

Mr. REID: Mr. Chairman, I want to approach the problem of the Japanese in Canada without rancour or being accused of approaching it from a racial hatred point of view. There was a time when the problem of the Japanese in this country was entirely a British Columbia problem, but to-day the problem has become one for Canada because, since the entry of the Japanese into the war, the Japanese in British Columbia have been moved from the Pacific coast and located in certain parts of the interior and in various other provinces.

There are at the moment two schools of thought in this country on this problem. I shall not take time to go into all the aspects of the various views, but there is one school of thought which believes that the Japanese should be removed entirely from Canada and sent back to the country whence they came or to which they owe allegiance. There is another school of thought which believes that treatment like that should not be meted out to them and that those who advocate it are animated by hatred of the Japanese.

My own views regarding the Japanese and the Japanese problem have been well known. They have been expounded both publicly and privately for years before I came into the House of Commons and since. Many hon. members will remember the warnings which I and others gave the government and the country in earlier days between 1930 and 1939, and which passed unheeded but were later found to be well founded.

There are also divided views on this problem in some churches of Canada. Some churches have taken the attitude that the Japanese should remain, especially those born here, while other churches take the attitude that so long as the Japanese owe allegiance to Japan they should be returned to Japan. I mention this particularly because certain pro-Japanese writers in this country have written articles on this problem, and some have gone farther and written books on the subject. I want for a moment to take exception to some of these writings.

One article on this problem appeared recently in the *Montreal Standard*, written by Mr. Allen Roy Evans. I want to take exception to the remarks he makes about those who hold the view that an unassimilable race like the Japanese should not be treated as truly Canadian. I have stated, and I do so again, that the Japanese are an unassimilable race in Canada, and I have never yet heard anyone expound the contrary view. Any race that lives unto itself and is of Mongol blood will remain in Canada Mongol, separate

[Mr. Shaw.]

and apart from the Canadian, and distinctly so. British Columbia is not alone in its attitude to this problem. I know the people of California are also determined that the Japanese will not return to that state. An editorial which appeared in the *Vancouver Sun* of May 28 sets out the matter clearly. It states:

California, like British Columbia, does not want to take back the Japanese after the war. The Japanese realize this so clearly that many thousands of the former residents of California and other coast states are asking that they be repatriated to their ancestral homes in the Orient at the conclusion of hostilities.

These interesting facts have emerged from a survey of Tukulake Japanese relocation centre, a depot on the border of Nevada which now houses 14,000 Japs. More than 6,000 of these people have asked to be repatriated. They include several thousand born in the United States but who went back to Japan for schooling and military training (just as many did from B.C.).

In dealing with this subject, I wish to make some suggestions to the minister, and through him to the government, on this problem, which must be faced and which will not be downed by mere glossing statements by any minister of the government.

As pointed out, the people generally of British Columbia are determined to see this thing through along the lines on which they believe it should be carried out. It is most unfortunate that the views of the people of British Columbia were not heeded many years ago. Perhaps, now that it has become a Canadian problem, something will really be done. I am not so very sanguine, however, especially when one looks over the records of past federal governments, that the Japanese will be returned to Japan following the conclusion of hostilities, but if not, I believe that the suggestions which I am about to outline should be given serious consideration and acted upon.

Canada has granted the Japanese citizenship because they were born here. This is perfectly satisfactory to Japan, as long as their allegiance to Japan is paramount or comes first. Japan maintains that all these people are subject to the Sun Emperor by virtue of their Japanese blood and by their religion. From the earliest days Japan looked toward a programme of Pacific conquest. Japanese were actually exported from Japan to Pacific coast countries as far as Hawaii. The Japanese government initiated, financed, directed and controlled concentrated Japanese enterprises. These were able to successfully exert pressure upon local governments and even upon the federal government. We must, however, give thoughtful attention to endeavouring to solve