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file 610 Jpz Spolesman
Corres dealing whith the appointement-election of Jpz nationals as spokesmen for Jpz nationals to the Spanish Consul.
In file C.E. Graham, Super, Man, passes on the request of Jpz there to elect spolespen form each district to confer with Cmmor rep from time to time. Graham likes the idea as sees as saving alot of bother asks for policy. Graham to B.C.S.C. 24-8-42

W.A. Eastwood to R.C. Brown 28-8-42

"To be honest with you we are not ~~in~~ very much in favour of the Jpz getting together in such a manner, particularly as Wpeg has been so coop in permitting the distribution of Jpz families throughout their City. We do not want Jpz going into Wpeg and they must stay on their farms. Permission from the B.C.S.C. or the City of Wpeg has not been given t o move from their present locations without special permits and we do not want the Jpz to meet in any way in large groups where they can discuss their problems and perhaps stir up trouble for us. There is no harm in meeting in say, in Portage LaPrairie and apting a rep for that group for any other district which may rep a number of jpz. As a mater of fact there would be no harm in apptiing Sato, who is a National (sic) and who is now living in Headingly District as spokesman. This would save a good deal of trouble and confusion and this man certainly has our confidence and to the best of our knowledge is the leading Jpz citizen (sic) who went forward from Br. Col to Man.

re Jpz Assoc Late NB 1942

File 62 Jpz Liason Comm 1942

G. MacNeil ?Sec, to Commr Mead 16-3-42

has received complaints that Morii is accepting money and promising that he can use his influence to secure deferment of evacuation and has been sending telegrams to other Jpz warning them to evade evac orders. (?????)

F.J. Mead to MacNeil April 9, 1942

re recognition of Naturalized committee which have suggested that older men not go to camp but to interior housing
"The Commision does not recognize any Jpz Committee. We are however willing to listen to groups of tree to five persons who this commission believes represent bona fide groups of Jpz. Mr. Murphy has made some constructive suggestions to the commission on behalf of the naturalized Jpz and this morning has undertaken to have a committee working with him approach the nat Cdns with the idea of getting them to change their views on the subject of the evacuation. A number of discussion have taken place between members of the Commission and Mr. Murphy but I cannot say that they have been altogether satisfactory from the view point of results.

Murphy 1942

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W.H.H. Norman to C. Grant MacNeil , Apr 16, 42

Complaints from Steveston Jpz (13) re the translations given by Morii's men to Mr. Nicholson "felt that these interpreters do not take the trouble to present their case sympathetically to Mr Nicholson" same in Dr Hodgin's office.
Mr. Iwasaki and Mr Yasuura request comm use Miss Uchida, Mr Iwazo Yamomoto and mr. Buch Suzuki when the occaision demands.

File 614 Nat Jpz Cdn Citizens League 1942

Proposal Committee reping Natized Jpz of Vancouver, Apr 4, 1942 as approved by Nisei Council also

request that the "ghost town" plans be extended to absorb the whole of the pop of women, children and aged and invalid.
prepared to assist in reconstruction of the towns
urge dependants be moved prior to the adult male population to have adequate help to ensure speedy evacuation and to reduce hardship and inconeenienc
ask that Morii not be placed in any posit affecting welfare of Jpz community in ghost twons as "his character, his past record, and his principles make it impossilbe for us to accept Etsuji Morii , Chairman aof the Jpz Committee, as the leader of the community and the guardian of our families during t the period of separation".
Want new Jpz domm with democratically elected executive of both Issei and Nisei,

Nat request Apr 4/42

Memo to B.C.S.C. Apr 15 asking a series of questions clarifying policy. states purpose of committee to cooperate with Commission in evacuation
question s re wherther jpz can seek work on own to relocate self (yes with Comm permission) what are approved localitys for self evacution and support? Can jpz in road camps accept jobs elsewhere and move their families to them. Will commission find jobs for persons unfit for camp work of farm work. Re workmans compensation and Unemployment (Yes Yes) Want J.N evac first and jobs in H.P. for C.B. and Nat Jpz Cdns.

File 613 Jpz Committees

Etsuji Morii, Arthur Nishiguchi, and Ippio Nishio appted offically 9-3- 42 by orHer of Taylor.

J. Shirras to Col C.H. Hill R.C.M.P. March 7, 1942

reports just talked to a rep from the Nisei who had just left a large meeting to appt a comm of four to rep Jpz in whole prov. "the great difficulty is that the two leading Jpz of the older generation ate now endeavouring to control and represent the whole of the population. This is opposed not only by the Neisi(sic) but by the Nat and the Nationals. I would seem that there is a c complete deadlock and no possibility of coming to a reasonable and profitable"
rep suggested 20 name submitted and Comm select 4 "I fully realise and appreciate the attitude taken by the Jpz of not wanting to be controlled by one or two Jpz of the older gen,"

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they want 1 Nisei, 1 naturalied and 1 J.N and 1 neutral.
Jpz returning to meeting to convey my views that "If the Jpz do not come together within the next day of two and appoint their committee, there will be no comm recognized by the Commision and the Jpz will be forced to carry out the instructions of this Comm without the guidance of such a Comm."

file 615 J.C.CL.

Apr 2, 42 Mead to Officer Commanding R.C.M.P. Van.

Murphy interview with Taylor Evening Apr 1, 1942 accompanied by 2 Naturalized Canadian Jpz. Taylor advises that "these people left him with an entirely different viewpoint as to what the Comm was attempting to do, compared with what they had when they sought the interview."

J.C.C.C. members

Shoyama Kunito T.
Kaoru Atagi, Edward C. Banno, Norah Fujita, Kazuko Hidaka, Kunio Hidaka, Yoshikazu R. Higuchi, Seiji Homma, Hide Hyodo, Masuko Iguchi, Dr. Geo A. Ichiwara, Kazuko Kagawa, Kiyoshi Kato (Kai shimizu), Muriel Kitagawa, Toshio Kurita, Dr, Hiroharu Kuwahara, Kiyo Maikawa, Shizuo Matsuba, Sokichi Bert Murakami, Kanao Naruse, Kay Oda, Myea Okamura, Hideo Onotera, Kiyoshi Shibuya, Hajime Shiga, Kunio Shimizu, Eileen Shitani, Aya Suzuki, Hajime Suzuki, Tatsuro B. Susuki, Shoichi Takayama, harry Tsuchiya, Rev Takashi Tsuji, Chitose Uchida, Eiji Yatabe. Aso members but removed by leaving Roy Sueki Yamamura, Shogo Omura, Frank H Nakamura, Yoshio Hatanaka and Fujikazu Tamaka and Robert Y Shimoda (for involvement with N.M.E.G.

622 Tribunal and Provincial Advisory Committee 1945
T.B. Pickersgill to A.H. Brown, Asst to Deputy Min, Labour, Ottawa
9-10-45
"Your commemt about the possibility of requiring a list of nat'ized Cdns who have signed for repatriation, for the purpose of revok ing their nat'ization status, causes me come concern, You will remember my misinterpreting Order-in-Council No. 10773 (sic) and assuring all Jpz Cdns who signed for repat that their Cdn citizenshio would not be cancelled until repat actually took place. My main reason for concern is, as I have indicated before, that if we do not adhere to all assurances given prior to the taking of the applications we will just be putting more arguments in their hands for cancellation of such applications".

T.B. P. NB Repat

Vol 11 file 400 Hastings Park General

Total pop park Mar 15 to May 15 — 70,628 adults, 38,512 children

59 days therefore pop aver per day — 1,197 adults, 653 children

Source: Nikkei National Museum, 2018-16-1-72-1-3
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Ex RG36/27 Vol 3.
file 59 containes 7o letters from Nisei Mass Evacuation Group portestors in the Immigration Shed at Vancouver agreeing to the terms obrained by the Nisei Mass Evacuation Group on July 1 and requesting release.
they read I ---------- herwith agree to the terms stated by the Nisei Mass Evacuation Group, and I request my release from the Immigration Detention Building, in order that I may co-operate with the government in Mass Evacuatin. Dated Jue 5 and addressed to Commr. Mead B.C.S.C. Marine Bldg Vancouver.

file 57 from letters between B.C.S.C. officials esp Collins and C.M. Walker Supervising engineer Dept Mines and Resources , Surveys and Engineering Branch malcontents and malinguers are shipped to Port Arthur if discharged by the camps. but are not permitted to return to their families in Interior Housing

File 53 A Internees, Angler Ont 1946
The deceased Nisei at Angler is Masano Shirakawa 08837

Eric R. Thomson to Austin C. Taylor 17-4-42

Called on Taylor re on behalf of some C.B. Jpz and in absence saw Shirras "The point on which I desired information was what steps would be taken to keep the families of these people together, once they were moved from the defence area. ...
"I think that I am speaking not only for these Niseis but for the average unbiased Canadian in admitting that these people have to be moved, but that there should not take place any unnecessary hardship. These Japanese, - married and with families of young children, - are badly worried over what they think is the impending and permanent separation of husband from wife etc., and a statement by the Commr that efforts would be made to move families as a unit as far as possible, and in any event, that there was no intention of permanently breaking up the families of well-behaved people would be welcone.

Family Sep 1942

Grant MacNeil Asst to Chman to Eric R. Thomson, 20-4-42

"I may state that it is the intention of the Commission to conduct the evacuation in such a manner as to keep families together as much as possible. In these plans the Commission must take into consideration accomodation available. Where a temporary separation occurs, the effort will be made to arrange reunion if at all possible"

Advisory Committee on Welfare Mar 31, 1942

"On March 19, 1942, a representative group of some 8 Nisei and 2 members of the Advisory Committee on Welfare of the B.C. Security Commission met to form a Nisei Sub-Committee."
to facilitate welfare work of comm, provide cultural, social and recreational leadership in camps, to study policies and to help

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"help determine settlement of property as it related to welfare". hope to coop with the Consultative Council on Wartime Citizenship and the coordinated Nisei groups organized later as the J.C.C.C.
list off committees to be formed eg Education Committee, Child Welfare CommitteeThe Women's Welfare Committee, A Family Welfare Business Bureau, The Music, Drama and Entertainment Committee Recreation Committww A library Committee,a Clothing pool

Consultive Counsel a newly formed "informal conference"of "public-spirited"people reping a large number" of orgs "Offically and unoffically" "to facilitate the exchange of information and suggestions between groups concerned, to avoid duplication of effort and to simplify amenues for the submission of representations intended to assist the Commission." suggest the inclusion of Japanese speaking Occidentals on the Central committee through which the commission deals with the Japanese community, especially the chairman of the consultative Council, Rev Howard Norman Norman F. Black Hon Sec Consultative Committee on Problems of Citizenship arising from War Conditions, to Austin Taylor 31-3-42

File 71 F.J. Mead Commissioner 1942

Mead was on a trip to Ottawa via Edmonton and Winnipeg and back between June 10? and 28th.

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Taylor to A MacNamara Assoc Deputy Minister, Dept Labour Ott
Mead and Dr, Hodgins returned Sun morn from east "The new program as outlined was considered a definite step towards a satisfactory solution of out problems."

new program.

"The reuniting of the families will, of course, entail considerable shuffling around our Interior towns. These towns are quite well filled and will now have to be thinned out to some extent in order to provide accomodation for the heads of families, possibly 1,500 in number."
Will proceed as follows 1. tents for temp housing now on way to different strategic locations. 2. construction of 400 sm houses on locations now decided on or under consideration. by time the latter are constructed the success of prarie farm plans will be known an the number of add'tnal houses will depend on this point.
q have reduced costs of houses considerably to $300 ea housing 6 to 8 Jpz ea. need more land. lease where possible . trying for National Trust Col lonad now occupied by a small number of Sonsof Freedon Doukhobours
speed is essential we connot keep women and children in the tents after the first of October.

Dr. Lyall Hodgins, Report on trip Through Intaerior Towns June 1, 1942

exerpts

1. "The wht popxx almost without exeption are pleased with the advent of the Jpz, are kindly, and have but one criticism which was expressed often and definitely -- that the Commission was not treating these people well enough".

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2. jpz overcrowded
3. cooking facilities very bad, not enough stoves, no system, cupboards, storage for food, "in summer time conditions will be appalling in some of the rooms." ...
5. Relief sadlu administered and "probably insufficent in amount."
6. nom plan to obtain work locally for jpz
no "organized smart efficent office staff to rep the Comm"
10 no fire drill
11. no playgrounds, work amusement etc
12 "Japanese help in the Commm's office at times seem to have more power than the Commissions representative."

Recommends
1 free mediacal, hospitalization drug whether working or not
2 ea town have an office manager , a white steno, and Jpz work only in outer office away form confidential mailamd business
3 a staff of travellin welfare workers, a dietitian and a public health nurse be sent ot ea camp to give instructions as to mini mum standards of town requirements in garbage, sanitation, light heat rec space, nurseries, cooking space, food prep, and storage space.
4 worker in group of 3 about teach jpz organization as to cooking buying care of children in a nursery for certain hours each day, voluntary monitors for each floor.
Has outlined procedure to Miss Moscrop in Kaslo accomodation for aged being arranged on ground floors of each building.
4. each camp manager immediately plant 5 to 10 acrea of ground with potatoes and hardy vegetables.
5. Jpz males be sent to ea camp to cut 200 to 300 cords of wood per camp.

8. "In my opinion it is quite possible there will be no objection from the white population if the Jpz men accompany their families to any of the towms. Of course in Sandon there can be no objection whatever and this will give a place in which the Commission may freely send men with their families."

11 "I am quite convinced that in the set-up of these towns, there should be a smart manager and office staff, but the success or failure of this experiment in dealing with human beings who are confused and of an alien race, housed in overcrowded quarters, will depend entirely on the appointment of smart welfare workers and Nurses, rather than on the male officers of the Commission.
12. "My visit emphasizes something of which I have always been convinced - that the solution is to put the families together, preferably in small parcels of land, rather than in crowded tenements."

June 1942

A.C? Taylor ro Louis St Laurent 21-5-42 re Mead

it is only fair to state that I have never had the pleasure of working with an individual with a more tolerant and human understanding or better general appreciation of human affairs than Assistant Commissioner Mead. I wish to congratulate you on being able to have such a person to appoint to a highly responsible position as Directorr of Criminal Investigation st hq

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F.J. Mead and L.Hodgins to Austin C. Taylor 15-6-42

arrived Ed 15 hourslate cus of rock slide saw Aberhart the same day.

"One of the pleasant surprises of the trip so far was the cooperative attitude shown by Mr. Aberhart. This was especially sincere ih his reference to the Commission, although he felt that Ottawa could have been a little bit more polite to him thanthey were when he asked that they endourse the agreement of the Commission to evacuate the Jpz after the war."

"Mr ablerhart was not very keen about our placing Jpz in the Indian Schools near Ed. He was not adamant on the subject, but ... but he questioned the wisdon of such a policy and considered, as we do, that the placing of these people in communities on the land and building sm living quarters for families is the proper solution.

Aberhart raises the question of ed and then lets it drop expressed the opinion that the govt should have a definite policy on this subject

Inspected the Indian School at St. Albert "we were not impressed with what we saw. ,.. It is an old place, dark and equipment in bad shape. It would hold approximately 400 people. visited Protestant indian school run by J.S. Woodsworths brother. " After our visit to Edmonton, Lyle and I came to the conclusion that these Indian schools were not the ansewr to our problems, although they might be made auxillary to it and might take care of 1500 people.

Lebret Seminary in Melville Sask also vetoed. lots of land but would only accomodate 150.

" I have a telegram from Mellor advising me of the Gosnell trouble and I can see this is a forerunner of more of the same kind of trouble if we do not commence to keep these families united and that is going to be our theme song when we see Mr. Mitchell and Mr. MacNamara.

talks of ten to twelve thousand Japanes in the Slocan districts when advising sanatarium for T.B. patients be put there.

