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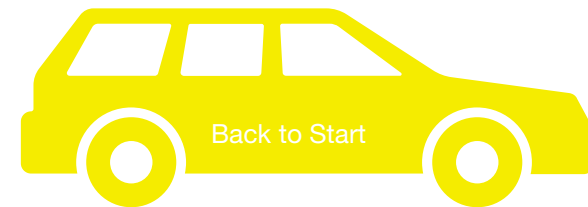


The Taking



Pearl Harbour

- December 7th, 1941 the sound of planes droning fills the beautiful sky over Hawai. Planes swarm, and bombs are dropped. The Imperial Japanese navy launched a surprise air raid on the US Pacific fleet thus bringing America into WW2. This starts the very idea that Japanese citizens are going to betray Canada and the US. Wartime blackout measures go into effect all along the BC coast.



Propaganda



- Canadian governments begin a propaganda war against Japanese people. Propaganda was untrue and meant to scare non Japanese people into turning against the Japanese. In these images specifically the 2nd one depicts the Japanese as viscous brutes intent on killing everyone. In the first image it shows the Japanese as vultures. It shows that the government wanted to turn the public against Japan and its people by depicting them negatively. Possibly to ensure that they had the publics support for the war.





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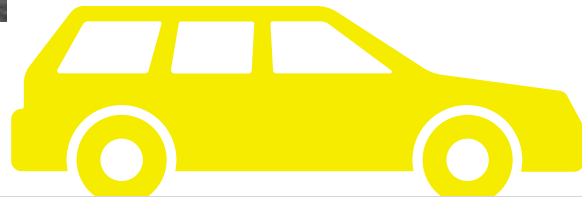
- Journalists and newspaper companies across Canada began slandering Japanese Canadians in the paper. Calling for their removal. The Canadian government then announced the internment camps and the seizing of Japanese property. Newspaper articles were often biased against Japanese peoples. In these articles published by the Sun it says “editor” which means that it was the people writing to the newspaper. Which shows that both the people and the public were strongly against Japanese people.

Will We Wait Too Long?
Editor, The Sun, Sir,—This is our country. If we want to hold it, we must take every step to safeguard it. This is a critical time. No Japanese should be allowed in the coastal area. They know our coast better than the average British Columbian. Rightly, or wrongly, we have never treated them as equals. They know it and resent it. There is little doubt that they think a lot of this country, but that does not make them loyal to our government. Will we do the sensible thing at this time, or will we wake up to find the little brown man prodding us with his bayonet and giving us orders we are not in a position to refuse.
GEO. J. FELTON.

Ontario's Timidity
Editor, The Sun, Sir,—I give you my opinion on the matter which the Sun discusses in its editorial headed by "Canada."
Do our people not realize that out of a Jap population of 10,000,000, a mere 1000 are to be interned, the balance remaining available for sale to the world?
The Ontario Government asks the U. C. to contribute to the defence of Canada. But the U. C. asks of the U. C. people will be responsible when the Japs begin to attack the West Coast?
What all, Ontario is simply moving the goal posts in the matter of internment, or at least one of the things in "The Sun."
If we were to let the Japs go from the coast, it is probably only a matter of time before they would be moving towards the west coast, and it would be a matter of time before they would be making the same mistake.
What all, Ontario asks that the U. C. do not do things, which would make their country a nest, or why should I care?
I have lived for many years in Japan and I know the Japs and why they only follow the lead of the U. C. at its merciful price.
The world round Europe, Asia and South East Asia are full of Japs who have every man, woman and child at their feet and the price of the Japs is the price of the Japs. You cannot find a Jap who is a coward, and imagine a Jap who will not fight with you who will not fight with you.
What if one happens here as long as there is a single man left.
Perhaps somebody can explain why the Japs did not observe the last machine and command of the government?
The Japs of the East is now more than ever the enemy of the U. C. people the world over.
GEO. J. FELTON.

Canadian Government Begins Seizing Japanese Properties

The Japanese had their cars and fishing boats taken when they were interned. They were promised that they would be returned to them after the war. However many boats, cars and houses were sold to white families and there was nothing for the Japanese when they returned. This had a major impact on Japanese Canadians as they couldn't rebuild their lives, business, etc because everything they owned was gone.

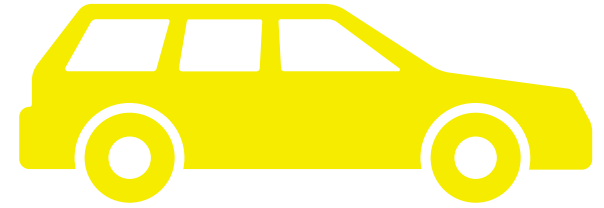


Internment

- Starting in 1942 the Canadian government began taking Japanese people. Separating men from women and children and forcing them to live in stables. Meant for barn animals. Some were taken to the interior or the through the Rockies and the east coast. You can clearly see that men are being separated from there families. This heavily impacted Japanese Canadians as family were torn apart and some kids never saw their fathers again.



Hastings Internment



- A very well-known example of Japanese Internment in BC was the Hasting Internment camp. The Hastings race track was converted into a camp, and housed many Japanese peoples. In these images you can see the horrid living conditions they were forced into.



The end



- In the end, Japanese citizens were only allowed total free movement across Canada in 1949 that's 4 years after the end of WW2. Even when returning they had nothing as all of their possessions had been sold off years earlier. It is to be noted that no Japanese person living in BC was ever charged with disloyalty. And this event is now regarded as one of the worst human rights violations in BC history.



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