

the treatment given the Germans and others by Hitler, Hitler would have been shot long ago by some Scot. They would not have stood long for that persecution. That is one of the things which make a difference in races. I say to the committee in all seriousness that this is a great problem confronting our country. Here we have a race of people who, when one gets to know them, look with disdain upon us and look upon us as dirt under their feet, and who have put it over many of our people close to the government, and in some instances have blinded some of these people by gifts. I say that without fear of successful contradiction. They are, I repeat, unassimilable. Those who talk about the assimilability of the Japanese usually want the experiment tried on some other family and not their own. I want to warn the members of the committee that the people of British Columbia are not going to take it quietly and have the federal government say to British Columbia again, "The Japanese problem is entirely yours, and now they are all going back to British Columbia."

I commend the federal government for the steps taken in taking the fishing vessels from Japanese, and with regard to the land which has been taken from them, and I shall have more to say to the Minister of Justice, who has given a ruling—

Mr. MITCHELL: Will my hon. friend permit a question? He said that some people close to the government have been blandished with gifts by the Japanese. I think the hon. member should be more explicit when he says that. It is a reflection, and I think those persons should be named if they are close to the government.

Mr. CRUICKSHANK: Some of them are trips to Japan.

Mr. MITCHELL: For instance, my friend the assistant secretary of labour is close to the government, and members of the house are close to the government—at least we hope they are—even in the opposition.

Mr. CRUICKSHANK: Some professors are, too.

Mr. REID: I say, from the information I have, it is no one connected with the minister. It is no one connected with the minister's department, I will go so far as to say that. I will go farther and say this, that I have never made a statement in the house unless I had some proof when making it.

Mr. MITCHELL: If the persons the hon. member has in mind are officials of the government, they should be named. It is not fair

to have a cloud like that hanging over anyone, or to make the statement that they have been blandished with gifts by Japanese. That is a pretty far-reaching statement.

Mr. CRUICKSHANK: Is a trip to Japan a gift?

Mr. REID: I suppose it is the minister's duty to run to the rescue—perhaps I should not say "rescue"—to run to the assistance of any member of his staff who he thinks is being attacked. I will give the minister the names in private, from the information I have. I think the committee will agree that it would not be nice, if I may use that word, to place someone's name on *Hansard*. However, I shall give it to the minister privately.

An hon. MEMBER: Or any member of the house.

Mr. REID: I did not say it was a member of the house or any member of the government.

Mr. MITCHELL: But I do think, to be fair, I should have the information. It is not fair to permit anything like that being said, when people are not here to defend themselves. If a stigma of that kind is placed upon a permanent official, then we have the right to know about it.

Mr. CRUICKSHANK: On a point of order, I do not think the minister has any right to interrupt the hon. member for New Westminster.

Mr. MACKENZIE (Vancouver Centre): Yes, he has.

Mr. CRUICKSHANK: The hon. member for New Westminster should be allowed to continue. He has made a perfectly fair suggestion. He never mentioned any member of the government or any member of this parliament. He might have suggested that some might have had a couple of crates of strawberries from one of their Japanese friends. I think the minister would do well to wait until the hon. member has finished what he is going to say.

Mr. MITCHELL: I am not going to be lectured by the hon. member.

Mr. CRUICKSHANK: And I am not going to be lectured by the minister, either.

Mr. MACKENZIE (Vancouver Centre): Order.

Mr. MITCHELL: My hon. friend has spoken about British justice. Well, a charge has been made with respect to a certain permanent official of the government. My hon.