Mead memorandum 1942

File 79 Evacuation Coast Area B.C. 1942

W.J. Woods D/Sgt 8-5-42

evac of Woodfibre. Work done by a unito f eight men including a doctor, representative of the Custodians office, B.C.S.C. officials and our Hastings Park Manning Pool and Transportation Committee 4-6th of May examinied all Jpz : medical exam, declarstion of real esta and personal property owned, examination of status and allocation to various camps as indicated by family relationship and marital status with the result that all in Woodfibre and Britannia embarked on the Lady Cynthia May 6th all who had accomodation for themselves and or their families in Vancouver were allowed to proceed directly to their homes. all others were transported by bus to Hastings Park to await their departure to their respective

Typical case of support

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were transported to Hastings Park to await the date of their departure to their respective camps. this date being set in the case of the males for Canbie Siding, Taft, Princeton B.C. and Schreiber Ont. for Mon May LLth being also the date the families were to proceed to Kaslo B.C..

May 16 42 Evac procedure. W.A. Eastwood.

Beets reaching stauration 1700 registered but only 600 vacancies 125 "very select ~~ix~~ families can stil go 80% workers close to 6 in number form Farming communities children 12 and 13 not looked on favourably as workers. All Sugar Beet gone by June 1
Greenwood at capacity, Kaslo filling fast, Slocan starting about the 22nd and Sandon should be ready mid-June. ~~xxxxxxx~~

Admin process in part

Medical inspection
for females not necessary "unless their condition is "obvious'"
Males strip to waist and an inspection for "fitness" made.
Doctor to inspect only when work sheet properly completed in fromt of him and mark as "Camp Fit", "camp Light" and "Int H" the last for interor housingif available.
selection according to criteria: males over 60 go to interior housing whether married or single, males unfit for work go th interor housing. If man over 50 and has never done hard work before therefore could not earn living in road campto Int H; defer 2 weeks cases requireing mediacl treatment. where case will be handled at project hospital. Light T.B. to project hospital. advanced T.B. to Hastings Park of elsewhere on instructions from Dr Hodgins.
healthy males to raad camps imediately (his emphasis)
originally husbands waited 24 hours after family entrained for housing before reporting to road camp form the F Valley, Steveston or Fraser Valley. now husband has option fo bringin family to Hastings Park to await placement in Interior Housing or some 72 hours befor e he ships out or can come by himself to H.P. some 48 hours before he ships out and leave his family to await posting in their home can take 130 lbs of baggage to road camp. family accompanying [to H?P?] should bring all baggage with them.

Want to have park only for road camp postings and a few housing postings and special postings "Bull Ring" in the park will be used to process those moving through for work-sheets, medical inspection, custodian registration, and registration for projects, posting and shipp to projects etc. Mr Rose in Charge assisted by Mr. Nicholson who is resoonsibel to rose for all deferments and posting to road camps as soon as car loads of & 70 men can be arranged setting up food baggae bus and shipping to raod projects.

At ~~Park~~ Park guardroom will register with Mr. Brown into the Park with males "directed" to "F" building and balance of family to "proper quarters within the Park" Rose will register road camp malse as soon as convenient delinquents will be reported to B.C.&C. taylor and Mead, and to R.C.M.P. (Hill) Dleinquents who give selves up at park will be "forgiven his delinquency"(emphasis given) but he will not be allowed a pass out of the park

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Roll call in "F" at 9:00 am
Nicholson can change destination to camps to keep family memebers together. ~~Xxxx~~ J.N. and C.B. or Natized to separate camps but C.B. children can go th ~~M~~ J.N. camps to be with parents.

N.M.E.Group to Grant MacNeil, Secretarym B.C.S.C. June 7/42

whereas the completion gf the Jpz evacuation is delayed far behingd the original schedule and the probelm is more or less at a stage of deadlock
Whereas the responsible auths are anxious to fulfill their duty
Whereas the Jpz themselves as desireous of an immed evac with their families
Whereas a the overwhelming Majority of the Jpz refusing to evac volunarily unles "Mass Evac in Family Groups" plan is granted
Whereas the Jpz women with the children are also taking a firm stand of refusing to evacuate anywhere except under the above plan
whereas the overwhelming majority of the Jpz, who are Br. subjects either by birth, nati'zatin or marriage, posses the sentiment eppressed in our letter of April 15, 1942, addressed to Austin C. Taylor Esq
whereas the public and press now realize the impracticability,- unfairmess, and inhumanity and the resultant failure of the existing methos of evacuation,
whereas if the existing method is pursued any further, the outcome would clearly be an opposite to the one contemplated and inevitably be an internment of the Japz in a wholesale style,
whereas internment is not the solution to the problem, although it is tje pnly alternative to the "Mass Evscuation" as far as the Jpz are concerned,
whereas the ourcome ~~xxxxxxxxxx~~ above referred to infers a great loss of manpower to the country and also a larger expense than would be involved in the "Mass Evacuation",
whereas it it understood that one of the duties of the authoritied is to provide housing, feeding, clothing and ~~xxxx~~ general welfare of the evacuees
whereas it is felt that the responsibility to find a ~~xxxxxxx~~ suitable evacuation for the "Mass Evacuation" rests woth the authorities concerned and that such location could be found if so seriously desired,
Whereas, if the absence of an idea for more suitable locality, it is felt that th so called "ghost towns" could, with a certain amount of repairs and additions, accomodate the entire Jpz and their families,
whereas, if it is seemed by the authorities that the "ghost twonk/ should be selected, and if the necesaary materials for repairs and additions are supplied, the jpz are willing to supply the necessary labour,
Whereas insofar as the present neglignetly small population of the"ghost towns" is concerned, the majority of them should, if their real estate investment could be compensated, feel economically better off in other parts of ~~xxxxx~~ the province or Canada where jobs are plentiful, and the minority of them who ~~xxxxxxxx~~ with (sic) to remain there should have no objection to this plan if it is agreed that the Japnz patrolize their business as the circumstances may permit,
whereas it is understood that the soil in and around the "towns" are partially agricultural

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whereas it is understood that the soil in and around the "towns" are partially agriculturally self-sufficient sustaining . and whereas, in the absence of a better idea, the general plan and the idea described in this brief, could be considered as the only immediate solution of the problem in its widest sense, We therefore submit our present suggestion and humbly request you to execute this plan immediately.

Respectfully yours
Nisei Mass Evacution Group.

cc. Mr Austin Taylor,-The Chairman
The officer in Charge of the Japanese Exodus, R.C.M.P.

June 15 Steveston totally evacuated Taylor to Col A.W Sparling, O.C. Vancouver Defenses, Vancouver Barracks.

Shirras and A. Eastwood to Austin C. Taylor re evacuation in family groups to Praire Provinces and Ont June 20, 1942

NB from Vancouver June 20 1942

2. This proposed evacuation of family groups to the Provinces above mentioned has, in our opinion, only one good point and that is reuniting family groups, which has been the wish of the Commission since its inception. This plan will no doubt eliminate the resistance that we have had from the Nisei group and which has been the outstanding plank in their platform since the very beginning.

4. Of the able-bodied males mow in this restricted area 75% are defaulters and of these defaulters almost 100% are Canadian born. The reaction of this group in connection with this plan is a question in view of the attitude of this group from our very inception as a commission,

7 Associated with one of the foregoing thoughts is that of the internment problem. We assume that in the evet that the families could be reunited many of the problems associated with the internment question would be eliminated.

In summing up generally the contempalted program we are of the opinion that it would not prove successful from a labour standpoint and would only resolve itself into a housing problem. Therefore we are of the opinion that it would prove more satisfactory both from a Japanese standpoint and that of the Govenrnment if a community housing program was put into effect in one of the our interior Br. Col. valleys where ther is suitable l land and sufficent acreage whereby the Japanese could to some extent maintain themselves, and further at the end of hostilities this project could be put to some adventageous use in connection with returned men.

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July 16, 1942 Eastwood to Desbarats, Tyrwhitt, Rose, and McGachan

Commission is "tentatively" recognizing 3 Jpz groups "for the reason that it will serve our purpose best" they have been given no powers and are merely recognized "when it suits our purpose to gather groups to go to certain places.

1. National Group composed og Shiemtaka Sasaki, and Shigeru (Frank) Shiraichi. address the Nippon Club and are looking after the Hope Fouteen Mile evacuation plan.
2. Mass Evacuation group telephome number HA 3750 S. Uchibori,
3. JCCC Group. Eiji Yatabe - Slocan (Kaslo) -

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Add MSS 6
Francis Duncan
Papers:
- freelance writer based on B.C.
- anti-Jew.
- born 31/7/1890
- Vol 2, 3 contain correspondence re Jews in BC 1938-1943 ca.

H.D. Wilson papers.
Add MSS 12.
- ante O'Sullivan 1938-1942 (+ his Sunday School exercise books)
- Born 1905 son of Rev Geo H Wilson (Anglican)
- elected Ald 1934 @ 29 yrs.
Joins Can Army 1940 cont to serve as Ald → 1942
sent to Britain → Croix de Guerre for service in France after D Day
- retired off & on until 1972.
- on microfilm too

Source: Nikkei National Museum, 2018-16-1-72-3a
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Royal L.
Maitland Cons
- born Ingersoll Ont 9/1/89
- to bar 1913
- to pol 1924
- elected 1928 → cabinet
of Tolmie → 1933
- selected 1937 → leader
of the Opposition
- Dec 1941, formed
Coalition Govt ē John
Hart - died in office
28/3/46.

Vol III - Corres re Hart's
coalition
- Attorney Gen papers.
1941-1946.

Add MSS 10.
McClung Vol 5/2.
'Send the Scapegoat -
the Jpz Cons.

Add MSS. 9.
~~To~~ Gerald Grattan McGeer
- born Wpeg Man 6/1/88
- ed in Van - Dead class?
& attended Dalhousie
- called to bar 1915 - KC 1922
- elected M.L.A. 1933 Van Burrard
→ went federal in 1935
elected 1940

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File 20 George Collins, Commissioner, B.C.S.C. 1942 - 1944

E.L. Boultbee General Manager Interior Housing to Collins
New Denver 10-8-43 Re Lemon Creek

Speaks of meetnig with the Lemon Creek Japanese Committee headed by Mr. T. Watanabe with a petition (which the context suggests urges the replacement of Mr. Burns as Superintendent)
Notes a definte shortage in school accomodation in Lemon Creek "but this whole question of schools is, I think, defeating the purpose of getting these people out of these towns. Had we not set up school facilities we now have I am quite certain many of these families would have gone elsewhere where school facilities are available. Every move we make to improve these facilities makes it just that much tougher on the Supervisor in getting these families moved elsewhere." Sees the Summer School as keeping 140 men and women in the camps who might relocate elsewhere, and keeps their families there.

August 20 43 Boultbee to Collins

Talks of School situation. says the inmates are willing to supply the labour to build more school buildings if the Commission will supply the materials "However I feel that we should not provide any further facilities but make them get along with what they have."
Notes overcrowding at Lemon Creek which he feels could be relieved if 25 or 30 families moved out, some to New Denver.

Comments that he always thatough that the Canadian born should be brought under the selective service

W.A. Eastwood to Geo Collins 17-8-43(Eastwood in Vanoouver)

Refers to a letter from Mr. MacNamara regarding "Reallocation of Japanese" feels placements will be very few until early next year. Prairies and beetsat a standstill til spring
Has over 100 applicants awaiting placement in S.W. Ont and Quebec. Thinks Toronto placement office isn't finding jobs for Japanese Canadians fast enough mentions a quota of 100 persons per month.

Letter carbon from "alex" (I think from Eastwood) to Geo Collins 18-9-43
Tom Moryson to succeed Loughheed at Kaslo

1943. Carbon to Collins unsigned (seems same typewriter and style of other Eastwood letters.)
Talks of recommendations by MacNamara in Sept 10 letter to cut married men with less than 5 children and ~~single men~~

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off maintenance and single men off firewood to get them moving east and suggestion that those who don't cooperate with selective service placement will suffer same fines as Caucasians and Japanse who left their jobs and returned to interior housing should be sent to Alternative Service Camps (those used to keep conscientious objectors). The latter suggestion by Mr McKinstry (In Van apparently connected with Labour)

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File 45 Ian Mackenzie

contains the telegramps and orders in council drafts between commission in Ian Mackenzie

Telegram Mackenzie to Austin Taylor 5-3-42

1942

"suggest that BC Securtiy commission take complete responsibility and act in the premises as you see fit remembering that first consideration is the security of our people on the coast and public clamour outside the protected areas should be a secondary consideration. Personally consider that press should not interfere by way of over publicizing by pictures or otherwise conditions of evacuees which must be somewhat difficult for a little while." (X - RG27 Vol 174)

Taylor Victory Loan Provincial Chairman, National War Finance Committee in charge of the Wartime Merchant Shipping Ltd. C.D.C. file 50 gives his adress as Home Oil Distributors.

Vol 2 file 40 A MacNamara deals largely partly with the queston of beet workers in Alta and Man with emphasis on the former. the letters are between MacNamara and Geo Collling and date in July and August 1943 discussing the postion of Japanese Canadian labour which fells (Pg2 August 21, 1943 "that they left the Defense area under persuasion but without compulsion, and should be at liberty to negotiate their own contracts so long as they remain in agriculture, with the privilege of accepting other employment in the off-seasons."

1943

worries about the "active aggressive growers' association" and the possibility of Japanese labour being displaced by P.O.W. labour.

Vol.2 file 53 Detention and internment

Copy of official letters interning lists of individuals with offical form as follows

I, the Minister of Justice of Canada, being satisfied that with a view to preventing
.... list of names....
all of British Columbia and at present held in the Immigration Station at Vancouver, from acting in any manner prejudicial to the public safety or the safety of the State it is necessary so to do, HEREBY ORDER AND DIRECT that the above named persons be detainedin internment camps provided for the internment of prisoners of war under the

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File 20 George Collins

Letter 22/9/43 unsigned carbon to Geo Collins

Re Japanese Canddian resettlement

To promote resettlement proposed

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same conditions as are prisoners of war held in such internment camps.

(Sgd,) Louis St. Laurent
Minister of Justice

(but double spaced)

file alos contains reportson men interned. Most for refusing to bevacuate or for teansgression of regulations such as 3 Nisei who hitchhiked from their road camp to Kaslo to see their parents on a Sunday without a pass. Interned as an example. One man refused to go as the order had his name but someone else's number ~~xxx~~ v ~~Mxxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~ to Austin Taylor

August 5, 1942 F.J. Mead agerees with Austin Taylor's suggestion that those who disobey the commissions orders should be held in the Immigraion shed in Vanvouver

refers to a Sun editorial "Although I have very kittle resoect for what newspapers have to say I think that Roy Brown has come pretty near the truth in this case" ???

refers to protests to locating Japanese in Kaslo-Slocan district. "The whole trouble is that all the provinces in Canada would like to make their particular province a protected area as far as the Japanese are concerned".

Taylor has ordered disobedient evacuees interned as he feels the Japanese are dictating to the Commission. F.J. Mead to Officer Commanding, "E" Division, R.C.M.P. Vancouver.

~~Shirras to Mead August 4, 1942~~

Refers to the July 1, meeting notes that it was agreed that no further action should be taken on the defauter issue, ~~x~~ and agreed assuming that there would be no further refusals to obey orders. Claims subsequent refusals have invalidated that promise and that "The Japanese have shown and are today ~~showing~~ taking a very dictatorial attitude. In my opinion, our sympathy and consideration has been taken by the Japaese as a sigh of weakness and by their general conduct throughout satisfy me that the time has come when we must take a firm stand and make these people realize that our very nation is in peril and their implicit obedience to the Commission's orders must be maintained to the letter."

complains that "these Japanese are not appreciative".

~~The Japanes are~~

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NMEG July 1 meeting

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"The Japanese are a cunning and intelligent race and from their a actions (at least some of them) they are taking a very passive stubborn stand and making it very difficult for the Commision and the views of the Press and x general public are not helping the situation."

