

in England are eagerly awaiting transport home so as to place their skill at the disposal of their own nationals.

#### Mothers of Men.

Russian women have sent a message of thanks to Lady MacRobert, of Tarland, Aberdeenshire, for her latest gift in memory of her three airman sons, of four fighter airplanes to operate on fronts where they would be helping Russia.

"May this message reach Russia and her heroic women . . . who, like myself, have proudly given their sons, their all," Lady MacRobert wrote.

The Russian women replied: "Your letter has found a response in the heart of every Soviet woman.

"For the sake of victory over the evil genius of humanity—Fascism—you have sacrificed three sons.

"Maternal feelings are the same everywhere. We know what it means to lose three sons.

"But you have as defiant a heart as the Soviet women whom you praise.

"Your sons are dead, but you are sending fighters into the skies which they conquered so that other sons and their mothers will be able to live in a liberated world. One of the fighters will be called 'MacRobert's Salute to Russia.' You have understood that no enemy can ever break the spirit of our people. Soviet women receive with pride this war greeting from their British sister, in recognition of the friendship between our great peoples which will lead to victory over our common enemy, Hitlerism."

The King recently held an Investiture at Buckingham Palace at which his Majesty presented decorations and medals to the next-of-kin of those to whom they had been awarded.

Mrs. Esmonde, the mother of Lieutenant-Commander Eugene Esmonde, R.N., who led the Swordfish aircraft attack on the German warships in the Channel, received the Victoria Cross awarded to her dead son.

#### Air Raid Distress Fund.

The readers of the *Toronto Evening Telegram*, who have already contributed £316,521 to the Lord Mayor's National Air Raid Distress Fund, warmly support the Lord Mayor's appeal for funds to enable help to be given to the sufferers from air raids in any part of the Empire, and have sent a first contribution of £5,000.

### WHITE WOMEN RESENT FREEDOM OF JAPANESE.

We have to thank Sir William Davison, K.B.E., M.P. for Kensington, S., for so promptly bringing to the notice of the Home Secretary and Minister for Home Security, the Rt. Hon. H. S. Morrison, M.P., the strong sense of indignation of nurses in the Royal Borough at constant association in the district with Japanese nationals. In buses, Kensington gardens and elsewhere, sometimes guarded by police, three months after their base treachery in making war upon the Allies in Malaya, Hong Kong and Singapore, hundreds of these barbarians are apparently at liberty to enjoy the amenities of the Metropolis of the Empire!

Members of the British College of Nurses bitterly resented this condition of affairs; still in doubt as we are of the fate of our colleagues in Hong Kong and Singapore. That white women had been raped and driven into military brothels by these savages, was an undeniable fact, and why every Japanese in this country had not been at once interned is, in our opinion, inexplicable and inexcusable.

### THE MATTER DISCUSSED IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS.

On March 19th, the internment of Japanese nationals came under discussion in the House of Commons. To quote "Hansard":—

#### JAPANESE NATIONALS (INTERNMENT).

Mr. Cocks asked the Home Secretary what is the policy of His Majesty's Government regarding interning Japanese subjects in this country?

Mr. H. MORRISON: Out of a total of some 500 Japanese in this country, about 100 have been interned in the interests of national security. The policy has been to effect internment on a selective basis as distinct from general internment, but I shall not, of course, hesitate to order the internment of Japanese nationals if I am satisfied that they cannot be allowed to be at large without danger to the national interests.

Mr. Cocks: In view of the number of British prisoners in Japanese hands, is it not desirable to take as many of these poisonous people under our control as possible?

Mr. MORRISON: I wish always to please the House, but it must be remembered that when there was general internment previously at the demand of the House, there was very quickly a reaction against it. The point my hon. Friend raises is a factor for consideration which would concern another Department as well as my own. I do not exclude it as a possibility, but I would like to be sure of the facts before I do so.

Mr. Cocks: Is the right hon. Gentleman not aware that unless they are interned, they may be subject to private vengeance?

LIEUT.-COLONEL SIR THOMAS MOORE: Is there not a certain feeling of resentment against what is felt to be a form of old world courtesy towards these people?

CAPTAIN DUNCAN: Will the right hon. Gentleman consider the number of police and the cost to the country in exercising Japanese, in view of the treatment of British nationals in Hong Kong and elsewhere? Will he consider a reduction in the exercise time and the number of police used to exercise these Japanese?

Mr. MORRISON: I think that the hon. and gallant Member is referring to diplomatic personnel. There are diplomatic privileges all round, and so long as that is so, it is reasonable that the diplomatic personnel should exercise. When they do exercise, police are with them.

SIR W. DAVISON: Will the right hon. Gentleman consider particulars which I sent him about these Japanese exercising in Kensington Gardens, which my constituents strongly object to after the atrocities in Hong Kong?

Mr. MORRISON: Yes, I will certainly do that.

#### JAPANESE CLUB AND JAPAN SOCIETY.

Mr. Cocks asked the Home Secretary whether he is taking steps to close down the premises of the Japanese Club and the Japanese Society in Cavendish Square?

Mr. H. MORRISON: I am informed that both the Japanese Club and the Japan Society have already been wound up.

#### ACTION IS URGENT.

So far no public announcement has emanated from the Home Office as to what steps have been taken to intern the 400 Japanese now at liberty in this country.

The latest report of atrocities at Hong Kong, reported in *The Times* of April 2nd, should clench this matter; further delay is not to be tolerated.

#### HOSPITAL OUTRAGE. THE ABASEMENT OF WOMANHOOD.

New York, April 1st. Two men who escaped from Hong Kong, Mr. Jan Hendrick Marsman, a Dutch-born citizen, and Mr. Arthur Duff, an American, have arrived

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