Diary of Yukio Shinoda

from Mar 28 to April 27 / 1942

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Sept Nov 28

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Source: Nikkei National Museum, 2018-16-1-22-2
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Sat Mar 28

Came into town + heard that 140 west coast boys were ready to leave for Ontario. Had Napkins of different boys + found town in a bit of resentment. Went to Barracks + wanted to talk to leaders (Sam Kondo) one out of 3. They were incommunicado. Raised hell + went to Chop suey house + talked to Sam + elders spokesman Gave reasons — gave up. Went home with James Sam + worked all night on pamphlet idea of James to be distributed to-morrow.

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Sun Mar 29

Went to town + had a gal typewrite mimeograph copy of pamphlet. Found one pamphlet of Nisei Canadian out already persuading nisei to go following regulation. Public resentment against present system of voluntary evacuation would not allow us into meeting of evacuating nisei. Distributed pamphlets + found public support. Soliciting + securing over 300 names supporting our idea of mass evacuation in family groups. Public resentment against Shimizu action just failed because of Confusion.

Mon 11 Jan 30

Canvas for more names + demands public meeting of Issei council & H'o slot Kyoto & Toyama. Agrees to meeting + at meeting found public support but lost by large majority.

Source: Nikkei National Museum, 2018-16-1-22-5
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Sun April 12

Left at 11 for Iwata's place
Talked of diff things + left for
council meeting at Barrisons. Wants
our resig (Tanaka & I) Accused of
basing name of counsel, persuading of
denouncing Y. Fitzgeralds. denied
accusation. > back

Drove to Steveston. Naturalized
Group here. They left. I. Tanaka.
gave summary of Events. Kanmuri
talked, Uchibori talked. I talked
+ yama & damashi — tears.
Dr. Nakanishi Dejima at Hirai
Hospitality. Came back to Chop
Suey House + ran Gauntlet of
curfew to I Tanaka's home.
+ watched till late on Summary
of events + letter to Taylor pl +
ad. Slept here.

Source: Nikkei National Museum, 2018-16-1-22-6
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Hot headed boys of your group
broke in on meeting. Had to quiet
them + four clergymen. One (Tanaka)
said (I trust you Bob, just as you
now). H. Inagaki makes big
issue of it. Had to quiet them."

Source: Nikkei National Museum, 2018-16-1-22-7
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Mon. April 13

Up 9. Dan'l to Gasey's. To Province Bld. Carter sympathetic + says he must confer S.S. before putting admin paper. Came home for dinner + saw mother (worried dad reported + extended to May 4 for Ghost Town. To town. K. Ebisuya'ni caught + held. Talked to Yamada of Mangels offering Yaeko but refused. Charlie Tanaka willing to back anti-group to extent of advertising. Went to meshi ya, had few drinks + had belly-full. Dan'l to H. Tanaka. To persuade Ezo's friends to stay + worked, ordered bottle + drinks. Last time I shall go ex-Iwagumi as them. Played gazette till 4 + slept in bed. Eddie phoned

(Reason for the rest of those Boys)

Tues April 14

Got up at nine. Went to Sasaki's with Tanaka, Okamura, Ishida + Uchihori. Tanaka + Adams to Provost Bldg for aid for public sympathy. Mr Carter (Jap's sympathizer) of paper claims Thos Sax McNulty S.C. who advises Japs misunderstand honest intention per evacuation. Carter advises against ad may create resentment instead of sympathy. But will publish against judgement. Walked to Okamura's office, revised letter & Summary to Taylor. Went to Casey's + took list of $5-00 donated. Met Mr Kondo + Mr. Ujie (to become one of rep for Mass Evacuation Group Elected Representatives (Rose Miyazaki, Ms Ujie, Okamura, Okuda + myself. Could not get in touch

with Mc Neil. Talk at
Meyazaki. Mc Neil to phone
at 9 tomorrow morn. Talked
to boys at Emmi. Home at three.
Damerham talked of unity &
took $3-0 bourb. good & bad side
of Japs. Eddie phoned, wanted
to talk to me

+ letters
summary of Events
letter to Mr Dayton.

