

The Committee which carried on its study both in Ottawa and subsequently in British Columbia consisted of Lieut.-Col. A. W. Sparling, D.S.O., of the Headquarters Staff, Military District No. 11 (British Columbia), Convener; Dr. H. L. Keenleyside, Counsellor, Department of External Affairs, who was for some years on the staff of the Canadian Legation in Japan; Assistant Commissioner F. J. Mead of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police; and Sir George Sansom, who was until recently Commercial Counsellor of the British Embassy in Tokyo and who is recognized as perhaps the leading occidental authority on the history and culture of Japan.

The Government has now examined the Report prepared by the Special Committee and has decided to implement many of its conclusions.

As a result of the Committee's study and of its own knowledge of the situation, the Government is satisfied that the great majority of the people of oriental racial origin who are now in Canada are thoroughly loyal to their adopted or (in the case of the large percentage who have been born in Canada) their native land. The Government is further satisfied that all necessary measures have been and are being taken by the various military and police authorities to deal with any disloyal or subversive activities that may arise.

After careful study of the entire question it is the opinion of the Committee, and in this the Government fully shares, that the most serious danger in the British Columbia situation is that arising from ill-informed attacks against the loyalty and integrity of the oriental population. Some weeks ago such attacks became widespread and public opinion was aroused in a manner that was prejudicial to the welfare of the community as a whole.

Fortunately, public minded citizens, organizations and newspapers, realizing the unfairness and danger of basing suspicion on mere rumour and hearsay, sought facts before serious developments occurred.

In this connection the Prime Minister stated that the Committee and the Government had been very greatly pleased by the temperate and reasonable attitude adopted, in this critical time, by the newspapers of the Province which, almost without exception, have contributed to the enlightenment and pacification of public opinion on this serious subject. The Prime Minister expressed the hope and belief that this policy would be continued in the future.

The Government is determined that every step will be taken to see that no subversive act is committed by any resident of the Province, and that if any such act is committed the full penalty of the law will be invoked