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Oriental Immigration
to Canada

Memorandum for the Prime Minister:

Re: 3rd Reading of the Immigration Bill

It seems improbable that there will be any debate of consequence on 3rd reading to-day. If there is, the experience of last night would suggest that it is likely to arise over further insistence by the C.C.F. that the Bill does not go far enough. The three principal points which they had raised last night were:-

- (a) That the statement of policy on May 1st conflicted with your statement to the press on January 27;
- (b) That the present policy leaves discrimination which conflicts with our pledges under the United Nations Charter;
- (c) That discrimination should be removed by extending admissibility to the wives and children of orientals even if they are not Canadian citizens.

I think there are effective answers to all of these points and, with the thought that it might become desirable to say something in relation to them, I have prepared the attached notes.

May 6, 1947.


(R.G. ROBERTSON)