Eadtwood memo to Shirras August 3, 1942
claims he does not favour releasing the interneses beforethe completiong of the evacuation program. Claims that it would "weaken our position" "The Japanese mind does not look on this forgiving spirit in the same light as we do. The Japanese look upon ir a weakness and we lose catually on two counts by so doing. First we lose the respect of the Japanese. Secondly it makes it just a little harder to makr them work into our program."

Credits Tanaka (Charlie fro context) with remarking "Well, You have removed the fear of internment and you have no teeth in your evacuation prcedure" in a mmeetting "the other day"

J Fripps D/Inspector "E" Division to Cmr. Mear, B.C.S.C. reprts that 44 Cadn born and natiized Japanese Canadians surrendered for internment on May 28th 1942 "stating they refused to leave the protected area under any circumstances"

3 Jpz Nats placed in custody in immig shed May 27 for failure to leave the Protected Area when ordered to do so.

reports May 28th that 27 more British Subjects of Japneese origins in immig shed for refusal to leave the protected area (presumably May 27th)
May 26 13 Japanese nationals in custody in immig shed (report May 27th)
May 26th report ; Over the weekend 11 more British Subjects of Japanes racial rogin apprehended for failure to leave the Protected area when rodered to do so.
May 23rd report: 9 Nat and C.B. J.~~s~~ placed in Immig detention building for failing to leave
May 23 letter Fripps to mead report 46 Cdns of Japanese orgin in Immigration shed.
R. prot May 22 - 13 more Nisei apprehended May 21 8 Nisei apprehended
May 19 - 5 Nisei apprehend ed (hill to mead)
May 19 Fripps to Mead - 7 Nisei apprehended "last night"
May 13 Hill to Mead 6 more Nisei ~~xx~~ apprehended
May 13, 1942 26 more Candn of Japanese racial origin have been placedin custody of te immigation building (Includes Fred Nishikawa)

Date?

Hill to ~~xxxx~~ Taylor re internment of Cdn born and Naturalized 106 such indivdaul in immig shed, with 24 being placed in custody in building "last night" approx 300 delinquents still at large immig building can only hold 50 more ~~xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~ Hill notes that internemt of disobeying the commissions order is "is not in order, for disobedience to the Commission's order to evacuate does not constitute menace to the security of the State".

Source: Nikkei National Museum, 2018-16-1-72-4-4
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Hill to B.C. S.C. May 8, 1942. re Nisei Mass Evacu Group says that he has endeavoured to secure evidence against the leaders of this grup and "from Secret Agents and other confidential Japanese contacts" recommeds the internment of 21 persons which include

Bunji Hisaoka
Kunio Shimizu
Rev Kosaburo Shimizu
Rev Yoshimura Akagawa
Mitsujiro Noguchi
Reuichi Yoshida
Yoriki Iwasaki

May 5, 1942 Mead to Officer Commanding R.C.M.P. expresses opinion that British Japanese should be detained but not interned Feels same about Japnese nationsl who refused to obey-

April 28, 1942 C.H..Hill to Commr R.C.M.P. Ottawa
Reports that On april 25 a meeting of C.B. and Nat J.C. resulted in al "large number " of Nisei deciding to intern selfs rather than go out of protected area as required.
Informed they could not be interned after appearing at Immig shed mead instructed that they be interned when individually they refused to cooperate and demanded internment (80 On yhe list attached.)

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File 127 Self Supporting Families - General 1942-1943

W.A MacBrayne 's reports of self support indicated that the first summer was spent putting in gardens and building addtions onto the houses. Ideleness among the young the principle problem. Gave woork tarvel permits whereever possible to permit them to take employment. No squawks locally although forestry officials threw some loggers out of the woods. emphasizes contentment if the perple in these centers a;sp lining their houses with paper to winterize them and cutting firewood for winter.
Winter water problems at Lillooet as Faraser drops too low and water must be hauled.by truck.

April 1943 discontent at Bridge River with little employment and resentment against Nishiguchi's solitary running of the camp seems that jobs must go through the Japanese Committee ther to the displeasure of the young. Friction over issue of electrictity bills.

1943 reports indicate Morii's influence in Bridge River and Minto especially with Japanese Cammittees of older men. If serious problems arise the super sends for Morii living at Minto and he goes to Bridge River and straightens everything out Talks of old Japan ese customs the older people try to keep up like the treating of daughters-in-law like bond slaves.

2 sections in Lillooett
Minto has full employment in 1943
running smoothly under Morii

Source: Nikkei National Museum, 2018-16-1-72-4-5
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Plans to move J's and C.B. worked out before announcement 25/2/42 see Vol 174 for details

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RG 27 (Labour) Vol 174 Japanese Situation in Canada - General File 614.02:11-1 Vol 1.

I.A.M. dictated but not sent to Bryce M.a Stewart 23-1-42

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para 5. "My further understanding was also that all able bodied Canadian nationals would have to be moved, but that first they should be given the opportunity to volunteer in the Civilian Corps.

Memo of meeting on persons of Japanese orgin held in the Board Room of the Labour Dept January 23, 1942 attended by Stewart, Keenlyside, Whitmore, (fisheries), Mead, Cooper of labour and MacNamara and Mitchell of unemployment

Agreed to compell all Jpz nationals to vacate area by April 1, 1942.

Memo of conference 21, Jan 42 in Mitchell's (Humpfrey's) office in Labour dept refers to "Probelsm af Policy"
"Presumably there is no legal authority for requiring the second gorup (cdn nationals of Jpz ancestry) to move and the Minister may be under a very serious misapprehension when he says that all Japanes would be treated alike."

id cards white for C.B. pink for Nat and buff for J.N.

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ghost towns NB

Mitchell to I.A.M. Feb 27 42 with ref to a letter re Jpz accomodation notes that "Mr. MacNamara has already arranged for enquires to be made in regard to the possibility of making use of the buildings at Greenwood or Moyie and has sent a man in to have a look at them."

Shimek , J.B. of Mission spoke in favour of the Japanes as loyal at Jan 29th session of the B.C. friut Growers Assoc Annual Cinvention, Vernon B.C. Urged the growers to use Jpz labour and suggested that they could always have the govt make provisions that would prevent the Jpz settling permanently
resolved to request "alien labour" Report of J.F. Heap to Department of Laoubr , no date

Police advise voluntary movement Japanese dimishing and Jpz advisors favour selection men by name with internment if they decline accept present offer employment stop This necessitates langer advance notice for shipment as men must be notified individually by mail stop suggest public works give five or six days notice of date parties can be accepted stop movement last night completed movement for tonight proceeding satisfactorily. Jas H. McVety Vancouver 24-2-42

I.A.M. 23-2-42 to Mitchell, lists the 5 projects suggested in the priority of the B.C. road constructions "They also tell me that it is not the intention to have the Japanese engaged on more than one project at one time. As, in my opinion, we will

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IAM – dictated but not sent to Bryce M. Stewart

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have to move between 6,000 and 7,000 Japanese who are able-bodied, I strongly recommend that construction proceed on at least the first three concurrently and the provincial government will cooperate in setting up the necessary cmmps for accomodation of the Japanese.

This would be more popular in British Columbia, I know, than having them all limited to one project."

NB Ghost Towns

File 614.02:11-1 Vol 3

March 31, 1942 Macnamara to I.AM Order in Council authorizing the ghosttowns being used is being drafted. estimated cost $75,000.

March 28 Lyall Hodgins Chman Madical Advisor Committee B.C.S.C. recommends that "as many women and children as possible" be accomodated in the Interior at Slocan City, Kaslo, Sandon, and Greenwood, as "Hastongs Park Camp will not accomodate all women and children of the Japanese races and in any event, they will be much better off in these Interior towns with their own Doctors and Nurses."

Taylor offically request the authorization to use these towns on March 29, 1942 Taylor to MacNamara 29-3-42 NB Pics of the buidings in the towns in these files.

MacNamara to I.AMA mar 26,1942 Pregress report plan "under consideration" to use "ghost-towns" to accomodate 5000 women adn children 1600 men, women and children in Hastings Park at present "Accomodation for a total of 8000 will be provided in a few days"

Interior Housing scheme proposed to Mitchell in memo from MacNamara 24-3-42

Archbishop Duke , W.M., of Vancouver to I.A.M. 3-3-42 requesting that Catholic families be located someplace the priest and sisters might follow them. Suggests Grand Forls as the area is largely populated by Douhobours "and there might not be any objection on their part if entry of some of the Hapapnese people were made there."

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Taylor to Macmamara 29-4-42

Relief Jpz Welfare

reports Jpz communitee has formed a relief organization funded by Spanish Vice Consul using money form Japn for the relief of families of Japanese detained by order of the commission Committee composed of Vice Consul, Rev W.R. McWillaim and B. Hisaoka Chrman Naturalized Japanese Assoc. Some families reject relief form govet though comm has indicated willingness of provide for the needy. "greater majority of those detained Canadian born"

Source: Nikkei National Museum, 2018-16-1-72-5-2
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file 614.02:II-1, Vol 5 Taylor to MacNamara June 9/42

Space in internement camps at a premium in June 1942. Nax More not availabel until June 17th Cdn born will not go to Ontario as it means a separation from their paxaxix families They say they would rather be interned.
As of June 1st. 2635 in H.P.; 2159 in road camps; 1787 in Interior housing; 3155 in sugar beets, 2053 in Alta, 920 in Man, and 162 in Ont; Supervised Employment 862; Self-Support 809; 18 homeless children to Sask and 50 to Ont logging Co. Memo June 9, 1942 undigned.

file 614 02:11-1 Vol 7
Contains the minutes of a mmeting in Mitchell's office July 21, 1942 of all B.C.M.P.'s
All the usxual statements are made inclusing the suggestion that all Jpz should be shipped back to Japn after the war is over, Neill and Mackenzie especially endorsing this idea. TJ O'Neill expresses the opinion that the Jpz women are the dangerous ones →

Memo July 18, 1942
As of July 9 2122 in Road Camps; 3901 in Sugarbeet - 2509 in Alya, 1021 in Man, 371 in Ont ; 3193 in In Housing, 862 Special Permits, 1048 Self Support; H.P. 2990; Industrial Projects 236; Immigration Blg 157; (moved to internment tween July 9 and 18) in Internment 496.

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June 5 1944 Geo collind Comr. to all Supervisors
Re Temporary Visits
Procedure: Applicant must request permissinn of his locsl supervisor, who will see that the request has the clearence of Selective Service, his present approval and that a return ticket is purchased. The Supervisor will forward the request to Geo Collins in Vancouver who will fill out for G-540 in triplicate returning 2 copies to the supervisor one of which he will forward to the R.C.M.P. in the area in whcih the"Japanese"is residing requesting the travel permit.

1944 Segregation

B.C.S.C. to G.E. Trueman, Super, Toronto
on arrival in the interior the "Japanese" must surrender the the return portion of his ticket to the Super of the Center when he reports to him immediately on arrival. He must also report to the R.C.M.P. at the center immediately on arrival. The Super will returrn the ticket immediately prior to departure,

Govt to pay freight on Indiviuals 500lbs
Head of Family where family already relocated 1500 Obs
Family of man and wife 1500 lbs
each additional member 150 lbs
Form G-524
April 1, 1944 signed by W.A. Eastwood.

March 16, 1944 all single males between 18 and 40 to be removed fomr Commission payrolls unless a medical cert signed "by an Occidental Doctor" declares them unfit physically.
individuals removed will not receive maintenance but be advised that employment availabel through selective service
Married older men to replace such single men.
Geo Collins to W.A. Eastwood, Mar 16, 1944

Geo Collins to A MacNamara Deputy Minister Ottawa May 8, 1944
Inquires as to the success of the "segregation of the Japanse Nationals from the Canadian Naturalized. Asks about the developments of the segregation of loyal and disloyal Japanese in the settlements. advises that the moves be made ~~before~~ in early spring before their private gardens are planted. Cautions against using compulsion to force single men to resettle. "The situation in and around the Interior Housings is tather accute due to the Doukhobour situation and I personally consider it inadvisable to cause any trouble among the Japanese while this situation exists." ??????????

MacNamara to Collins Feb 17, 1944
Refers to the atrocity stories issued in the United States. Advises that plans are ~~him~~ being ~~xxxxx~~ drawn up to sergegate the Canadian japanese from the Japanese nationals at Angler sending them to a camp in Southern Ont. "This may be an

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opportune time to take a declaration of loyalty and to segregate disloyal in yhe settlements aløso."

Geo Collins to A Macnamara Feb 3, 1944

Expresses the opinion that their are a large number of persons in the Interior Housings who would declare their loyalty to Japan "There are innumerable families who have relatives in Japanx and should they xxxxxx at this time declare their loyalty to this country they are fearful that retaliatory action may be taken against their relatives in Japan." Doesn't like theidea of potentially disloyal Japanese travelling unescorted across Canada

Dillon S. Myer Director W.R.A. to B.C.S.C. Vancouver
(Doesn't knowthe name of his counterpart)
Nov 27 1943 requests more details than given in B.CSC report "Removal of the Japanse from the Protected Areas" especially on refereence to "road blocks" and to the procedure of grantong permits for travel, also the qualtifications for those relocating to eastern Canada
Geo Collins replies Dec. 17, 1943
"It must be understood that our Relocation Centers are not in an enclosure but are located in the interior mountains of British Columbia where every advantage is taken of the natural barriers. the Centers are located in deep calleys bounded by high mountains on either side The only access to the valleys is by rail or highway and these routes follow the course of the river which flows through the valleys On each of these routes, we have erected a suitable guard house which is staffed at all times by uniformed Civilian Security Guards who are Special Constables og the R.C.M. Plolice All traffic over these routes must stop and submit to the scrutiny of the guards.
In areas where the Japanese have been permited to enter normal employment the R.C.M. Police maintain surveillance over the Japnese in the course of their regular police duties."

Collins to MacNamara Dec 18, 1943 discusses the proposed segregatio n of loyal and disloyal Japanese refering to a enclosure form the Candaian embassey in Washington on the Segregation of Loyal and disloyal in the us, Offerw his suggestions as to how the procedure might be carried out, wants it before a magistrate as feels it is the reversal of a naturalization procedure, wants it binding on all dependents of adult over 16 including wives
Refers again to the American experience when commenting that there would be "innumerable probelms" with respect to the locatino of the seg center etc.

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A Macnamara to Geo collind
Proposal contaned in Geo Collins letter of Nov 9, 1943 re some statuatory declaration of loyalty form Japanese says it"was discussed jointly with the Dept of External Afairs and the police and was considered to have merit provided the Government was prepared to follow through therefrom and remove the restrictions on the property holdings and the settlement of loyal Japanese in Canada."

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Brian Palmer

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"it was felt that no good pyrpose would be gained by asking for such a declaration in the meantime."

MacNamara's letter of 16-11-43 states that the issue of Segregation of loyal and disloyal Japanese now being discussed "by responsibl officials of the Departments concerned,,".

Collins Nov 9 letter ro MacNamara refers ro "some discussion" when he was in Ottawa to the matter of having all Japnee sign some form of lyalty declaration. Thinks that those who are working for the commision should be so required refering to evidene "obtained from a few of the intercepted leters".

W.A. Eastwood to A.E. Russell 22-10-43
disapproves of the transfer of an evacuee from Ont to Alta. "we look upon our placements in Ont and Que as more or less permanent and we still feel that therer is a possibility of Alberta placement s being only for the duration. For that reason we are more interested in sending them down to Ontario, holding them thereand encourageing them to become settled, hoping that when the war is over they will be permitted to stay. "

Lahti camp at Geraldton taking Japanese beet works from Man for winter work

H.T. Pammett to A MacNamara Memo Feb 11 1943
Suggestions for Japanese Relocation Progam

Aims include dispersoal across canada and assiliation as faras possible into normal community life in family groups productive employment in privalte industry as a means of dispersal and of maintianing morale. Treatment of Japnese on the same basis as white residents in the samecircumstances re wages.

