

CONVERSATION OVER TELEPHONE BETWEEN MR. W.H.D. LADNER, (Counsel)
AND MR. Y.A.HORI, HIS IMPERIAL MAJESTY'S CONSUL FOR JAPAN.

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Mr. Hori:-

I think that we must suppose there ison board. He must be taken into consultation. If that contingency should occur, I think, as a representative I should beforehand communicate with the Japanese Government, that they will think such a step unavoidable or not. And I think our Government will be disposed to take either of these two steps.

Mr. Ladner:-

Look her, Mr. Hori, here is our position: Your Captain is either Captain of the vessel or he is not.

Mr. Hori:-

As a representative of the Government I think I should be given some time. Otherwise you will be doing some injustice to my Government.

Mr. Ladner:-

What we are trying to do is to assist you out of a rather trying position. The Captain has known of this for days. The Captain has had the advice of Sir. Charles Hibbert Tupper, one of the best legal men in Canada. Either he is going to obey his orders or he is not. If he finds he is unable to control his ship, he is to call on the police.

Mr. Hori:-

I am sorry I cannot catch your words very plainly.

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Mr. Ladner:-

Do you not want to talk to me?

Mr. Hori:-

I do not hear your voice: Will you ask Mr. Reid to speak to me?

Mr. Ladner:-

Check me if you do not understand me. The Captain is either going to obey those orders or not. The orders to the Captain.

Mr. Hori:-

I ask the Immigration Agent that I should be given some time to communicate with the Government and obtain my Government's attitude as to whether they would think it unavoidable that the police be called.

Mr. Ladner:-

I do not see that your Government is concerned in this matter at all, for the reason that the vessel is lying in a British port, and the British - as well as the Japanese people - give every assistance to a Captain to obey obtain order. If he cannot control his vessel, the whole of the British Empire is behind him to make these people bend to his will. This is the situation.

Mr. Hori:-

I heard a part of what you said.

(NOTE: Mr. Ladner spoke perfectly distinctly.)

Mr. Ladner:-

I do not see any reason for delay.

Mr. Hori:-

Then you are not allowing the Government any chance to advise me. You have given this definite ultimatum about half past three. Your limit of time is prescribed at 6 o'clock. This is not very long. I

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think I must have a chance to communicate with my Government and see what they say.

Mr. Ladner:-

This while position has been understood by the Captain of the ship for days, and the position he is in is one he has brought upon himself. That ultimatum stands and the result will be on the Government.

Mr. Hori:-

My Government has already instructed me that when such contingency should occur I am supposed to communicate and concur with them, and if you do not give me such a chance -

Mr. Ladner:-

Who is your solicitor?

Mr. Hori:-

I have no solicitor, I am acting myself.

Mr. Ladner:-

Really, I do not see that the matter concerns your Government at all.

Mr. Hori:-

It is quite evident Mr. Ladner, that this is a Japanese ship no matter what nationality of immigrants are aboard, or in what port it is lying, and I think the Government has a voice in this matter, and I think they should be given some chance to say yes or no, and if the Japanese Government understands the whole situation, they will come to the conclusion that the Captain asking for police is quite unavoidable and quite necessary.

Ladner:-

I do not see it in that way at all. I cannot see that your Government is concerned.

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Hori:-

Then I will cable to my Government that some more time has been refused.

Mr. Ladner:-

Our ultimatum to the Captain stands.
