sir:

At the September meeting of the Women's Missionary Society of Trinity United Church, Burlington, the following resolutions were unanimously adopted.

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Mrs. J. P. Godbold Secretary

24 August '45

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(PTE.) J.S. Dingman
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Glen Mohr Leadership Training Camp,
Brechin, Ontario
August 14, 1945.

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ar Sir:

The purpose of this letter is to inform you, sir, as the leader of our Government, of convictions that the leaders of young people, connected with the Ontario Religious Education Council at our annual Leadership Training Camp held at Glen Mohr,near Beaverton,Ontario, have expressed as our firm belief with respect to Government policy affecting Japanese Canadians in Canada. We do appreciat e the necessity for certain military security regulations but we do not sympathize with a Government policy which would usurp the inalienable rights of a group of Canadian citizens whose attitudes and actions, expressed or implied, have done nothing to merit persecution of a social, political or economic nature.

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Canadian public opinion to accept Japanese Canadians in their communities and thereby further their rehabilitation in the post war period.

Respectfully yours,

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Re Repatriation of Japanese Canadians

Submitted by

The Co-operative Committee

on Japanese Canadians

Toronto, Ontario.

The Rt. Honourable W.L. MacKenzie King.
Prime Minister,
OTTAWA, Ontario.

Sir:

At the outbreak of the war with Japan and the subsequent action of the Dominion Government in moving persons of Japanese origin from the west coast to the interior, there was set up a Co-operative Committee on Japanese-Canadian affairs. This Committee, composed of representatives of returned Canadian missionaries and other persons concerned with safeguarding the maximum human rights and the freedom of loyal persons of Japanese descent during the time of war, has from time to time exercised itself to that end. Its most recent action was to call a meeting in the City of Toronto to gain information and discuss at length the repatriation offer of the government to persons of Japanese origin. This meeting, representing in official and unofficial capacity some forty organizations, unanimously decided to circulate a memorandum among the organizations represented and others, asking each to forward its findings to you. This we believe has been done. It further recommended that a deputation appointed at the general meeting wait upon you and other governments representatives to learn your present mind in this matter and to humbly offer such suggestions as we may.

Government Policy

We are assuming at the outset that your personal attitude as set forth in your speech to the House in August 1944, still obtains. We have in mind the spirit that we discern in those parts of your address where you make reference to

1. The government's recognition that the problem is national and a responsibility of all the provinces.

2. The loyalty for the most part of Canadians of Japanese origin.

3. The assurance that the government in the handling of this problem will not negate the purposes for which Canada has been fighting.

4. The similarity of the situation in the United States and in Canada, making the matter in some respects a continental one.

5. The undesirability of establishing a permanent barrier to the freedom of the movement within Canada of loyal citizens.

6. The assurance that the hateful doctrine of racialism which is the basis of the Nazi system everywhere must not be permitted in Canada, and the necessity of the preservation in whatever we do of the principles of fairness and justice.

May we, Sir, take this opportunity to congratulate you on so representing Canada in such a public utterance. We believe it reflects an attitude of respect for human rights, for the status of loyal citizens, irrespective of racial origin of which Canada can be proud. Moreover, it is expressive of the spacious spirit and the noble words of the San Francisco Charter to which you lent your aid, and upon which the peoples of the world are relying so much for the future. We are thinking particularly of that

part of the Charter to which we hope the forty-nine nations will individually pledge themselves "to encourage respect for human rights and for fundamental freedoms for all without distinction as to race, language, religion or sex."

We are most anxious that the deeds to implement these words might become more apparent. We feel it incumbent upon us to assure you that we represent a Canada-wide body of opinion, more real than vocal, when we say that the action taken thus far with respect to our Japanese-Canadians is not of a piece with the spirit or meaning of the words spoken. The most recent developments, that is, the initiation, manner, method and results of the so-called voluntary repatriation is causing a deep stirring in the conscience of a number of Canadians. We are wondering whether we are not already unwittingly a party to the Nazi treatment of an innocent and highly reputable minority.

Suffering Caused by Government Action

It is impossible to gain a real appreciation of the significance of the number of Japanese-Canadians who have indicated their intention to go to Japan, without an understanding of the conditions under which they signed and the basic motives which drove them to their decision.