List steps to be taken to encourage including publicity, the position in housing centers being considered temporary as training for postions in the east only, development of vocational training, commission to move family effects east, direct compulsion not to be used.

List of steps to encourage employamrnt of Japanese like pppt of placement staff, coop with selective service , ed campaign to show need for Japanese labout anf the "general peacefulness, industry and loyalty of the Japanese" attempt to get concurrence and assistance of local unions councils etc, wirtten agreement re placement ot aviod exploitation, Provincial clearigin stations etc.

Preferred placements summarized like no more than a few families in one town , year round occupations, locations whrer Japanse will not severely complete with white workers, best types in sugar beet, friuts and veg poultry greenhouses and special work invol ing operation of machines

emphsis on jobs not requireing meeting the public

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Oct 28, 1942 Eastwood to J. Tyrwhitt Memo of point for T to check while traveling thrugh the interior,

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includes advising all supervisors "of our future program in reltaion to our Interior Housing that is the program that Ottawa has for moving families our of the housing centers to the Prairie provinces and Ontario.

A H.L. MEllor Executive Asst to B.C.S.C. to Hugh Keenleyside External Affairs June 30, 1942
states that policy previously to break up families but had been changed and "we are now putting into operation a plan for re-uniting these Japnese families irrespective of whether they are Canadian born or otherwise."

NMEG. 1942.

Taylor to MacNamara May 14, 1942 and S.T. Wood Comr RCMP to Macnamara May 26, 1942 both express opinin that cars, radios and cameras should be premitted to Japanese outside the protected area as Gern amd Italian aliens are permitted them. Both see that Japnese should be treated the same as Ger and Italians

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Paul Murphy to Austin Taylor
May 15 1942

Murphy

Reports he saw Walter Turnbull , P.M.'s Secretary, and Mitchell and Norman Robertson outlining to them the scheme whereby if the Gvet would selct the localities whereby the zJps would be sent in family groups, that the Japnese would supply the labour required to build accomodations fr themselves and their families and the govet would supply the materials. Turnbull enthuisatic Robertsson suggested that "if the Commission recommeded the scheme it would be very seriously considered by the government, the the honourable Mr. Mitchell intimated to me strongly that if the commission recommended it, it would be carried out "

"You told me that you had suggested this scheme on occasions in thepast to the Govenment, and I told you that I thought they would be very receptive to the idea now....

" I understand that the qulaification to the scheme which you wish to make, is that these families must be self-supporting, and that all able-bodied Japanese who could not fit into such a self-supporting scheme would be otherwise dealt with, I suggested that if the scheme could be adopted in principle, the details could be worked out.

"I wosh to say in closing that if thisscheme could be adopted it would relieve the tension enormously in this protected area, and would very greatly accelerate the movement of the Japnse community from the area."

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Humphrey Mitchell
April 29, 1942 Mayor J.W. Cornett Vancouver, to Xxxxxxx.
Seeking assurances from the B.C.S.C. that hastings Park will not be"made a permanent depot to which Japanese from all over yhe province are being sent and that a very long time may elaspe before all of them are removed."

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file 204
Evacuation Haney District
20 family groups totaling 127 persons to Wimnipeg leaving Haney 19-5-42 and arriving wpeg 21-5-42 accompanied by R.C.M.P. Const A.R. Campbell 2/ const Report May 27,1942.

190 Japnese to Lethbridge unaccompanied by constable shipped April 28, 1942 Shirras to Wm Andrews 28-4-42

April 17 1942 M.A. Pepe,Cst, to C.I.B. accompanied 118 Japanese from Haney to Wpeg Man via C.P.R. leaving 11-4-42 arrived 13-3-42

file 205 Evacuation Mission City Area

May 8,77 Japanese to Lethbridge Shirras ro Andrews
May 4, 119 Japanese from Mission to Lethbridge
S.M. Slinn Cst to C.I.B. accompanied 172 Japanese to Picture Butte leaving 24-4-42
C.J. Keohane 2/Const to C.I.B. accompanied 116 Japanese to Winnipeg from Mission leaving 24-4-42

Andrewes requests Shirras to hold further shipments as the 172 in contingent number 6 arrived 26-4-42 have been placed but the farmers are unready. left Van April 24 for Lethbridge
Shirras to Chas Graham Apr 22, 1942 116 to Mission an this date including T. Amadatsu. returned from road camp → Wpg.
April 16, 1942 S.M. Slinn Cst. accompanied 118 Japnese to Coalhurst from mission leaving 11-4-42 arriving leth 13-4-42
Surbey for beetworkers done by Col Kemp, W.F., accompanied by rep of the Custodian

File 206 Evacuation Steveston
Shirras to andrews re 69 Japanes from steveston to Van May19
A.E Clarke to C.I.B. 73 Japnese to Leth 15-5-42
S to A 76 from stevestonon May17
at same time 356 are scheduled to go to Kaslo between May 19 and May 27th
68 ti Greenwood from Steveston May April 27th accompanied by Const A.E. Clarke to C.I.B. 2-5-42
43 ti Greenwood May 2nd Shirras to W.A. MacBrayne
Graham to Shirras confirming 121 steveston Jpz to Wimnipeg April 30, 1942
77 to greenwood May 1, 1942 Shirras to MacBrayne
65 Japanz to Greenwood 28-4-42 arriving afternoon 29-4-42 , IG Thompson to C.I.B.
69 Japz to Greenwood 27-4-42 , A.H.Wagner to C.I.B.
67 to Greenwood 25-4-42 W.T. Irvine to C.I.B.
22 families of 144 persnos to leth from Steveston 22-4-42, J. Kinghorn, Const
111 via C?N?R? to Manitoba 23-4-42 J.F. Miles

Source: Nikkei National Museum, 2018-16-1-72-6-5
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shirras to Andrews recommending Mr. Stephen Sato as a tower of strenght and help in movement . calls a member of the Japnese committee went in april 23 shipment
73 to Lethbrige S.M. Slinn 18-4-42 12 families - first shipment
145 to Leth 22-4-42 shirras to Andrews

Meeting to acquaint Japnese in Steveston with the scheme held 10 am Japanese Community Hall 12-4-42

file 208 - Evac - Van Island
August 11, 1942 A.H.L. Mellor B.C.S.C. to Comr T.W.S. Parsons B.C. Provincial Police
claims 5 women married to whites and two patients atk the mental hospital are all the Japanese left.

Japanese moved Gulf Islands to Van April 21
Victoria to Van April 22
Chemainus to Van April 21 Letters G. Bruce Burpee, General Passanger Agent, C.P., to J.H. McVety April 23-1942

Fisher, C.W. transport office to Commiisoner Mead B.C.S.C.
471 persons from Chemainus via the Princess Adelaide (a special trip)
279 persons from Sydney
125 persons from Ganges, Mayne, and Galiano Islands (Salt Spring) on the Princess Mary

R.C.M.P. Report April 24, 1942 W.J. Woods D/Sgt yo Vancouver C.I.B. gives detailmls of evacuation of Japaese and the names and particulars of those Eurasians or Japanese married to whites remaining

On 7th April survey revealed 586 Japnese residents in the Cumberland, Courtney, Royston, Deep Bay and Fanny Bay areas

Coutrney, Comox and Union Bay to be evacuatednby speial boat on April 15 totalling 586 Japanese as above Surbey on the seventh left on the 15th equals i week notice.

Chemainus shipment above was people from Duncan, Mayo, Hillcrest, abd outlying districts the Sydney shipment was the Victoria contin guent

Ship by bus to ferry points 875 people previously evacuated from Tofino, Ucluet and Alberni districts

Orphans in Orphans home remain later sent to Saskatchwan home for orphans run by the same church) ie United)

Finds 5 Japanese women married to whites
2 white women married to Japanese, one a widow the other's husband has been evacuated (Did he return? SONODA
4 Eurasian males adults
3 Eurasian female adults
1 Japanese female married to Chinese
7 underage Eurasian children
2 Japanese-Chinese children

File includes Rev Ono's letter

1 JB He was not left for further decision in this place

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W.J. Woods
~~Cx~~Hxx~~Hxx~~ to Vancouver C.I.B. 24-3-42

Japanese in Banfield and Sarita Bay, Ucluelet, Tofino and Clayoquot visited by Hill between 3rd an 6th of March to aprange for their evacuation, with Hill using Flying boats, gas boats and the R.C.M.P. crashboat to reach them. Notes considerable confusion and difficulty because of frequent changes in instructions from headquarters Logger on the Island Highway Logging Companies were notified by regular R.C.M.P. car patrol from ~~Vancouver~~ Victoria. notes plans being altered on short notice for the removal . Claims all evacuees out by Mar 19th.

Reports Mrch 21, 1942 that Banfield, Uchelet, Tofino, Clayquot, Sarita Bay, Sanmateo, Kildonan, Alberni, Port Alberni, Bainbridge, Central Lake and Spoat Lake Areas empty of Japanese (note reports entitled "Alien Enemies in Rrotected Areas (Japanese))

Telegram T. Kagetsu to Etsuji Morii 18-3-42

Your cancellation of notice from authorities regarding expense for total evacuation other instructions received monday stop today received through local provincial police verbal instructions of move on or by Friday twentieth with own expenses stop please confirm this immediately stop for a reference total population here seventy children twenty seven women twenty three men stop Great confusion feared appreciate if special facilities for transportation will be arranged for us

SMAFU

Note by C.H. Hill Asst Comr "E" Division on end of Woods 21-3-42 report notes that the B.C. police did not here forem the R.C.M.P. as they should when the Japanese heard from their committee and the B.C. police do not recognize the channel of the Japanese committee.

21/3/42

J.A.J. Illington Cpl to Officer Commanding R.C.M.P. Van reports that the agitators againtthe Japanse in Vernon are presening a minority opinion and that the buk of the groweres want Japanese labour.

File 213 RCMP BC Police Reports

C.A.G. Bitcher, Sgt., New Denver, to Commanding Officer, "E" Division Vancouver 9-12-43

Perry Siding (Lemon Creek)	1656
Slocan City	2695
New Denver	1793
Kaslo	855
Sandon	743
	7742

W.J. Burnin, Cpl, Grand Forks detachment to "E" division Hq 4-12-42

Grand forks 357 Midway 11 Carmi 17

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Japanese being transfered from Angler to Tashme and from Fort William to xxxxx New Denver accompanied by R.C.M.P. guard and lodged during stopovers in jails at Lethbridge and Nelson Send to Joy also note that at least one case of T B. was found among the volunteers to the Schreiber camps. are you going to have your father go as gallantly to Schrieber as Muriels brother did; ie distaining bus to the station because of the guards and then striding through to the train with his head held high?? Note also that having Joy and her sibling live and move with the aunt is entirely possible as the family units are defined by the Welfare administration not xxx legally. You might delay his departute to Japan until one of the Summer of 1946 shipments as the courts ruled in February 1946 that his declaration was not binding on his children or wife. The question of whether you would go would be a good way to show conern over the issue and allow comments from "Muriel" on the whole issue.

NB

New Denver 13-9-43
W, Grennan to Officer commanding RCMP Vancouver "E" division

The situation throughout the area can be considered good. Some minor differences between Japanese wokrers previously evident in at certain camps and work projects has receded to a more placid level and no disagreement is evident at present. The desired movement east is sluggish, and in four cases where young male Japanese were handed wxxxx travel permits for transfer to previously arranged jobs in the Province of Ontario, direct refusals to leave were received. This largely attributed to parental influence and domination, as each though more or less reluctant to accept in the first instance, rapidly changed their attitudes to refusals after the usual visits home.

8 xxx from Slocan and 15 for Greenwood-grand Forks join contingent awaiting repatiration on Gripsholm in Winnipeg.

perry siding(LC)	1757
Slocan City	2702
New Denver	1713
Kaslo	849
Sandon	788
Greenwood	1184
Grand Forks	390
	9383

August 9 - 42 W. Grennan to R.C.M.P. Van
disputes
reports xxxxxxxxxx anog Jpz workers due to differences between then and a white foreman who was dismissed jpz had struck 3 fined for illegal fishing all at Slocan City Notes visit of selected white and Japnese teachers to New Denver interpretas and "some steps forward"in the"educational pursuits"

Miners at Kootenmay Florence Mine strike when Manager hires 8 Japanese as temporary workers.
Ainsworth B.C. — Near Kaslo July 5/42

Source: Nikkei National Museum, 2018-16-1-72-6-8
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J.K.Barnes Sgt Inrelligence Sectuionxx "E" Divisiqn

April 8, 1943

In a previous report under this heading ("Japanese situation in Br. Col.") I mentioned that there was a feeling of discontent amongst the Japanese due to the fact that their property was to be sold by the custodian and that the monies realized from such sales would not be given to the Japanese concerned.

This particular topic has apparently been the subject of much discussion amongst the Japanese and I note in the issue of the "New Canadian" dated April 3, 1943, considerable space devoted to this question. At Kaslo under the auspices of the "New Canadian", there has been set up what has been called a temporary committee to represent "Amalgamated Evacuee Property Owners' Association". This organization is urging all property owners to communitcate with them with a view to petitioning the Federal Government in re respect to the proposed xxxxxxx sale,of property. It appears that this newly formed organization has already secured some legal opinion on the matter and the "New Canadaian" states that the legal xxxxxxx opinion has been expressed that the intention of the Federal governemtn to proceed with arbitrary liquidation of Japnese property is beyond the legal powere of the government even as a war measure. The logical conclusion one may draw for the formation of this organization, in view of this legal opinion, is that they will endeavour to take some steps to secure an injunction to prevent the sale of such properties, Recognizing that the expense of such litigati n might be heavy, the assoiation newly formed and mentioned herein eill undoubtedly soon be appealing to all Japaese for funds.

Property 1943.

... ~~I am confidentially informed~~ These two Japanese (Kimura and Yamaga), I am confidentially informed, do not wish to serve in such capacities (on the property committeess of the govt) possibly realizing the difficulties which such positions will place them in, in the eyes of their own people. I do not believe they have officially mentioned their reluctance to serve in these capacities but it is anticipated that in due course some excuse will be found whereby they might resign.

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Although the Custodian's representative here has endeavoured to point out to the Japanese that their property will not be sacrificed and that the Japnese owner will be credited with the monies realized for such sale and that these monies will be made available to the Japnese owners in such amounts as he may require, in cooperation with the B.C. security Commission, the Jap eses remain quite suspicious of the entire transaction nd it has provoled a very strong reaction.

April 9, 1943

Reports a telegram from Tom Shoyama of the New Canadian to from Norris and MacKennan of 602 West Hastings St. Vancouver giving the costs of appeals to B.C. supreme cout, court of appeals

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and Canada Supreme Court (Total $6,500) "Good change success respecting property Nisies or naturalised persons and fair chance success respecting nationals stop constitutional issue is complicated and impossible give final opinion without considerable study of authorities and research but strong argument can be advanced showing proceedings unconstitutional. sotp wirting Tanaka" (Jisaburo "Charlie" Tanaka which Barnes erroneously describes as Canadian born appt as a member of the committee to report on Japanese porblems to the Spanish Consul)

April 13, 1943

(personnel of the committee to investigate the legailty of the proposed scheme to liquidate evacuee property)

DR. K. Shimotakahara Chairman

Members:

Bunjiro Uyeda Takayuki Abe	formerly Vancouver
Z Inouye S Sato S Miyazaki	formerly New Westminister
K Naruse M Kuba R Hayashi	formerly Steveston
Y Nakagawa B Ohashi S Sasaki	formerly New Westminister
M Suzuki	formerly Marpole
T. Hidaka	formerly Maple Ridge
G, Baba	formerly North Arm

committee making a list of Japnese owners and ascertaining whether they wish to sell and is seeking funds for possible legal action.

