

(A) INTERNATIONAL NEGOTIATIONS AND AGREEMENTS1. Declaration of War against Roumania, Hungary and Finland, December 7, 1941

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3. Text of Note from Department of External Affairs to Japanese Legation, Ottawa, December 8, 1941

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Sir,

The Canadian Charge d'Affaires has today been instructed to inform the Imperial Japanese Government that news of the wanton and treacherous attack by Japanese Armed Forces on British territory and British forces and also on United States territory and United States forces, reached Canada yesterday; that Japan's actions are a threat to the defence and freedom of Canada and the other nations of the British Commonwealth; and that, consequently, a state of war exists between Canada and Japan as and from the seventh day of December, 1941.

2. As a result of the existence of a state of war between our two countries arrangements will be made to issue special passports enabling you, your wife and family, and the members of your Mission and their wives and families to depart from Canada. Accordingly, I should be grateful if you could furnish me with a list of the names and addresses of the (a) secretaries, attaches, and other officials of your Mission, their wives and families, and (b) Japanese nationals in your household. It is also desired to secure a similar list for the personnel of your Consulate in Vancouver. Due to the existing lack of steamship communication or air transport between Canada and Japan, it may be necessary to make special arrangements for the exchange of diplomatic and consular representatives and personnel. If so, the matter can be taken up at a later date.

The Japanese Minister to Canada,
Japanese Legation,
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