For over a period of three years the people of Japanese origin in Canada had been deprived of and removed from all the natural benefits belonging to trusted citizens of this country. As in the process of assimilation of any group, linguistic and cultural differences, lack of citizenship rights and the fact that they were of oriental origin, all contributed to a certain sense of insecurity and fear of the white population and of government action, even before evacuation took place. To this was added the difficulties, physical and mental of adjustment to the restricted and enclosed life of the relocation centres. Their confidence and faith in the outside world was weakened. The dark clouds over the future sapped their initiative. Only the stoutest hearts and those with some financial standing dared leave the centres and strike out for themselves, believing in the common decency and the good-will of democratic Canadians. They have made good in spite of the handicaps of restrictive legislation and discrimination. In their struggle to defend their rights they have furthered the cause of democracy in our land.

The timid, the less well-equipped and those with the attitude of "wait and see" somehow hoped that justice and fair play would eventually prevail, and that when the war was over attitudes would change and the past could be forgotten. It would be easier then to go east or even to stay in British Columbia. In the meantime, they clung to the only protection and security they knew - life in the relocation centres.

Then the fatal blow came this spring, with such disastrous results to their hopes for the future. They were now to establish themselves east of the Rockies or make voluntary application to go to Japan. Only those who shared their suffering during those tragic days of decision can fully understand what a cruel blow had been dealt to these unfortunate people. The stories of heartbreak and despair, of strained and broken family loyalties, of youth pleading to remain in the land of their birth, all make

painful reading. In words of one of the Japanese-Canadians - "Temptation is thrust into lives already uncertain and fearful of the future, for which no definite hope, only generalities have come from Ottawa; temptation to give up the weary struggle for equality; temptation to take the easier way out of a seemingly hopeless situation. Our forces are pitiful and inadequate and we may be fools to keep on fighting, but what kind of Canadians would we be if we succumbed now?"

The tragedy of several thousand giving up the struggle is a shameful blot on our national record. They have lost faith in the country they have adopted and helped to build and of which they expected so much for their children.

We believe a great body of Canadians, who jealously guard the good name of Canada and the rights and freedom of her people, stand with us in our resolve to seek justice for these people and to correct the mistakes that have been made.

It is with this concern we wait upon you to present certain information, to raise certain questions and to offer certain recommendations.

Inquiry re Certain Facts

Information has come to our attention regarding plans for the repatriation of Canadian citizens of Japanese origin after the war. This information includes:

1. "Notice to all Persons of Japanese Origin", dated Feb. 13, 1945, signed by Mr. Humphrey Mitchell, Minister of Labor, having reference to making application for voluntary repatriation to Japan.

2. "Notice to all Persons of Japanese Racial Origin now Resident in British Columbia", dated March 12, 1945, signed by T.B. Pickersgill, Commissioner of Japanese Placement.

3. Letters from Mr. T.B. Pickersgill, on behalf of the British Columbia Security Commission, dated March 21 and June 25, 1945, sent to Japanese-Canadian citizens who have already relocated east of the Rockies, to ascertain how many of them wish to volunteer to go to Japan.

4. We understand that applications for repatriation to Japan have to be made before a detachment of Royal Canadian Mounted Police.

5. We understand that approximately 70% of Japanese-Canadians already interviewed have signified their intention to return to Japan after the war.

6. We understand that a considerable number of Japanese-Canadian men have been accepted into the Canadian Army.

7. We understand that there exists in Canada an organization known as "The Japanese Repatriation League" whose purpose is the repatriation of all persons of Japanese origin in Canada.

In view of this information, we wish respectfully to ask the following questions:

1. Why are Canadians of Japanese origin being asked if they desire to go to Japan after the war?

2. Have inducements commensurated to those offered to Japanese-Canadians who have applied to go to Japan been offered to such citizens to re-establish themselves east of the Rockies?

3. Why, unless they desired to go to Japan, were Japanese-Canadian citizens, who have become established east of the Rockies, expected to report to the Royal Canadian Mounted Police Officials.

4. Why has no publicity been given to the enlistment of Japanese-Canadians in the army?

Immediate Government Action Required

For the purpose of immediate action, we present the following resolutions recently drafted by the Co-operative Committee for Japanese-Canadians. We urge -

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Respectfully yours,

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Dear Mr. Prime Minister:

In recent weeks the Canadian Friends'Service Committee has had the present situation with respect to persons of Japanese ancestry in Canada brought to its attention. Our Executive Committee has considered the matter and desires me to write to you concerning it.

It is our understanding that there are about 23,000 persons of Japanese ancestry resident in Canada, of whom many are Canadian citizens. It is further understood that many of these people are still in centres in British Columbia, notwithstanding the efforts of your Government to settle them throughout the Dominion. Our Committee deplores the objections which have been raised in certain provinces and municipalities to this dispersal plan.