Source: Nikkei National Museum, 2018-16-1-22-10
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April 15th

Capt 9' to Miyazaki, app with Merrill @ 2 o'clock. Hospital @ Empire + talked to some boys. Some have intention of following gov ordinance. Went to Mr. Okamura, Okada, Mrs Tanaka, Mrs Uyeda + O's went to S.C. met fellow finding red tape to get home to Montreal. Rec him to Thompson, Lawyer, Interviewed + presented our plea to MacNeil. Said to soon as Great internment + Procedure under martial law. In talking found him to be a person to be easily swayed, mil intellectually. Interview at 2.30 with Taylor + Mead. Taylor (impression) Cold hearted, long jobs + no intention of taking any workable plan. No love for fellow man. Mead (Stooge impression) shy stern two faced hypocrite. Cannot be trusted.

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Tried again to escape us into submission by threats & so forth. (Birthmark in a crooked way but not especially so. God left them knows how to sway minds. Says Japanese Labour Union will to Govt not unpaid 1/5 of their wages. Prayed then economically better for govt to exonerate them (one place (Labour Quotas) + govt feed them. Hemmed + hawed (not-law) Answer nice no.)

Came back + M + went to Casey to give rest to boys. Ready to lunch now as Japanese Shinzen + boys came over to accept our resignation (mine + Sasaba). Makamishi wanted to beat them) Stopped possible fight. Drank Tsuai San Eat @ Casey's. Sagi Homma asked for the resignations

I was refused came back with Mr. & Mrs. Isaacks & Okuse, quarrel with nakamishi's. Asked for meeting with Danish & J.C.L. Came home.

April 16th Sun

Went to Casey's. Went to Lawyer Eric Thompson & told him of meeting with Taylor. Sympathy is with our cause promised to see Taylor re evacuation plan. Returned to Casey's & found 47 Steveston boys who had heard of our resignation & did not want us to sacrifice us. Willing to go into internment with us. Talk of mass meeting @ Powell Ground & some with intention of giving selves up for internment. Talk with Mr. Isaacks who says he is all for us & that he wants to talk with us re our actions in future. Two faced hypocrite according to J.C.L. paper to-night

I would talk to him & accuse him tomorrow of talking to us with a forked tongue. Visited Saw Tommy & Doris mother who is taking Tommies defection fairly well. Mrs Onoto wanted me to stay for supper but declined & went home. Visited Q4 Moody talked to Mother & Dad had a drink for last time. They ready & how I am working for a good home. Sadashi Gotoh

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Ct. 10 went to see Mr Page of Thurston Manville for my last appeal. Sympathetic. Saw Dr Shpritz same. Read JACL Paper of 15th Editorial (Civilian respects are war hysteria against the Policies of the Council & Commission Naturalized Cits expectation of resignation from Omaha W.R. Center 3 members are to be kept with council. Info obtained from Thurston & Thompson. We are Japanese National no matter 2nd 3rd 4th or 5th generation. We have signed copy from Thompson saying fiction can be made public. Saw Masaoka & Kinoshita & accused them of showing a Prejudiced facts. Says editorial directed towards

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Mori. Distort pamphlets in English + Jap of Case + that we will still fight to the end as Canadians. Just phoned sis + found that Nippon Club has phoned to Sis at 9 o'clock this morn. asking for my name in full. Scared hell out of her so went to N. Club with bunch of boys + asked for reason. no true phoned Shirashi + still no reason. Distributed pamphlets + talk to boys + came to Dentons and sleeping here tonight + tomorrow.

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It's a beautiful day. Gave Lily Dan
Nisei Thompson about interview
with Commission + subsequent answer.
We drove across the Sandy narrows
bridge + I felt as if my heart
was uplifted that God had
smiled on us for thanks +
the feeling in the air was just
so as to make me feel as if I
could kick the world. Mr
Thompson was out in the garden
with beautiful sunflowers + his dog
He welcomed us + subsequently got -
down to business. First impression
I got was that he was a very
strained person. Day before had
threatened him with arrest,
black list.

