

against the guilty person. At the same time the Government will take whatever measures are necessary to see that no loyal and law-abiding oriental shall be made to suffer in his person or his property through acts of persons who may be misled and provoked to illegal action by inaccurate rumours and intemperate words such as featured the recent anti-oriental campaign in British Columbia.

The Special Committee paid particular attention to revived charges that many orientals had entered Canada illegally in recent years. Both the Committee and the Government are satisfied that these charges are unjustified but it has been decided, after consultation with leaders of the Japanese community, that in order to protect the Japanese themselves—and to eliminate any illegal entrants who may in fact be in Canada—a special registration of all Japanese residents of the Province will be carried out in the near future. Each member of the community will be registered and if found to be legally in Canada will be given a Certificate and a card which will be final proof of his legal residence in this country and will thus exempt him from future suspicion or annoyance.

As a special registration of the Chinese population was effected a few years ago they will not be included in the present project.

In accordance with the recommendations of the Committee the Government has decided that for the time being Canadians of oriental racial origin will not be called upon to perform compulsory military service. It is felt that in the present state of public opinion unfortunate incidents might occur and that under the circumstances Canadian citizens of oriental race should be allowed to make their contribution to the national war effort in some other form.

The Government appointed a small standing committee to supervise the carrying out of the proposals outlined above. This Committee will also be in a position to advise the Government constantly in regard to the situation in British Columbia and to recommend any steps that may be necessary to provide against a recurrence of the recent campaign against the oriental population with its disturbing effect on public opinion in the Province. The members of the Committee are:

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