Notes support messages being forwarded from Jaanese in other parts of the country

Quotes N.CDN editorial (last straw ed) called Another Blow to Faith April 10, 1943

March 12, 1943 C.N. Kirk, S/Insp

Perry Siding (LC)	1805
Slocan City	2914
New Denver	1701
Kaslo	966
Sandon	928
Greenwood	1212
Grandforks	399
	9925

Source: Nikkei National Museum, 2018-16-1-72-6-10
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J.S. Connors Const C.I.B. Lethbridge
18-7-44

Alta

Japanese want censorship dropped in Southern Alta as letters written in English are delayed 8 days when destined for a point only 20 miles away.

Japanese concerned over their future in Alta due to attitude of theLethbridge City Council . Well accepted in smaller communities but afraid that Leth's attitude wil affect those communities, Ald Ed. Castles intros resolution to Leth City Conncil for introduction to the Union of Alta Municpalities annual convention in Calagry citing Ian Mackenzie's stance fe return of Japanese to B.C. and stating that they are opposed to them as permanent residents of Alta. intor and passed at leth "recently"

Reverand E.L. Gavin made radio address June 25th chastizing Leth city council for not practicing the golden rule and telling of the treatment of Japnese in Canada

Picture Butte Town Council anxious to remove all Japnese from the town but no developments as yet.

Lists where and how many Japnese employed in various industries Notes ed still a problem with the Raymond school board. Japnese paying lump sum of$1400 rather than individual fees.
Shinwa - kai want reporting arrangement for aliend changed as Sat PM is bad for getting into Raymond to report.esp in beetwork season.

J D Bird Supt "K" division Edmonton advises B.C.S.C. that he will suggest a reporting of Japaese enemy aliens only once every three months to the Registrar of General of Enemy Aliens. 22-7-44

1944 NB Resettle steps

New Den 6-4-44 All Japnese single men discharged frm the B.C.S.C. "which has caused much discussion throughout the area" those affected anxious to relocate "A former B.B. Sec Com employee (Fredd Aydon) has been apted by the Selective Service to act as liaison officer between the selective service and the Commission His hq are at Nelson working Japz camps from that point.

Perry Siding (LC)	1640
Slocan City	2576
New Denver	1805
Kaslo	851
Sandon	746
	7618

Dec 5-44 E. Erickson New Denver

perry Sidin	1690	
Slocan city	2599	
New Denever	1998	
Kaslo	764	
Sandon closed Sept 44		totoal 7051

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27-5-45 C.I.B. Intell Lethbridge J.S.Connors

high-school fees of $7.00 permonth abolished by School Board of District No 7
only Magrath, Raymong and Welling still paying fees will be pressing for abolition
no reaction among ~~taxpayers~~ Growers although some feel board should have asked taxpayers Scattered opinion that should not ed children of an alien race when farmers children don't go to high schol in order to work the land in the war emergency
satisfied with 1945 contracts no discussion within the minority on the topic growere say with high school fees settled and satisfaction with contracts the Jpz "have nothing left to beef about" and are specualting on which new consession the Japse will start agitating for.
Repatriation the topic of discussion among Japanes é ~~The~~ the "Japanese Committees have addoptéd the dattitude that itis a matter for the individual and not one for any representative body of Japnese to give any advice upon. Beet workers committee advissing general membership to take their time to think the matter over and not to rush to sign up for repatriation. Repoorts S. Sakumoto of the Shogo Enzo Kai urging general membership to remain in canada Agitiation to remove D.C. Archibald as local placement officer has died after T. Sada leader of the Shinwa-kai (Raymend Beet workers) got his permit for Hamiliton.
Went to Japs Committe with problem od girls as domestics in Leth who contacted the girls thrugh Miss Bartling to warn that if they continued to work the matter woulf be refered to R.C.M.P. and they cou,d be prosecuted for ~~working~~ moving wothout a permit Girls considered a bluff at first now feel the B.C.S.C. means business Jpz Committee cooperated in removal but will not accpt responsibility for keep ing girls out "the purpose of outr committee is to co-operate ~~particularly in matters which is to our~~ with the B.C.S.C. in handling our problems and since it seems that the comm could not handle the situation our cooperation was necessary and we are anxious to co-operate ~~especially~~ particularly in matters which is to our benefit, which is only natural, but to accept the onus of keeping the Japese our of Lethbrisge would be a step in the wrong direction and against our desire to obtain rhe privilédges of the average citizen. The commission has ~~not~~ been fair in not a taking legal action against the girls without warning, Some of the Committee men are still sore over" Leth paper reoprts that the commurge the firls to wrk there "when the whole attitude of the Committees was one of "hands offthe delicate situation, most likely it will work out itself and in the meantime the best polivy for us is to do nothing one way of the other.""

Southern Alta Youth Council formed Leth May 12 in the Y.M.CMAM conference in Leth on April 28th had decided to ask for delegates for all youth groups Bud and ~~Xtian~~ Christian to May 12 meeting. no Bud's appeared and only 13 delgates came, New org therefore entirely Xtan and formed a temp Committee to electe reg officers later. Ist program to ed Jpz an undesireablility of repat and to corres with Cdn Japz youth groups across Cda for an exchange of ideas.

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In the Leth Northern District a move by the Shogo Enzo Kai to for a Federation of Japnse youth groups both xtan and bud "The Jpz Com of the leth Noth Dist contends the Youth Council is a religous group and therefore can't hold youth together sees the move as a means to have indirect control of youth clubs and to form a federation before the Christian churchsa gain control of the Jpz youth movement. meeting to form Fed in Iron Springs Hall May 13 sponsoured by Shogo Enco Kai 150 attended Sakumoto temp chair , delegates from Picture Buttex young Mens and Young Women's Clubs, the Turin Youth Club, the Iron Springs Youth Club, the Diamond City Youth Club and the Chinook Club sonosoured by the United Church. have total membership 240 . Dis agreement re use of English for the meeting, Xtan wanted only English Bud wanted mainly Jpz whole oonference in Japz reaching a compromise to use English "when ever possible" Fed called "Japnese Canadain Youth Federatin of Northern Leth" nonreligoud to org for pormotion of friendship between Japnese youth and other Canadians, to cultivate mind and body in order to contribute towards the advancement of society. espect to meet once a month Shinwa-kai at Raymond expected to sponsour similar Feb in Southern Disrict sith view to joining forces with the Nothern group.

12 indiviudlas formed "jishu dan" (self study) group at Iron Springs middle aged to study ec and social condits as they affect Jpz. Nishimoto Pres Inaba Sec; Sakumoto lecture on soc and ec relations and labour, S. Aoki on Jpz arts and sci as conpared to foreign arts, Kosaka on mechanics, modern machinery

George Higa reports that Japnese peolpe in Alta are hostile to him after his callup (permanent Alta resident) becuase they think he is to fight Japan. "We are practically outcasts. They don't mind my brother overseas because he was fighting Germany but they are sure against any Japanese boys joining up to fight Japan" about did not get written notice to join but a phone call from Capt Yule of Calgary which he tookas an order the local Japanese think he was inducted throughthe Mobilization Board.

Reports that members of the Doshi kai (Buddhist Farmers Assoc of Coaldale) offered to take care of Higa's wife and family if he would go to jail rather than serbe against Japan. Higa and father very angry at the suggestion by Jpz form the district who have been their friends for over 20 years . Informed them they could look after their own family and Geo Higa Sr. has stated that he will resign for all Jpz organizations in view of their attitude toward his son. Son will give no names as feels will only increase the bitterness runour has it that 200 Jpaz for ont and man have joined forces and notes that Higa only Alta volnunteer besides 5 in army before Pearl Harbour. Blames on attitude of the older Jpz.

Source: Nikkei National Museum, 2018-16-1-72-6-13
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W.C. Turner Const Intelligence Section C.I.B. Vancouver
May 21, 1945

Van Board of Trade on May 18 reports that Rm 215 Yorkshire Bldg being use "in connection with matters dealing with Japanese" and requested knowledge of it from Mr. Pickersgill
Investigation shows room is the hq of the "Japanese Repatriation League" incorp under the societies act of 1928 and first called the "White Canada League", "the latter name being changed to the 'Japanese Repatriation League' owing to the fact that China is a member of the United Nations. This is a non-partisan league with only one objectixx in view - the total repatriation of all Japnese from Canada. Petitions have been sent out to every mayor and reeve in British Columbia. The League will also make use of station C.K.N.W. New Westminster and it is further desirous of publishing a newspaper of it sown to further the sause of Japanese repatriatin." Reports the league as busy soliciting funds

B.of Trade found out from two prominent Businesses who had been approached for donations and who wished to find out if it was bona fide.

Members JRL
President:
Capt. A.F. Scott , Sea Captain believed to be a member of Fidelity Insurance Co. of Canada 850 West Hastings St.
Vice Pres: V.H. Johnson, retired newspaper xman
Secretary: S.W. Mulholland

Advisory Board:
Mayor F.J. Hume of Hume and Rumble Ltd, Vancouver,(ex-mayor of New Westmxinster)
A.W. Neill, M.P.
The Hon. Ian Mackenzie
Capt Louis Howard (President of the Army and Navy Veterans)

Source: Nikkei National Museum, 2018-16-1-72-6-14
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looking after Slocan
3 J.C.C.C. Telphone PA 6429 E Yatabe. Also working on the Slocan project.
the last two working closely together but have given each a job to do "and they seem to keep out of trouble by having responsibility. They are aware of the limite of their responsibilites Call any of these groups for assistance in securing workmen for the projects they are assigned to.

August 19 Eastwood to DesBrisay
movinf married men from Revelstoke-Sicamous Road Camps
moving males into park from the city. The first movement will be of nationals folled later by the Cdn-born and natized, The single men "in all cases to go to Road Camps and the married men to Construction camps".
closing the Valley starting with Pitt Meadows.

Swing crews requested for fruit districts by MacNamara ro Taylor August 24, 1942

Eastwood to Harper Sept 2 1942
Requests anotice for ~~passing~~ distribution to all Joz in B.C. Alta Man and Onr telling them the fullmeaning of the permit by which tey ~~were~~ were evacuated on the penalty imposed for leaving their locations without permission. "It should also state that the Jpz are prohibited from forming Societies or organizations of any description".
Memo of
Conference re Japanese Labour Problems Sept 10, 1942
attended by Commissions Alta rep Beet Growers rep and Alta Sugar Col rep for Raymond and for Pic Butte.

set out adequate housing 300-400 cubic feet per worker supplied by farmer if proportion of non-workers unduly high commission responsible for materials for extra space. Japz for construction

"80% present housing estimated satisfactory during winter, 15% soom to be made so an farmers on initiative 5% to be remedied by pressure on farmer or moving family.

families may trade work co-operatively among farmers in their own district on temporary transfers
transfers due to natural disaster to be reported to Commission first. returning them to original home for winter for nect springs work "the proportion of noneworkers per family eas larger than anticipated in the spring, running abour 35% non-workers. The expenditures on expense foods, and some non-essentialls, was in a number of cases above normal, and very much higher than similar Europeans". ~~W.A Eastwood to A. MacNamara~~

W.A Eastwood to A. MacNamara 16-9-42

reports from Jpz now located in Chatham area are not very favourable. and that beet growers will have to correct this sit immediately if they hoe to build up goodwill
"Our experience, by the way, eith these young Jpz males who are already in ~~Ont~~ and similar groups employed in road camps

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in Bri Col., have not been very satisfactory. These lads are not very seriously minded, they are only willing to work from day to day, they have no responsibility or familiesto maintain, and are more concerned with playing games and just getting by, while the older Jpz are very much more interested in their work and really do a good job, no matter where they are."

WA Eastwood to E.G. Trueman, Tornoto and G. Pipher Schreiber
Dec 1, 1942.
report on progress wood for the centers is biggest problem as equipment only allows 100 men to cut enough for daily needs

"Our present policy is to persuade all single, physically fit men between the ages of 18 and 60, including married men whose families are in Japan and widowers, who are at present in the settlements, to volunteer for outside industry such as logging camps and bush work in Ont, Alta, Man and B.C. and farm placements in these Provinces. We cannot force these men to leave the settlements under threat of internment for the reason that the Govt does not wish to place any more men in internment than is absolutely necessary. However single men now in the settlements must rpovide their own maintanance." no relief appleis to all exeept single men employed for a job for which no married man is qualified. persuasion limited as some still have money form sale of poop on evacuation and camps. Provincial govt being pressed to ammend clause prohibiting O's in crwn-granted timber limits which if one should lead to a heavy demand also men form ont speak very unfavourably about condits there and so ohters are not anxious to get stranded in Ont a long way from B.C. Unless get families moving won't have much success Booth moving domestics and sm familiy groups through Toronto.

N.B. Resettlement - pacing out single men.

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Alta

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1943 a bad year for beets due to drought. A.E. Russell Oct 16, 1943

Jpz earniggs will be higher. Jpz want higher rate tahn contracted $15.00 per acre for non-contracted beets . Jpz Comm has agreed however that contract rate will apply wherever possible to extra beet work. Beet Growers more sympathetic to allowing Jpz more freedom of movement and responsiblity in their share of the placement.
65% of housing inspected. Winterizing program not nec this year a few cases where farmers haven't acted will remove Jpz if farmers don't get houses ready by winter. Leth to continue restrictions Alta govt handles hospitaliaation etc. amministration.
getting requests from Jpz to rent land. J.N. Lister Travellin Supervisor 7-10-43

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4-2-46 Special Section Lethbridge, J.S. Connors.
A slackening of activity in Japnse circles awaitin the outcome of the court cases on repatriation expected this month collecting funds,reports $1000 in hands of M. Oga Secretary of the fund wnated $1.00 per head over 16 years and haven't received it. "Sources state that a large numgber of Japanese have told the collectors that they see no reason to contribute to the welfare of individuals who signed to leave Canada for Japan. repat committee has selected A.G.Virtue as their lawyer. have decisde to feverse decision to keep fund for legal action against Alta govet and have decided to donate it to the Totonto Comm headed by Sandwell

repat comm also discussing what action to take on the sale of theor property in B.C. Likely that the Jpz nats in Alta who are not repatriating will draw up indiviual claims to lodge with the Swiss Consul with a view to abtaining settlement once a state of war or emergency ceases to exist.
Bud'd showed a film on a Sunday to raise money for a Bud church to the ire of xtan Jpz who abjected to raising money ona Sun. Opposition tween Buds and xtans"growing continually" with xtans claiming that becoming xtan enables jpz to assimilate and live in harmony with Canadians and accuse Buds of seeking only to live in groups in small Tokyo's under old Jpz customs. Xtans accuse Buds of making $1.00 a bag profit on rice sold by the Kobaia Kumai (Coop) to finance priests salary.

Shinwa kai relelect most officers expect an inc of $5.00 per acre over the $33. last year beet growers worried about loosing Jpz through repat have been seeking info on the number of Jpz available and "have made representation"to the Dept of Labour on behalf of Jpz and to Alta govet on behalf of Jpz Comm (Beet Grower) has learned that Alta wont press to have JPz removed Jpz repats anticipate support from growers in their desire to remain in Canada.

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Jpz informed Jan 30th of amt of personal prop can take on repat.

Southern Alta Youth Council meet with Lister on Jan 31 to discuss taking a test case against the agreement tween city and dept of labour to keep Jpz out of Leth Council (leth) has sought adiveen prosecuting the girls lately . Youth council advised not to make a fuss and to keep "suvh controversial matters" out of the papers. gerenal attudes to Jpz "very good" growing support of newspapers, prominent citizens and religous orgs. Tendancy among Jpz to talk of legal steps to braak down the regulations of the Dept of Labour re movement and confinementto beet industry glad of ending od enemy alein parole certificates. resentment among nats and Nisei re restric on movement and buying land"many feel they have kept quiet long enough and it is about ime they stood up for their rights".