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Slept @ Casey's

Charlie's last asleep. Got up 2 mins + saw Fuji + Uchibori. Went to see Carter at mouth of Province papers again. Very sympathetic believed in British fair play. but after talking with city editor (who believes that ad would cause publicdesentment instead of sympathy. Refuses in a polite way. explains J. Sims anti Jap attitude + (spoke) Politics (Watson. Carter wishes us good luck. Went to fix up Doide's - @ Lawyers. Tried to publish ad in News Herald + North Editor tells us to phone @ 1 after he contacts S.C. Came back to see if boys had gathered for voluntary interment. Fuji weeps after being accused that he + his gang were not dug up by Kondo. Trouble there + then but managed to get 16 boys from Van, Steveston + Fairview. Phoned R.C.M.P but they would not serve for them. Phoned papers but they would not come for news

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13 taxicabs full of boys willing to sacrifice themselves, 8 or 9 boys cried & shaved themselves off. They are going to the Immigration Shed. Went down to Megasaki to drink away weeps away & went to Misajeki to meeting. Put out pamphlet & gave people news of boys. Taylors refuses detention. Harada, Tsuchiura, Okuzawa - Matsushita forces were in an apologetic Assaulted by Mantis, but both as if they are going in. Rushed pamphlet out & posted them. Went to Megasaki & ate & over a drink Jane home talked of diff things with Harry & Mike & Emi, Chatted with Miss Canty re Democracy & so forth. Quotes Allegro & sleep.

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Well they are in. According to Mr. Taylor came down & refused them entry. However after he had gone 4 boys Harada, Murakawa, Ishiyama & Hayashi tried to force their way in. One of the soldiers trained a machine gun on the boys but one said, "Don't be scared of that thing - pop gun. There's no bullets in it". The 4 boys met opposition & their way in & they were beaten by the sentries who blocked their way. They put up resistance. However after Hayashi had talked to the boys (mountie) & talked them into silence. They called Mr. Read who after deliberation let them into the building saying, "Well if you fellows want to go in that bad will put you in

Well after this + that I went down to the Empress Studio + got our picture taken. The whole family + Kimbara brothers. Well I left them + wandered over + then again. Well I guess we've about sold the store. Miss Barnes is taking over tomorrow. Dad and Ace taking stock tonight - got back after 9 pm. Had supper with Sardis + sisters gone to Tsuyuhosan to sleep. Jimmie + K + Mits + I slept a.l.

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Helped clean up the back of the store + left for town. Heard news that inmates of Hastings Park had gone on hunger strike. (1 bowl of rice soft) to most) coffee + slice or two of bread to few). (Not enough to go around)
2 Men + women refused to eat + some come to town for breakfast
3 Labourers on projects refused work on starvation rations
4 Gambling widespread amongst old + young + apparently sponsored by Mori
5 Food better at noon (however according to cooks there weren't enough + variety at canteen.
Tried to stop Chamber of Japanese Kozai + 3 others boys - Some having Suppers now + are going into voluntary internment. have phoned them 4 or 5 times @ the mountain

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but they will not appear to pick them up. Finally after 2½ hrs they got tired + went by taxi to Immigration Bld. But they were put in without much trouble. Well I guess that's all. Sleeping at Tsuyuko san's tonight all of us

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Japanese Canadian Citizens' Council

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April 14th, 1942.

Robert Y. Shimoda, Esq.,
c/o Mr.F. Tanaka,
2568 Wall Street,
Vancouver, B.C.

Dear Mr. Shimoda,

It is with much regret that we inform you of the following resolution passed by the Japanese Canadian Citizens' Council at the meeting held on Monday, April 13th, 1942.

" Whereas, the two members of the Japanese Canadian Citizens' Council, F. Tanaka and Y. Shimoda, have been engaged in activities contrary to the best interests of the Council,

Be it resolved that the Council ask these two members to submit their resignations from the Council to the Chairman. "

The Council regrets that it finds it necessary to take this action. We sincerely hope that the day will come soon when we can work together again for the welfare of the Japanese people in Canada.

Yours very truly,

Kunio Shimizu

General Secretary,

Japanese Canadian Citizens' Council

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