

LESSON 3 HANDOUT 3.3 AUSTIN TAYLOR'S STATEMENT IN THE NEW CANADIAN

QUESTIONS:

1. Why would Austin Taylor post this article in *The New Canadian*, a Japanese Canadian community newspaper?
2. What are the 'rumors' that Taylor refers to in the article? Why do you think there are rumors spreading through the Japanese Canadian community at this time?
3. Assurances are made by Taylor that Japanese Canadians can expect a "reasonable living" with "free accommodation," and even "an acre or two of land." If you were a Japanese Canadian reading this statement at the time, would you agree with the statement's positive view of the process of uprooting and internment?
4. Why do you think Taylor takes considerable time and space in the article to explain the economic opportunities and the costs for room and board at the various camps?
5. Who is the Custodian of Alien Property and what responsibilities do they have?
6. Why is Austin Taylor restating the promise, made in O.I.C. PC 2483, that Japanese Canadian property will be protected?

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U.S. Aliens Go To Montana Camp
SEATTLE.—Upwards of 25 Japanese nationals left the U.S. immigration station here early last Saturday for internment camps, where they may be detained for the duration of the war. They formed the largest group; the first contingent having been sent eastward previously.

Accompanied by special guards the large group boarded a train for Lewistown, Mont.

Families of the interned thronged the waiting room but guards would not let them pass the barred gates leading onto the station platform.

The detachment sent eastward is probably the last for the time being, unless, as one inspector remarked simply, "some more are rounded up." Indications were that a fortunate few were released, although their names were not revealed.

14-Year Old Nisei Lad Wants Defense Post
SAKAI, FRANCISCO.—Tommy Fukuko, 14 years old, volunteered to Mayor Angelo Rossi for civil defense because he is the eldest son of a Japanese physically unable to do his part.

"There will be no friction if your answer turns by any means negative because I will always know that your answer will always be the right answer no matter who says that," young Fukuko concluded and added in a post script, "Thank you."

Firearms Confiscated
WASHINGTON, D. C. — The Justice Department Thursday ordered all German, Italian and Japanese aliens to surrender firearms in their possession and imposed new restrictions on their movements in the continental United States.

Firearms of all Japanese Canadians in B.C.—aliens and alien allies—were ordered confiscated last year. So far however it would appear that no action to confiscate cameras and short-wave radio receiving sets is due in this province.

Premier Employees Join Ranks of Unemployed
VANCOUVER.—Among the more recent concerns to discharge Japanese Canadians because of the war is Premier Gold Mines which laid off Christmas week over a dozen employees who worked as cooks and waiters at Premier, B.C.

Year Books, Diaries, Calendar Pads?

- Did you fail to keep your last year's resolutions?
- Can we help you to keep them this year by reminding you of the above items and keeping your resolutions filed every day as a reminder?

UCHIDA STATIONERS
Pacific 2712 347 Powell Street

SUBMIT PLAN TO EMPLOY WORKERS COMMITTEE BROACHES USE OF FISHING FLEET

VANCOUVER, B.C., Jan. 3.—Measures to provide employment for all Japanese Canadians deprived of their livelihood by restrictions imposed following the outbreak of the war on the Pacific have been submitted to Ottawa, according to a press statement issued today by the Federal Standing Committee on the Oriental question in B.C.

"Participants" of the recommendations however says the statement "cannot be disclosed until the subject has been dealt with by federal authorities."

A second recommendation submitted is a plan to make use of the immobilized fishing fleet. This plan has been "agreed to by all concerned" and representatives of the fishing industry have given assurances that "there would be sufficient crews available to man the boats and maintain the necessary production of fish for both Great Britain and the domestic market."

Issued jointly by Mayor F. J. Humie of New Westminster, Col. A. W. Sparling and Col. Macgregor Macintosh, the statement added:

"First action of the committee following its appointment was to get in touch with a committee of Japanese citizens to ask them for support and co-operation so that registration of all Japanese could be undertaken. This was done at a special office opened at Hastings Street. The Japanese co-operated in every way and eventually 23,428 Japanese were registered.

"Since the formation of the standing committee has held dozens of meetings, has conferred with citizens in all walks of life and worked in close conjunction with the R.C.M.P.

"Since the start of hostilities, meetings have been held with Gen. R. O. Alexander, G.O.C. in-chief, Pacific Command and Commander Geoffrey Borrie, R.C.N., and they have conferred in steps taken by the committee so far."

High School Oratory Is Cancelled Temporarily
The executive of the Japanese Students' Club regrettably announces that the annually held Oratorical Contest for B.C. High School students, has been cancelled, at least for the time being.

The Nemichi Challenge Trophy, currently held by Henry Tamaki, Sunbury High School, may be retained by the holder until further notice.

Photographic Inquiry
VANCOUVER.—A photographic inquiry in brief into the manner in which the war has hit the Japanese community in B.C. is being undertaken by a Vancouver free lance photographer, Jack Menzies, for approval by the Canadian picture magazine, New World.

The Resolution
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"Short-Sighted, Wasteful!"

F.D.R. Scores Prejudice In Industry

WASHINGTON.—Employers who discharge workers solely because they are foreign-born or aliens are following a "stupid" and "unjust" policy which aids the enemies of democracy, President Roosevelt declared Friday.

He said at his press conference that he is "deeply concerned" over the increasing number of such discharges.

He urged all private employers to adopt a "sane policy" regarding aliens and foreign-born citizens.

The president emphasized that it is one thing to safeguard American industry against sabotage. But he insisted it is very much another thing to throw out of work honest and loyal people who "except for the accident of birth, are sincerely patriotic."

"Such a policy is as stupid as it is unjust," he said in his statement. "And on both counts it plays into the hands of the enemies of American democracy."

WASHINGTON.—Moving to prevent the spread of disunity through racial prejudice in the nation's polio-stricken population, Attorney General Francis Biddle asked private industry to avoid discrimination against aliens who are employed or seeking employment.

Having aliens from private employment, Biddle said, was "short-sighted, wasteful and un-American." He said he was sorry to report that there had been numerous incidents brought to his attention where employers discharged workers because of some "vague suspicion" that they might be disloyal.

"I should like to remind such employers," added Biddle, "that of our total citizen population of about 5,000,000, fewer than 3,000—6 out of 10,000—have been regarded as dangerous to the peace and safety of the U.S. It is the stated policy of the federal government," Biddle continued. "That there shall be no discrimination in the employment of workers in defense industries, because of race, creed, color or national origin."

The alienman said he plans to give notice of motion when the council meets Wednesday.

IS IT REALLY FUNNY?

Movement to Move us out Afoot

Current topic of conversation among Canadian-born Japanese—usually in most jocular tones, but with an admittedly serious tone—is the campaign led by a Vancouver newspaper to organize "labor battalions" and to move all "able bodied" Japanese Canadians to some other parts of Canada.

In a lead editorial, the Vancouver newspaper declares: "We believe the government should remove all able-bodied Japanese men to some other parts of the province of Canada. It may not be necessary to intern them at a time when the country is short of labor."

"The Japanese should be given work at reasonable wages. Some could be used in the construction of roads needed in the defense and development of the country. Many who are skilled farmers could be used in Ontario, in the prairies, in our own Interior, where the farmers are desperate for farm hands. It should not be an impossible task to distribute these men where they could be useful, where they could be harmless and where they could be comfortable.

"Wherever they are, they must be assured of the best possible conditions."

The editorial does not mention whether jobs should be provided for able-bodied men trained and skilled in specific occupations.