28-3-46

Consultative Comm on Jpz Cdns formed in Leth in March through activities of Miss D.H. Bartling United Church Missionary and by the Southern Alberta Youth Council (japanese)

Pres	Brig W.E. Huckvale
Sec	W.S. Wallace
Members	J. Tiffin
	Miss Bartling
	A?G. Virtue, K.C.
	Rev R.W. Cowan
Aternatives	W.F. LeBaron
	Mrs J. Bruce

first meeting in YMCA on 18th Mar chared by Rev H.A. Mutchmor , U.C. who made strong appeal for formation of the committee to undertake job of appealing to civil bodies on racial tolerance and givein p oublicity to the lot of th eJpz and to take up with the responsible authorities the question of the Jpz likely to be deported.
Secnd Mrch 25 in which Huckvale and Vitrue would draw up a lete r ofr all civic groups and service clubs in Leth and Church societed ~~praxexting x the x dexpartaxiexxxx~~ suggesting they pass resol utions protesting deportationand forward same to govet. Comm would not raise money but would ask Youth council for $10.00 for pastage papers etc. Bartling and Cowan to hamdle publicity Youth council distributed pampjet "Japanse Candaians" and News Bulleting of C.C.J.C. raise $201.00 for C.C.J.C. and sent a second circular letter to Jpz of S Alta.

Lister Jpz Div visist in March advising pepats to leave in Aprilwhich lead to a number of meetingsoof the Doshi Kai (of one mind) ~~thexxxxx~~(committes of repats) 5 single men and one family want to go from Raymend and 4 single men for Magrath. 59 families in Raymond doshikai headed by Rev Tsuji and 60 in Pic Butte doshikai headed by T. Isogai of the latter 9 or 10 families want to go Isogai who strngly advocated going in staying. conditiond in Japan main facotr in families changign their minds. ~~doj doshikai in Coaldale Tabe originally repat and in box by x the x x of the~~

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coldale talber have no doshikai but 45 families orignally only 10 want to go now. being admin by the Shogo Endo Kai. Expect more to chamge their mind at thelast moment.

1946 vontracts $39.00 anx acre tannage contracts at $4.00 per tom with an 8 ton guarantee. repats will take contracts unless leaving immediately as must await outcome of Privy Council appeal. Beet growers ask jpz how to get more jpz from interori jpz reluctant to call others to a province whose premier still says he will as them to be taken away. Jpz say statements keep Alta Jpz "in a constant state of uneasiness wtih no prospects of vecoming settled here." Growers decide to appeal to premier on behaldf of Jpz. 7men going to ed for this purpose Fri Mar 2[illegible] (? copy unclear) delgato-ion composedof Sugar Beet Growers, Broder Canning Co, Canadian Sugar refineries Ltd, Magrath Sugar Canning factory, and the S. Alta Veg Growers' Assos. all "vitallt interested" in Jpz labour.

magrath and welling high school student have no fees after Jan 1, 1946 only Raymond still dose causing Jpz to move out Board want $4.00 for rest of year with fees mixx maybe abolished next year. Jpz indignant. movement out of Raymond continues though writer feels is becuase conditions better re growers on contracts and conditions in Taber, Barnwell, and Coaldale.

had been imposed
Jpz allowed into beer halls as of March 15 - ban by Hotel Owners Assoc "in view of the presence of members of the Armed Forces and the liklihood of trouble arising".

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Jpz sources say delegatoon met with "responsible Ministers"but ont the premier who said the attitude of the govt (Alta) was to accept their quota of Japz but that they did not wish this to become public. Alta dosen't approve of B.C. wanting all out to other provinces. If BC. takes her shalre Alta will. concluded majority if not all will be albe to stay. Main objecgive to obtain control of land and enter business but expect to be prohibited buying until distribution question settled between provinces
Numerous have entered lease agreements for short periods to grow veg crops several have contracts with Broders for vegs large number have joined S. Alta Veg Growers Assoc veg a sideline of beet contract permanent Japse residents predict a glut of veg market in a year or two. note cooperation between neighbouring families in fulfilling beet contracts.
Buds seeking to reatin priest under deprotation order. Raymond seek help of "main Jpz committee" (presumabley Shogo Endo kai) who offer servies of Virtue and who organize a pertion sighed by prominent Raymond eitizens which was sent ot Senator Buchanan and deprtation stayed temporarily.

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accounts a Xtan Jpz version of the Bud priests' influence on them minority as Nationalist (Jpz) promoting the speaking of Japanse and the alienation of whites resulting therefrom, the promotion of the old Jpz ways and the creation of little Tokyo's rather than assimilation. ~~[illegible]~~ informant feels that "we can be assimilated, in as far as that is possible, and live in Harmony here, as soon as the old Japanese customs are dropped and that will not take place as long as Buddhist priests, of the Japansee variety, remain here."

bMasayuki Murakami seeking entry into the Carpenters' Union at Lethbridge since being granted a permit to work as a carpenter on May 29 City council worried that Murakami's permit will means that a large mnumber of Jpz will move into Leth. espe the labour members on the council. Murakami expects they will oppose him becoming a member of the Caprenters Union.

For reaction of Labour Council in Leth to Murakami see Leth Herald May 30.

17-7-46 Beetwerk progressing with new families form interior housing getting advice and help from the more experienced. expect good crop as have had lots of rain. workers settleing their own problems with farmers, and not bothering the beet committee with them . Report the farmers "very cooperative " in general and "readily adjust conditions complained of by the Jpz"

too busy to be concerned with travel restrictions etc but hopeful of some restitution because of increasing public opinion in their favour. shinwa kai at Ray principally concerned with school fees issue, Shogo Endo kai ~~[illegible]~~ with the proposed federation of Japanese groups proposed from Toronto. Budhist in Raymond blaming Xtan Jpz esp Rev Kabayama of Raymond fro the problems of their bud priest getting deportation notices.
Joz dr Shimokura moves to Raymond from Tadhme. Kudo being urged to set up a coop in Raymond but declined ~~[illegible]~~ after speaking with local MLA J. Landeryou who advised against such investments until jpz permanently settled in Alta.

S Alta Youth Counil camp at Waterton lakes throu U.C. where miss Bartling spending summer consequently in her absence no activity by Council (C.C.of Leth)
gives stat breakdown of where evacuees living and where"permanent Jpz residents" living giveing towns of permanent residence not temp employment or schooling. Permanents list only adults.

12-8-46 Connors
United Church hold meeting re taking steps to make representations to alta govet decide to corres with Jpz Christain group in Ed and to surygy evacuees re how many want to stay in Alta. Kudo to do the surveys through the Jpz Assoc. July 21

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July 23rd Japanese Main Committee meets in Leth YMCA Sakumoto in xxxxx chair

Lists reps from ea district S. Aoki, S. Kunimoto x O Nalatsuro and M Oga form Picture Butte, Sakumoto of Iron Springs, S. Naruse and S Takada rep coaldale, Sato rep taber. Raymond reps M Amemori, O Okomoto and Nakashima absent but xxxxx M. Kudo, advisor to Shinwa kai in Raymond present. afeter lengthly debate decidex to advise Toronto that they are opposed to a federation of Jpz Clubs "as this would give the anti-Japanese poliitcians an opportunity to criticize and say the Japanese were organized into one body felt xxxx a Federation of little use to Alta Jpz who must settle their own problems with the Alta govt and that a Federation with hq in Tornoto could not help them with that. The only matter in which the fed aould assist mow repat was already before Privy Council in England was the getting of citizen papers for Japanese. "illing to help other Jpanese across Canada in becoming settled "but the forming of a solid organization of all Japaeese would only make fuel for the anti-Japanese". Set forth theiur views for and against federation in a statement without firmly deciding on either . Kudo proposed a survey of all Jpz in province for stats to be presented to Alta govt in fall agreed with each district to make its own questionnaire. to include what occu pation Jpz want if remain.

"a noticeable absence of " talk about what should be done with the Japanese in the towns around Leth. "Some farmers have commented yhsy it seems that the Japaese will stay in Alberta and what is now worrying them is the knowledge that the men who work the soil eventually own the soil". Some think Jpz will eventually (in ten years) become owns with the farmers sons as the workers and opinion laughed at by other farmers. "xxxxxxxxxxx "however, this thought is fairly prevalent and could develop should the Japanese be allowed to buy land to an great extent at this time."

IKUTA x priest at at Raymond (Bud) granted a years extension as of July 21 on xxxx permit to stay. Buds greet announcemnt "with joy" Xtans note that 3 of 4 remaining Busd priests in Cada are in Alta. Rev Mitsubayashi Bud priest recently released from Angler the subject of controversy within the minority. rumpurs that he was an officer xx in the Jpz army in N. China ten years ago prevail. elder Buddhists in Coaldale want to make the xxxxxxxxx new Japanse community hall into a temple for Mitsubayashi while the youth of coaldale insist it should remain a community hall. Youth complain that they cannot follow the Jpz service and want to conduct their affairs in English "the elders who xxxx are known to hold their youth to Japanese customs through the Church regard the attitude of the youth as a break-away attempt x and are just as adamant."

H. DarlingA/A/Comm'r Commanding "K" Division Edmonton
to Comr R.C.M.P. Ottawa 3-9-46

re Jpz living outside the Lethbridge area "These people seem to be making a satisfactory living and in most cases have more

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money than the average oerson of the White Races." most are Xtans with those in Ed belonging to the Bissell Institute (U.C.)
"General public seem to be quite tolerant of the Jpz in this proviince." Agreement of Alta govemnt to letting Jpz stay would not"arose any serious public feeling - providing an equitable arrangement was made with each Province on a pppulation basis."

no orgs exclusively anti- or pro-jpz bodies. Leftists movements partial to the Jpz "the most active of these is the Edmonton Council for Canadian Unity - a Comminist inspired association."

19-9-46
Buds helping [redacted] with petition on behalf of Rev Kawamura who has received notice requiring him to perp to return to Jpn. Raymond Bud planning to reinitiate Jui Jitsu and Kendo classes in Bud Hall when beet harvest finish. public criticism of Japanese sports in the ares for over a year. Raymond pool room a labur clearing house for Jpz labour during harvest season (owner Jpaz) advise farmers of availabel Jpz.
no revival of Raymon Bmens' former intentions to releaease Jpz in their employand most employed in stores and garages are the children of permanent Alta Jpz residents. Only permanent residents buying prop in Raymond though some comment re that prop housing evacuees. Cadaina Legion in Raymond no longer antagonistic to Jpz since the return of jpz youth who served in the armed forces.

United Church Japanse Xtan Assoc meet YMCA Leth Sunday 15th Sept 50 families in Assoc - 250 head. Anglican Church Jpz & Xtan Assoc also 250 head groups coop but not a federation
discussed steps to approach Alta govt re letting evacuees stay Through Dept of Labour over-ruled in favour of a committee to present the case in ed. Kudo notes survey by Main committee not complete and foolish to go without figures. S.Aoki Pres of Main comm expected figures by Sept 21 when main comm meets at Y in Leth Xtans expect support of Dr. Geo Kato and Mr. Iwashita of Ed, leading members of U.C. assoc in ed. will lead Jpz delegation Xtan Assoc not active socially. leaders express usual objection to the retention of Buddism. see Xtanity as only way to acceptance in Cdn society.
Shinwakai delegation to meet with Raymond School Board fee high school fees between 22 and 28th of Sept. Little hope of success 50 studenta and $4.00 per month involved.

Main Jpz comm meet 22-8-46 YMCA Leth. re Kawamura petition and n furture in province. "a considerable number"applying for permits to go east when beet harvest is over. some comm members support saying too many Jpz inSAlta in area of 60 sq miles which could lead to duplicating toheir former position in B.C. once they buy land. Advisors point out things now good but what would happen if hard times return and they are forced to take cheap wages and arouse a adverse public opinin. Main Comm content to sit back on Federation question to await outcome of dispoute between the Tornot Comm

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proposing Fed and the Hamiliton Kyowa Club led by a former member of the Main Committee T. Sada.
S Alta Youth Co ncil meeting at Waterton Lake Aug 10-13 discuss Jpz pblms and federation once resolving not to join if Fed proves an Jpz Nationalistic Fed in Canada support Fed principles to work against racial prejudice and binging theposition of J?C.'s to public notice but only if Fed remians allied with Occidental Coop Comms

C.C. JC(Leth) inactive in Bartling8s absence.

demand for Jpz maids still high Templeton of Lethbridge Laundries want Jpz girls (permanent residents) for his business but they can8t enter Leth because of B.C.S.C--Leth Council agreement.

Kawamura petition had 1600 Jpz sigs and 500 Occidental sigs ~~xixxxx~~ Virtue ~~xxx~~ sent it to Ottawa. as solicitor for the Jpz.
R Connor's informant "an officer of the Coaldale Buddhist Assoc" doesn't support the continuence of Rev Mitsubayahi in Coaldale and support youth in opposition to installing him in Coaldale Hall. repeats the charges that he was a military officer and says the youth want a Cdn-born Buddhist priest.

Mitsubayashi has received notice that his permit to remain in Canada will not be extended . Local people unsure what to do as have already circulted two petitions re priests.
Picture Butte Bud buying Buddhist Hall from its owner Kepke.
to reinforce Kawamura petition.

10-12-46 J.F. MacKinnon to Officer commanding "K" Division , Ed.

notes an electinon comming up in Leth and that it is the only city in Canada still refusing Japanse entry. advises giveing permits to the girls wonking as maids in leading citizens homes and keeping the issue quiet until after the election.

19-10-46
Reports on Main Committee meeting at Y in Leth where-only 4 of the ten members made an appearence. S. Aoki ofIron Springs reproted the results of Nothern area covering approx one half of Jpz in area. 95% want to stay if aan buy land or enter business. 3% want to move east, 2% want to return to Jpn. informant expects the returns from other half of evacuees will be similar. (estimated then that 72 to Japn 108 east and 3420 stay) Majority of those who want to move east came to alta in 1946 and found the first year of beetwork hard. Shinwa-kai somewhat opposed to survey saying people xx could change their minds in six months. Some oppostionto delegation to ed among Jpz advisors who feel the move should be made by Ottawa.
Virtue has advised Jpz to await the circulation of a petition for Mitsubayashi until the circumstances of his internment are cleared up Virtue to get particulars form ottawa if possible.
Main committee disturbed by ~~xx xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~ Van article re 3500 Jpz waiting to rush back to the coast attributed to a "spokesman" in Alta. term the article pure mis-information.

Both C.C.J.C. Meet Oct 7 exec and members lited before plus A.G.

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A.G. Baalim (Wallim??) decide to tackle the Leth City Counil re anti-Jpanese treatment. approaching the labour members first Virtue to do the approadiing , [illegible] to Trades Councilexecutive , Baalim and J. Tiffin the Beet growers to arrange a delegation of Beet Growers and Trades Council reps to meet with City Council yo suggest abolishing agreement between Leth and B.C.S.C. re keeping Jpz out.

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annual Xmas meeting Southern Alta. Youth Council adrressed by Geo Tamaki of Regina working for Sask govt. Tells them its up to the Youth to contest the Att-Gen Altta's ruling that they were not permanent residents and therefore couldn't vote.
Meeting 11-1-47 YMCA Leth set up a 5 man committee to work with Leth Y.C.C. JC to ask committee to approach city council to remove restrictions on Leth . though no open oppostion for some time youth councik feel city counciland laoubr unions against them working there. Youth council composed of Mas Sunada, Kaz Iwassa, both of Raymond, Roy Oshiro and Min Takada of Coaldale and Hiro Aoki of Iron Springs.

