

38. After some discussion, it was agreed that the registration of persons of Japanese race, authorized by Order in Council P.C. 117 of January 7th, 1941, be extended, on the same basis, to the rest of Canada.

Action upon other recommendations in the report of the interdepartmental committee was deferred.

(Note by Mr. Heeny: I assume Mr. Read will prepare a submission to Council with regard to the extension of the Japanese registration.)

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*Le ministre-conseiller, la légation aux États-Unis, au sous-secrétaire d'État aux Affaires extérieures*

*Minister-Counsellor, Legation in United States, to Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs*

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Washington, August 13, 1941

Dear Mr. Robertson,

After exchanging Ratifications at the State Department this morning with Mr. Hull of the amendments to the Bryan Peace Treaty of 1941,<sup>1</sup> Lord Halifax, Mr. Casey,<sup>2</sup> and I had a talk with Mr. Hull about the situation in the Far East. Mr. Duff Cooper was also there, as Lord Halifax had brought him to the State Department to introduce him to Mr. Hull.

The discussion centred around the prospects of Japanese action in Thailand and of the means whereby this might be prevented. There was general agreement that the severe economic sanctions applied after the incursion into Indo-China had been an unexpected shock to the Japanese Government. There was also general agreement that there was not much left which could be done in the way of further economic action against Japan, or rather that such further action as was possible would not have deterrent political effects. Mr. Hull felt that there was still a fair prospect that the fanatical imperialists in Japan would be restrained. He pointed to the significance of the interview given a day or two ago over the wireless telephone to *Nichi Nichi* in Tokyo by Mr. Wakasugi, the Japanese Minister here, who is en route home and who spoke from Los Angeles. You have doubtless read a report of this interview in the press. In it there was emphasized the preparedness of the United States and its readiness to take action. Mr. Hull said, and Lord Halifax agreed, that this interview would not have been given without the express approval of Prince Konoye and probably under his instructions. It certainly looks like an attempt to make obvious to the Japanese people that the danger signals are set in Southeastern Asia.

<sup>1</sup> Voir les documents 296-297.

<sup>2</sup> Ministre de l'Australie aux États-Unis.

<sup>1</sup> See Documents 296-97.

<sup>2</sup> Minister of Australia in United States.