

sending of political organizers and newspaper editors to Canada. The Overseas Department of the Central Executive Committee of the Kuomintang is sending an inspector, Mr. Chang Wen-chung, to this country to investigate living conditions amongst the Overseas Chinese here. Our Embassy in Nanking suspects that he is a political organizer coming to inspect the various local headquarters of the Kuomintang. We instructed our Embassy to inform the Chinese Government that we would only issue a visa for this man to come to this country on the understanding that he would be subject to the authority of the Chinese Ambassador while in this country and that he would not engage in any activities exceeding those normally permitted diplomatic or consular officers. The Overseas Department of the Central Executive Committee of the Kuomintang has also made application to send a paid editor for the *Chinese Daily News* in Victoria, B.C. We are discussing with the Immigration Branch whether this man actually falls within any of the admissible non-immigrant classes. I am inclined to think that this type of political activity on the part of the Chinese in this country is undesirable and that it would be only proper that we should let the Chinese Ambassador know that we do not approve of their efforts to keep alive political organizations among their people in this country.¹

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*Memorandum from Acting Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs
to Secretary of State for External Affairs*

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At my request, the Chinese Ambassador called this morning to receive the aide-mémoire† outlining the Canadian Government's objections to the holding of Chinese elections in Canada. Mr. Menzies of the American and Far Eastern Division was present at the interview.

I told Dr. Liu that since the end of the war the Canadian Government had been disturbed by the activities in Canada of agents of the eastern European Communist-controlled governments. It had been necessary for the Government to warn the representatives of these governments on various occasions that attempts to perpetuate among residents of Canada political divisions existing in their countries of origin would not be tolerated by the Canadian Government.

Partly for this reason, it had been necessary for the Canadian Government to look a little more closely into the activities of the agents of other foreign governments among groups of Canadian residents of foreign extraction. On looking into this matter we had got the impression that the activities of some Chinese representatives in relation to the local residents of Chinese origin appeared to come pretty

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