Leth CCJC dormant while civic elections in porgress. Youth council wants them to work on Alta govt and City council.
present indications that,more will apply to move east due to Alta govt attitude.
Sojo Fujo Kai Beet workers coaldale Pres S Naruke, Y oseki,vp. sec-treas S Takada and Chaiman Y Okano

Shinwakai raymond invote reps of Welling beet workers committee magrath beet workers comm and Bukko kai farmers assoc of Raymond working toward a Beet Waorkers assoc for Raymond district including welling and magrath. has been continual bickering between these groups. New org will go under another name than Shinwa-kai infomatn state ("japanese through custon and through the trials of repatriation (sic) from the coast etc, feel more secure if they have a committee set up to meet unusual circumsrtances that arise and more-or-less so the thinking for the general membership."

Shinwakai met again with school board in Raymond and were told fees would again be charged . No fees have yet been paid for the year. Mitsubayashi deported in Dec , Xtan and Bud using Coaldalehall.

Buchanan (Sen w. a.) presented with two paintings by Main Jpz Comm in appreciation of his efforts on their behalf, Sakumoto did the presenting.

Main Jpz Committee YMCA Leth Jan 16 discuss proposal to sent resol utions to Ottawa and Ed asking govt intentions re Jpz in Alta. "most members were of the opinion that such a resolution would be of little value unless the Youth Council send a similar resolution as the Canadian-born Japanese must now have more weight than the Main Committee who mainly represent the Japanese nationals,"
Appoint S. Takada to approach Youth Council re such resolutions condsider proposal of delegation to ed a poor one and that it is up to the Beet Growers who are worried about labour for next year to make representations to Alta Govet.

Growers have talked but made no definte steps in that direction.

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Officials of the Sugar Factories would prefer Euro white immigrants "because the Japanese cannot be asimilated" and therefore will not press Alta govt on behalf of the Jpz. prepared to cut down the amount of beets in Alta rather than ask the Jpz remain permanently in Alta Writer speculates that Sugar Co. attitude makes it unlikely that Growers will push Alta govt.

Budhist in Raymond have Young Peoples Assoc which have started an "innocuous" monthly circular. Alta Buddlist of the Shin Sect send Nishu Utsuki, The Shin Sect : A School of Mahayana Buddhism , Kyoto, 1937 to his superior

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farmers favour Jpz labour "but, they draw a colour-line and do not appear anxious to put themselves on record as in favour or keeping the Jpz in the province permanently."

uncertainty pushing some east at Labour expense before govt assitance is withdrawn and the Alta govt still wants them out
90% want to stay 75% of these in ag if given equal rights
Restriction lifted re buying land but no rush as
1 attitude of Alta govt
2 few have the resources to buy (10%) as cash is necessary for land and machinery

petition circulating rpesting travel permit system by Youth Council "in the first place we are not stupid enough as to want to rush into a province which seems to be crammed with racial intolerance and where we would only suffer discrimination of every sort." 2ndly no funds to move and buy home without govt assistance. fmen know from experience the trouble that would follow if they were allowed to buy fishing licenses on the coast. bmen know they would be boycotted. "We are smarter than most people give us credit for and will not rush back to B.C.".

NB 1947 new year

Feb18

Raymond district evacuees wihtout an organization as shinnakai disloved as most of its officers had gone east since the new year and magrath beet workers refused to join any new org as "formerly too many disputes among Japanese due to the Buddhist Assoc desire to control the Jpz organizations." Noone would stand for office .
Raymond HighSchool Committee wrest agreement from School board for fall fee of $1000 for all Jpz student which is $25.00 per student down by $15.00 form last year with the children of the priests Kabayama (anglican) and Ikuta (Bud) attending free. Jpz protest fees strongly on grounds that no other high school student in Alta pay fees School board claims school supported by local taxes and evacuees meant that addtional staff and equip needed.

Youth council meet with Leth CCJC asking for action on issue of employment in Leth, disenfranchisment,-and inability to qulify under certain trades tests. C.CJC agree but take not action. "A.G. Virtue is too busy with Civic politics" "and W.E. Huchvale and W.S. Wallace had lined themselves up with the Conservative party and would not take an open stand for the Jpz in case it may not be in line with their party platform."

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Meeting Main Council Feb 15 Red Cross Hall Leth atteded also by Bartling and youth Council Executive to arrange joint action on lifting the controls on Jpz "whole meeting one of continued bickering between the2groups"on action to be taken. Youth council waxxxaxrepseted theor petition as given above wnatdto activat P.O. behind Jpz with C.CJ.C senting wire to Govt protesting travel permits and to seek support in this from the Leth Community Counicl , to get in touch with Youth groups in Ed ,Cal and U of Sask for support . Main Comm said had arrange through lawyer Virtue to send delegation ot Ed. and assured by Landeryou snd Lee (R.) M?L.A.'S that would get interview Bartling regarded move as a waste of money. Said throwing money away to have Virtue handle it , should get the Beet Growers and Veg Growers to send delegation and to rally P.O., said she could giver them better advice than Vitrue and for free, asked to sit down. Proposed by Main Comittee members that Growers be approached with threat that Jpz won't sign contract until Growers did something on their behalf w.r.t. the govt. turned down as leading to a loss of face if they did nothing and the contracts had to be signed anyway Will seek advice of Leo Hines of Pic Butte

Main committee turn down Toronto Comittes suggestion that $2.00 be forwarded with cmpleted claim forms to cover costs of presenting them to the govt. Main com prefer to have own lawyer present Propose a committe of xxxx former bmen, farmers and fmen to make shre losses are not exaggerated as govt can check claims through income tax returns.

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"several" Jpz carpenters join Carpenter's Union whichinitally opposed them but decided to accept them rather than have them work for lower wages. Labour members of council have not spoken out in a long time. Opinon expressed by some coucillors that agreement tween B.C.S.C. and City no longer valid approach Virtue to raise in Council of which he is a member told to leave sleeping dog's lie

20-3-47

Alta Youth Council proceeding with their plans as outlined above. Main Committee get resolution "of moral support" form annual beet growers cnvention and plans proceed for a delegation to ed of M. Sunada of Raymond, S. Sakumoto of Pic Butte , and K Iwahita retired Jpz merchant form Van living in ed a reputed a personal friend of Manning. Want Baker and Hines of Growers Assoc and Ray Johnson og Veg Growers to go with them. Meeting arranged by local MLA's for endof current session.

note asked to investigate Comminism among Jpz. notes that advances were made by the local communists in the Alta Beet Wrokers Union when they came but Jpz remained aloof saying they prefered to work outx their own problems. A.B.W.U. has since collaspsed.

20-4-47 delegation of Main Committee to go April 23 to meet Manning Alrp 24th without Growers reps as they objected to Virtues

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growers voted 2 to 1 against keeping Jpz labour when occidental labour may be obtained in Euro. feell too many Jpz in Alta fear they will leave beet labour for other industries. Morman apparently upset by the intermarriage of two Mormans with permanent resident Japanse . quoting one delegate to Growers convention "There has been two or more inter-marriages between Mormons and Japanese (premanent residents) resulting in about sixteen half-castes in the Raymond district, how far may this develop? It is one thing to have two thousnad Japanese at your back door and quite another to have another thousand at your front door." growers wull send a delegate to ed to discuss the labour sit but will only make mild represetation in favour of the Jpz

325 application already form Japasese for Cdn Citizenship M. Takada of youth council has been told on inquiry that natualization fo Jpz not being considered at this time but Jpz intend to continue their applications.

Howard's grandpa addressed the youth councils convention at the YMCA in Leth on Apr 12.

Leth Community Council didn't like M. Takada's suggestion in his talk to them that the evac was political expediency not milit necessity. NB

20-9-47
youth council - Main comitte controversy
Youth council see Main committee as advisory and the Nisei should conduct Japanese affaris esp at present during the period of reestablishment in Cdn society "ntionalistic ways of the older Jpz and their ignorance of Canadian procedures was regarded as a hinderance". the Main committee regards this attitude as heresy. The retention of Virtue by the Main Comm has lead to a showdown *
Youth objection :
1 Virtue did the talking in ed not the jpz and the delegation lost the support of ghe Growers because Virtue was there.
2 It cost $800 to sent V to Ottawa with the clains with no result and didn't like it that the trip coincided with V's sons grad from an eastern college
3 Alta only province not cooping with the C.C.J.C. and the NJCCA in the property claims though machinery already set up
Keeping Vitrue inc costs above nominal fee of Brewins committee

S. alta youth council sent to send Kyoto Shigehiro to Tor fo NJCCA conf. Main committee asked why they were not asked to send a delegate and received the reply that by failing to coop with the property issue it was assumed they were not interested. to send Kohei Taguchi of Raymond J.Citizens Assco , Bartling also going but not as delegate.

Kyoto Shigehiro elected recording decretary NJCCA

Youth council request Main Committee to drop Virtue as lawyer Sept 15 at Leth meeting and formed a provisional Alta J.C.C.A. the temp committee to be changed when Main committee representaive are inclorporated. Mas Sunada Pres, Henry Yamaguchi VP ,Kyoto

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Shigehiro Sec .

Sept 16 Leth CCJC meet on request of the CC in tor who have directed the Leth committee to appt a legal committee to advise the Jpz of Alta in the property claims . Comm to be of 2 lawyers and 1 bman. Virtue took the floor and spoke for one hour on the work he has done for the Jpz stating he was the legal rep of the Jpz and had talked to govt officals about the property issue already and was reaffirmed that afternoon by the Main Committee. Bartling rebutted with a letter form the Youth Council disapproving of Virtue and a telegram advising that the Ont claimants would boycott the Comm as its terms were not wide enough. Virtue said he had advised against boycotting although the terms were narrow as he would seek not only propoerty losses but wage losses.

Committee voted to put Huchvale (E.W.) and Turcotte (L.S.) as lawyers and W.S. Wallace as the bman. Vitue abstained saying he was already the representative of the Japanese.

Main committee has appealed to their memebership to remain behind Virtue "apparently because they feel that they would be left out and control of Japanese affairs would go int o the hands of the youth and the C.C. composed of Occidentals.

23 - 10-47

Jpz nationals in Raymond and Coaldale joining in with the Youth Council to form an Alta chapter of the national jpz org "The holdouts are the Lethbridge Northern Japanse Assoc under the leadership of S. Sakumoto and S. Aoki who are pressing for the retention of Virtue in order that the Jpz nationals will have some say in Alta Japanes affairs."

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Appears that there are two factions at Lillooett
Minot has full employment in 1943 and a smooth running under
Morri.

Vol 26 flie 1100 Lemon Creek General

Petitions from Lemon Creek Japnese Committee to Geo Collins
July 8, 1943
Demand: 1 School facilities inadequate need 6 more mooms.
2 No recreation or community hall for the 2000 people in the camp bad for morale as can't emen have motion pictures as fire marshall will not permit in scholl building
3 Housing inadequate construction makes for dampness in cold weather. Lumber has shrunk and roofs now leak . Want tar paper outside and lining inside and 10 to 15 more houses to relieve overcrowding.
4 Lemon Creek only town without electric light
5 Fire Protection not recognized have formed Volunteer units but as yet are not supplied with hoses and extinguishers.
6 No wood cutting project in sight.

July 21, 1943
protest dismissal of Mr. Naismith Assist Super and the continuation of Mr. Burns as super. complain that Naishith solved fire porblem and got work for men in Burn's absence and that Burn refused to give men permit to rejoin their families on weekends even though they werr only 2 1/2 hours wlak away. Obtained only after considerable begging . Call Bruns narrow minded, dictator like, Note they had to go over his head to Mr. Hartley to get the heaters in warehoude in Slocan for Lemon Creek during the severely ocld winter (Walter (in charge at Slocan)

Ju;y 30 Geo Collins Commissioer refuses to give more school space and says Lemon Creek is not to be electrifiedand woodcutting program will not be extended there as timber stands inadequate. Only cutting for camp with be carried out.

to Boulthee
Aug 19, 1943 Japanese committee propse amauditorium will supply labour if Commission supplies the materials. settle for an arrangement where school building in altered to meet fire marshalls demands at the expense of the motion picture operator who will use it. Alterations belonging to the commision in the end.

September 10 1943 want building paper to winterize houses as wood cracked and shrunk. Estimate $3.00 per house. write directly to Taylor as have had no result locally all communications sighed by T. Watanabe.

Get results " for houses in the poorest condition" in November

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Doukobour complains that Burns won't let him sell in the Lemon Creek camp. JS Burns letter of June 8, 1944 to W.A. Eastwood cites as his reason that the camp could be deluged by Doukhobours selling produce. "If this condition is allowed to obtain it is easy to visulaize what might transpire such as sabotage by fire and stealing, as it is a well-known fact that Doukhobour people in general are much given to both of these actions."

Coolins agrees to prohibit door to door sales in the settlements

August 1944 because the paper applied to the houses in 1943 is in taters and there are no cedar in the area to make shakes to cover the buildings as was done in New Denver Burns is authorized to use 1/2 inch tie resaw material for the boarding up of the houses as protection to the houses.

Lemon Creek Report 18-11-44

140 cases totally 483 people on full maintenance
61 cases totalling 314 people on supplementary Maintenance

winterizing of houses not started as the mill still not opperating. Expect Nov 20 to 25.

July 15 1944

156 full cases equals 555 persons
75 part maintenance cases equals 418 people

June 15 1944 replacing the straw palliases with mattresses transferring families from Sandon.

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Taylor to Macnamara 29 - 3 - 42
encloses proposal for housing 5000 women and children and possibly aged men unfit for work in the Slocan area (Slocan, Sandon, Kaslo abd Greenwood) expects costs to make habitable and provide with cooking equipment tables and beds at over $50,000.

Report of F.G. Skinner July 19, 1943
Super - Slocan, Bay Farm, Popoff

July 15, 1943 Men 659 Women 960 Children 1142 Total 2762
School inadequate as pupils get only 1/3 day on rotation
proposes to convert vacated mens dormitory into classrooms
Catholic Church to teach high school 250 students
Houses at Bay Farm and Popoff have developed large cracks and openings will need paper. Taking up the matter with Boultbee

April 22, 1943
Pressure on single men to resettle. Notes resistance among them to farming especially beet work. Want B.C. logging or industiral workin Ont. A steady trickle of girls east for domestic work in Ont and B.C. Mother objections to daugthers going is the prime

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obstacle. on welfare are affected by large mumber of layoffs (from camp itself) therefore must supplement but are urging mecessity of moving on te Japnese wherever possible, 40 houses yet to be wired for electric ity crowding easing ans single men and families move out School overcrowded with 750 pupils plus knidergarten. Schools functioning smoothly to the satisfaction of the teachers and parents Making relief difficult for singel men to get to encurage them to leave for employment. Payroll reduced from 900 in 375 since Janaary and will be further reduced. Only e xcept isolated cases are any but family heads of large families being retained. "We are keeping up constant pressure to move all families suitable for resettlement on farm, industrial and domestic work.

Aug 30, 1943 Japanese Committee representing Slocan, Bay Farm and Popoff complain to A Mr. Mitchel of the Dept of Labour that the maintenance allowemce is too low to even purchase food and request that it be raised to up to $2.00 more per person per month. signed by thec M. Yano og Popoff, and M Nayasti of Bay Farm with 3-400 Japanese signatures.

W.A. Eastwood to F.G. Skinner 9 - 9 - 43 re above. Notes rates the same as foe Occidentals in B.C. Relief xx for food only. Clothing shoes etc can be got separately from the Welfare department. Notes all Japanse Committees have complained about the rates recently and letters are referred back to the supervisors to give the committees a review of the welfare procedure

May 10. 1945 Notice form E.R. Adams Supervisor, Slocan City Re the practice of breaking up beds and shelves to make crates f for shipping belongings east. Orders that the practice stap and willinitiate an inspection beforefamilies depart to make sure beds and shelves stillin tact.

