

British Columbia pictured another Pearl Harbor in that province? One might just as well talk about doing away with the A.R.P. in British Columbia, or on the east coast, as to talk about allowing the Japanese to go back to the coast.

I am glad the minister spoke as he did, because I believe he has drawn a true picture of the situation. I am glad the government moved as it did. Many of us took strong exception to the statement made by Mr. Trueman, who I claim did not know anything about the situation. I have only one thing to say about the speech of the hon. member for Vancouver East (Mr. MacInnis). I think he and others outside the house have failed to recognize the great difference there is in the two races. Whether he believes in what I believe in may not matter, but I want to bring this point forcibly before hon. members of the committee. There is a difference between people of German or Italian extraction and those of Japanese. We have hundreds of thousands of people in this country who are of German and Italian descent, but who in the second or third generation have become good Canadians. But who is going to marry into the oriental group? If they do, what will their progeny be? They will be oriental because that is what has happened whenever mixed marriages have taken place. That is one reason why I have taken this stand against the Japanese in British Columbia.

I may be misinformed, but my information is that the Japanese in British Columbia are under the surveillance of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, and that they are moved about under a permit system and do not come under national selective service. If that is correct, I should like to know who is responsible for the large advertisement which appeared in a Japanese paper. There is a magazine published in New Westminster called *The Pensioner*, which is distributed throughout British Columbia and Alberta. The publishers of this magazine have tried to get some advertising from the minister's department or the government, but they have been turned down, the excuse given to them being that they are a class newspaper. I shall send the two papers along to the Minister of Labour and ask him how much this large advertisement in the Japanese paper cost. This is an advertisement in connection with national selective service and is over his name and the name of his deputy. Yet we could get no consideration for the old age pensioners' magazine. I should

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like to know why a white Canadian magazine could not get any advertising from his department.

Mr. CASTLEDEN: It probably attacks the government on account of its old age pension policy.

Mr. REID: I will leave the minister to answer that. When I asked the minister how it was that 115 members of the staff of the British Columbia security commission had been placed under the civil service commission, the minister had this to say, as reported at page 4174 of *Hansard*:

The first appointments were made by Austin Taylor and his commission. Eventually the civil service went into the matter, and they were finally approved by it.

That is just a blanket statement. I wanted to know who interceded on behalf of these people with the civil service commission. I maintain that the civil service commission would not go out deliberately and take these 115 employees within the purview of the commission, these people whose chief qualifications were that they were friends of either the chairman or members of the British Columbia security commission. The minister must accept responsibility, and I should like to know who told the commission what was to be done. I should like an answer to that question.

Mr. MITCHELL: I do not know whether my hon. friend knows the procedure, but of course the security commission was permitted to take on these people for sixty days, after which they must be certified by the civil service commission. It is just automatic, and I do not know that I can add anything to that. They were not told to do it; it was done automatically. The civil service commission went in there and certified them.

Mr. REID: What about the advertisement?

Mr. MITCHELL: I do not know about that, but I shall be glad to look into it.

Mr. REID: I should like to know why you are advertising in that paper at all.

Mr. MITCHELL: If my hon. friend wants to ask a question on the orders of the day I shall be glad to give him the information.

Mr. REID: It is all very well to say I can ask a question on the orders of the day and probably be ruled out by the Speaker, but now is the time to ask questions in regard to these matters, and I think I am in order. The minister can give me the information privately if he wishes.

Mr. MITCHELL: That is all right, but if my hon. friend will be fair he will realize