Another feature of the present situation which gives us much concern is the proposal that these people should go to Japan. It is said that the majority of those who are in the British Columbia centres have agreed to do this. We feel that this decision may have been reached because of several factors, including: (1) the offer of the Canadian Government to make available to them, the proceeds of the sales of their properties; (2) filial loyalty on the part of younger persons, who may actually be Canadian citizens, towards parents; (3) the attitude which has been publicly expressed against these people in many parts of the country.

Our Committee would welcome an attempt by the Dominion Government to re-impress upon provincial and municipal authorities, the desirability of working out the dispersal plan for persons of Japanese ancestry. We would also urge that present restrictions on basic citizenship rights of those who are Canadian citizens should be removed, and that the present disabilities of those who are still technically enemy aliens and who are known to be friendly to Canada, should be removed so far as is practicable. We would also hope that the opportunity might be given to those who have indicated their willingness to go to Japan, to reverse their decision if they desire to do so.

Yours very truly,

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To External affairs

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423 Queen St. W. Toronto

TORONTO CHRISTIAN YOUTH COMMITTEE

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New Denver, B. C.

July 2nd, 1945.

Prime Minister
McKenzie King,
Ottawa, Ont.

Dear Sir,

The Women's Auxiliary to the Anglican Church passed the following resolution at the meeting held to-day.-

"We protest the repeated uprooting of the Japanese during the war, some for the third and fourth time and we request that the property losses of these Japanese be made good."

May we ask for your kind consideration of this resolution.

Yours truly,

(Sgd.) Ada I. M. Levy

President.

Secretary.

Yours truly,
(Miss) Margaret Peck,
3045 Cedar Ave.,
Montreal 25.
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REV. G. A. SAUDER
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Pastor United Church

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Elsiabeth Watson

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By ANGUS MACINNIS, M.P.*

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Canada is a country of many nationalities. They have all done their bit to build up our country. That is as true of the Japanese as it is of the Germans, Italians, Finns, Bulgarians, Hungarians and Roumanians. I have drawn attention to the people of these nations because we are at war with them as we are at war with Japan. But we do not treat people of German and Italian origin or the people of any of the other nations with which we are at war, in the way we treat those of Japanese origin. With our population of Japanese origin, once we were at war with Japan, we acted in an entirely different manner.

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Before we decide how we are to solve

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The Hon. W. L. Mackenzie King,
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Dear Sir:

A deal of unnecessary turmoil and grief has been caused lately by the B. C. Security authority in moving Japanese families from one location to another after having behaved admirably in whatever situation they were placed. Now they are uprooted from friends, home and gardens and exchanged for others uprooted from their homes. The Japanese, both National and Canadians, have behaved, as you know, very well indeed in this crisis in their lives and really deserve more careful and friendly treatment. The program you submitted last August for these well-behaved and useful people was quite fair and reasonable and it is to be hoped some of the excited people from the Coast are not permitted to change this.

Congratulating you, sir, on your continued success.

Yours very sincerely,

(Sgd.) W. Rutherford

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RESOLUTION RE CANADIAN CITIZENS OF JAPANESE ORIGIN -
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June 29, 1945.

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May I point out to you that the Woman's Missionary Society of The United Church of Canada has been associated with the Japanese-Canadians for over sixty years. Our workers accompanied the Japanese-Canadians when they were moved to the relocation centres and have been at work among them both in these centres and in Toronto and in Montreal. There has also been a widespread and continuous study and discussion of this issue in our whole organization throughout Canada, which has a membership of 190,000. This resolution, therefore, should carry weight with the Government, since it is based on a long association with this minority group, and a thorough and widespread study of the issue.

We sincerely hope that the Government will implement the measures outlined in this resolution.

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by course I mean "the Japanese Canadians"

their property taken care of by some or interested in them?

Is we a police department sympathetic enough to look after

ple in these circumstances who have not been charged

ith any wrong doing?

re there a number of Japanese in our Canadian Army?

I was born in Toronto sixty six years ago of English father

nd scotch mother, and was brought up to respect all peoples

regardless of race or color," for which I am very thankfull"

I am not a church member but I am delighted with their

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I do not object to the Japanese being moved from

their homes, if our Government thought it necessary

for the safty of our Grand dominion, but have we

something to answere for in the way we moved them?

. Is there any other minority group that we have handled

n this way?

Now Sir! As a citizen I would like an answere

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Yours very respectfully

Alice Alexander

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