April 21, 1946 : JAXX Japanese Central Committee of Slocan District petitions for an increase in the Placement allowence to that recommended by the Royal Commission of 1944 and assuranc of housinf and employment be given. Signed by S. Uchibori, S Tanisaki A Shikatani? and one illegiable

NB Uchibori

Slocan City March 12 1946 letter to the Honourable Humphrey mitchell fromthe mayor of Slocan city the Womens institute and 10 citizens "with"more names being added daily" eloquant protest to the deportation orders calling the orders the equivalent to Nazi racialism ,"expensive, inhuman and unnecessary". Compares the governments actions to a fencer with one hand held up to show that the rules of the Geneva convention are being followed while th other trusts and cuts at the proper spit second to cause the"utmost xgaxxxx anguish, frustration and insecurity."

Source: Nikkei National Museum, 2018-16-1-72-9-3
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file 805 Welfare
January 1946 Welfare

264 cases - 678 people on full maintenance
126 cases - 629 people on supplementary
total 390 cases and 1307 people in a population of 628 families
tatalling 2685 people.

Suplementary is clothing extra medical dental Optical Shoe repair
Temporay maintenance, sipp on wages

Food Budget form indicate that adequate diets are more expensive than the Maintenance rate,L

eg.	For one man in Nov 1943 diet required	$3.37	M.A. was 2.77
	tow people	5.85	5.31
	3	7.73	6.69
	4	11.92	7.87
	5	14.04	9.00
	6	15.71	10.15

notes cost of living down as have cheaper vegetables than in January 1943
Budget sent in By Grace Tucker to M.L. Brown

M.L. Brown to F.G. Skinner Aug 9 1943 letter increasing the salary of Miss Matsuko Sunahara by 10,00 per month. (Irene)
No. 00225
to $50.00 as of Aug 1,1943

Welfare July 1943

329 cases - 813 people full Maintenance
154 cases - 771 people supp mainten
483 cases - 1584 people out of a pop of 662 cases - 2727 people

Matsuko Sunahara hired Aril 1, 1943 has four years of office experience and is used to meeting the public. Has good English and perfect Japanese. Grace Tucker to Miss M. Moscrop March 30, 1943.

Int Housing 1942

Walter Hartley, Super at Slocan June 1942 reports tell of building in Slocan City, organizing baseball teams and swings and sandboxes, and a dance to raise morale, getting a garden planted and encourggeinf the Japnese to plant their own garden starting to cut firewood for winter, getting Slocan City Council to pay for pipes while he supplies thelabour to rectify the poor water supply caused by Slocan Lake's level droppinh Wants to take over 600 lots to the South of Slocan city for firewood and extra lots. Converting a large building into a three story apartment house for 30 people Jun6, 11, and 28 1942

Source: Nikkei National Museum, 2018-16-1-72-9-4a
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lost all right to her children. He could, and still can, legally require her to submitt

Source: Nikkei National Museum, 2018-16-1-72-9-4b
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Kaslo Workers
Oda
Koyoshi
Hidaka
Sasaki

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file Kaslo Welfare 1943 -1944
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Dec 1943

Full Asst 55 cases - 156 persons
Supp Asst 35 cases - 190 persons
Tatal 90 " - 346 persons
in pop of 216 " - 862 persons

July 1943
Full 70 cases - 224 people
Supp 41 cases - 267 people
Totallll cases - 491 people in pop of 228 cases - 858 people
Re
Kaz Hidaka - Miss Beatrice Hugh-Jones , Welfare officer to
Miss M Moscrop Feb 23, 1943

"Kaz finds her position here difficult I think, because she takes all the problems very much to heart and finds her efforts to solve them rather a thenkless task with the people."

Moscrop is Supervisor for Social Welfare
Leigh is General Supervisor, Maintenance-Welfare Dept.

Letter to the Consul General of Spain from the Committee for Japanese Nationaals at Kaslo January 16, 1943

cites cases of individual Japanese seeking release form internment, mental hospital, family reunion, or relief
Asks why Japanses being asked to move further east . use the work force as runour has it that those who won't accept employment will not receive maintenance. Object to the fact that the jobs offered in the east are considerably below the jobds they had on the coast in perstige and housing lwer scale also Climate of eastern canada also seen as unfabourable.
Object to maintainence scale which ammounts to 6cents per meal for a family of five. Seen as impossible. want increase of 40 % Want a report from the Custodian on their properties every 3 months

March 1943.
F = 76c = 241 peop
= 51c = 303 peop
127c 544 peop
out of pop 252.c. = 962 people

Source: Nikkei National Museum, 2018-16-1-72-9-5
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file 1200 Kaslo: General 1942 - 1946

Kaslo 1946

Saturday Night ed Sept 1, 1945
Dear Mr Editor, Sat Night Sept 15, 1945
March 1945 - recalcitrant evacuees (non-self-support) resisting placement in the east being moved from their housing into facilities wothout sanitary facilites or into very small rooms in cmmunal buildings to incduce them to move east.
Letter Frank T Abey to Vancouver Sun 9-3-46 and Herbert Herridge M P Kootenay West to Mr. A. MacNamara, March 15, 1946.
recalcitrants appear t o want to stay so that children can finish the school year or to await husbands to call them east. (see J. Tnanaka interview and Carr Suzuki interview.)

Kaslo B.C. City Council goes to bat several times on behalf of evacuee. eg Oct 3, 1944 R.D. Gardner to Geo Collions where city council protests the removing of evacuees from Kaslo in early spring 1945. (ie trandferring them to Midway and Greenwood).

Source: Nikkei National Museum, 2018-16-1-72-9-6
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Vol 11, Hasting Park
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Vol 11 file 400 cont 48 showers in 2 shower rooms (Livestock Blg??) 10 shoers in Women's building
F W Collins to Taylor 13-3-42
Park ready in one week Taylor to Ralston 13-3-42

B C.S.C to W.A. Balck, citu water rates collector, Vancouver, 2-7-42
Average occupancy Mar 13 - 31 1009.8 persons
Apr 1 - 30 1951.7 persons
May 1-31 2596.7 parsons
June 1 - 30 2924.7 persons
Average 2258.8 persons
B.C.S.C. to Black Aug 6,42
July 1 - 31 3019. persons
B.C.S.C to Black Sep 1,42
Aug 1 - 31 3325 persons
B.C.S.C to Black Oct 2, 42
Sept 1 - 30 2098 persons
Black 3-11-42 Oct 1 - 31 107 persons
Black 3-12-42 Nov 1 - 30 102 persons.

Vol 31, file 1713 Manitoba reports
May 15, 1943 Bi monthly Report R.C. Brown
notes improved morale "we are inclined to feel that it is largely due to a better understanding of the Commissions problems, which has arisen form the meeting in this office between the Travelling supervisor and the writer and 40 to 50 Jpz. We are inclined to think that the statement of both the Supervisor and myself that we would wlecome the appointment of a Jpz committee had some bearing on this improved morale.
Reproductes letter from Harold Hirose settingout the reps from each area and the executive of the "Manitoba Japanese Joint Committee
Pres Shinji Sato
VP Kurahachi Yoshino
Tres Ichiro Hirayama
Auditors Tamotsu Mitani
Takaharu Miyake
Chairman of Meeting Ichiro Hirayama
Secretary and spokesman Harold A. Hirose

desire of committee to have the district headers, in so far as possilbe, clear up the sm difficulties of the Jpz fams in own district calls a "hopeful sign"
when talking to Takehichi Umezuki of the "New Cdn" viditing Man urged that the fate of Jpz after war may depend on conduct now and "recommended" to him that they should be advised not to p2ress to do the things they mosr desire to do, too early, thereby bring inf on themselves public condemnation on the part of the Occidentals // We have made a point of making this theme a farewell message to the Jpz people in Maintoba at the time of offically severing connection with the Br. Co Securtiy Commissions.//

May 1 1943 reports Jpz seeking year rounds work in Wpeg and transfers to fruit-growing and industrial centres in Eastern

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canada claiming that when they signed they "were given to understand" it was only for one year. and thereafter they would be free to determine theri own employ,ent.

October 23, 1943, J.N. Lister to W.A. eastwood
one problem the "infiltration" of Jpz into Wpeg habe come in wothout permit, got jobs through selective service without conformation form B.C.S.S. office "This is just dymamite as far as the whole situation is concerned and we have definitely closed Wpeg to everyone and advised the Selective Servoce on that basis.

file 629 Repatriatin 1946

NB resettlement 1946

B.C. employment closed to C.B. ofR Nati'ized who did not request repat and were not employed outside Housing Project in 1945
C.B. or Nat'ized who did not request repat and who left their employment outside the Housing Centers"on their own initiative without just cause".
C.B. or Natized"who have not reacted favourably to the efforts of the Jpz Division to effect Eastern placement but requested "repat" as a means of securing or resuming B.C. employment and subsequently revoked request for repatriation.
cdn Born and Nat working outside the centers cannot change their jobs or if laid off layoff cannot exceed one month before they are inellibable to employment in B.C. "if eligible for Eastern placement they are expected to seek employment outside B.C. Draft memo "effectve immediately (1946)

Source: Nikkei National Museum, 2018-16-1-72-10-2
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file 1603 Alta : ~~Korea~~ Vol 29, 30 Alta

Memo Austin C. Taylor to B.C.S.C. representatives in Lethbrigde- Mr Wm Andrews and Winnipeg, Mr. Chas E. Graham Apr. 1942. (See Vol 9 also)

Instructing them in their powers and dutied and how to handle the press
Excerpt:

Thecommission does not expect that each family will fit into every farmer's wishes 100 percent. You have the authonity to move or exchange families from place to place in accordance with conditions and circumstances should you deem it necessary...

It is your duty to seek that these people are accomofated with habitable, clean houses such as our own class of worker would expect, equipped with vedsteads, mattresses, table, chairs, a suitable cook stove and some cooking utensils. It is very essential that there is available to eavh house, sufficient gg good water.

...

I may say, for your guidance, that the Japanese rac3 cannot be compared, in any sensem with the average European worker that Alberta Beet growers have veen accustomed to meeting The Japanese are a very clean, dependable, indstirous race and with kindly treatment can be guided most advantageously. I wish the representatives to bear in mind that the Japanes who are being evacuated into their areas have been living under modern conditions, and to be dropped down, as it were, into the middle of the Prairies in conditions and circumstances much different from that to which they were are accustomed, will require some courgge

Taylor to Ottawa NB

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on their part and tolerance and patience on the part of the farmer.

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File 1613 Alta: Reports

9-7-43 From J?N Lister
150 out of 560 families changed location before thinning
All relief stopped May 31, 1943 except for 16 indigent families

J.D. Bird Supt "K" Division C.I.D.
Lethbridge CID (intell)

Report 20-12-43
Buddhist Association Raymond (oldtimers?)
K Takaguchi Pres
T. Kaeaki V.P.
T Matuno Sec
Y Nishimura Sec-tres
M Amenori Chman
S Ikuta Priest

Shinwa Kai (Benefit association south side committee - Raymond)

T Okamoto	Pres
U, Nakashima	V.P.
M Fujita	2nd V.P.
M Amemori	1st Sec
F, Nakahama	2nd Sec
N Sunada	Chairman
Matsugo	V - Chairman
K Yanagi	Treas
G Hiramatsu	2nd Treas

Newcomers

Nokai Coaldale — (oldtimers?))

Pres	J. Nashima
V.P.	K Oshiro
Sec	S Higa
Chman	K Tamaoshi
Treas	K Amabata

Sogo Enzo Kai (Picture Butte Norht side) Beet Work Committee

Pres	S. Sakamoto
V.P.	Kunimoto
2 V.P.	M. Kosaka
Chairman	J Eramura
V. Chair	G Uyeda
Advisors	H Miagawa
	M Kudo
	S Aoki

Grace Judy Mitsuba Roland Rd 469-4719

Aoki - Flo Shikaze Takeuchi

Main committee on the north side is Sakumoto, Kudo, Aoki and Kunimoto

SADAYOSHI.

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J S Connors , Consy report to CIXB (Intell)
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Shogo Enzo Kai exec
Pres T Ikebuchi
V.P. S Aoki
Chman T Isogai
V. CH S Edamura
Sec T. Isogai
Eng Sec Miss T Sugamori

Mr Sada of the Shinwa-kai negotiating the sex question of high school attendence and fees in Raymond. Japanese have not paid fall feess and children are being told by their teachers not to come without the fee.

Last year 300 families wanted transfers from one farm to another this year only 27.

J.N Lister to W.A. Eastwood 23 -3-44

"It was agreed that the Japnese Committee should have the opportunity of reviewing the 1944 contract before it was finalized for their signature. ... Japanse Committee appeared satisfied that by theholding of this meeting they had secured a degree of regognition that had been previously denied them"
to

160 moves made in1942 175 moves in 1943

Collins attended meeting of the Japanese Executive committee reping entire Japnese pop of area. contentions subject the question of high school fees . Collins tells Committee to it was up to them to make own arraggements with yhr local School Boards in their districts.

Relief	Dec 1942	$400.00	Dec 1943	$ 147.50
	Jan 1943	$729,20	Jan 1944	$ 359.50
	Feb 1943	$2282.25	Feb 1944	$1036.10
	Total Yr #1	3411.45	Total Yr #2	1442.10

Japanese reps and growers meet Feb 25, 1944 to reach a better understanding Baker (Phil) of Growers assoc assure that contract rates remainthe same. (apparantly the Japnese had bee afraind that the growers might drop the rates.) Report Lister 29-2-44 comments on press reaction to B.C. statements that they don't want the Japanese back " The feelings of frustration thus engendered in evacuees are not conducive to the best interests of the governments administration."

Source: Nikkei National Museum, 2018-16-1-72-11-3
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H.A. Maxted Inspr Commanding Leth S/Divn
Report 23 - 10 - 47n
Confirms Sakumoto's story of the split between the Youth Coundil and the main Japanese Committee over the issue of Gladstone Virtue
The R.C.M.P. reports in this file contain a plathora of data on the Alberta community emphasizing the split between the Christian and Buddhist Japanese and the efforts og yhe Buddhists to retain their priests in Canada. He alos gives accounts of the meetings of the--Lethbridge Consultative Committee on Japanese Canadians in some detail. m

Secretary in 1942

J.N.Lister 9-7-42 Steve Houton President and Manager of the new Southern Alta Cooperative Vegatable Growers Association advises that S. Sakumoto of Pic Butte has advise him that 60 Jpz families are prepared to purchase shares in the Assoc if so allowed. Shares have not been sold to them as they have no land. Japanes believe they will soonbe allowed to lease land or enter into share crop agreement s with- farmers Considerable talk among evacuee re obtaining land and indications that a large number desire to remian in this province after the war providing they can obtain land.

Dec 11 1943 Collins to MacNamara Efforts being makde to get Leth counsel to change its attitude Mayor has been approached by Commission rep and rep was informed council unanimous on the subject, Ed will consider ea Jpz as a special case on represent-sation by B.C.S.C. however given " the large number of foreign soldiers (US?) passing through this city we are somewhat hesitant of trying to locate any Japz in that area". In Calgary evidence of citizens trying to overide Councils's decision to permit domestics to enter Calgary.

Report of Nov 30, 1943 AR Russell
"hen evac arrived in May kids put in schodl before ed terms known and when known the school boards absorbed the cost without reim bursement. This year want $7.00 per child per moth high scholl a and $6.50 for primary school. Evacuee discontent felt Comm had promised high school ed as well as primary ed , that taxation paid by their employer for the profits of their labour qualifyes them for school acceptance without further payment. , that they have paid property taxes in B.C. since evacuation and have received no corresponding benefit, their earnings have been circumscribed through no fault of their own .

Evacuees also unhappy with Custodian's preformance. "field and office staff find them more tractable and less tense and fearful that this time a year ago." the number wanting transfers without good grounds is "very nominal" anxious to improve their position financially and not depend on the govt for assistance. this attitude is being fostered by their leaders. stability of settlement reflects improved employer-employeee attitude ~~attitude public reaction~~ "the only reaction public and sufficently ~~astinte and worthy of report~~

Source: Nikkei National Museum, 2018-16-1-72-11-4
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