

# WANT ALL ALIENS IN B.C. RELEASED

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## Test Cases Start—Illegal Deten- tion Ground for Significant Action

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FERNIE, B. C. — Developments transpired here last night which caused considerable excitement, when it became known that Thomas Leigh McCredy, barrister and solicitor, had arrived from Cranbrook, prepared to take legal action for the release from custody of Austro-Hungarians, interned by way of writ of habeas corpus. Attempt to serve George Welsby, chief provincial constable, with notice of motion supported by affidavits of the applicants were fruitless, owing to the absence of the chief from the city.

Service is also to be made upon W. J. Bowser, attorney general and Colin S. Campbell, chief constable for the province at Victoria. The grounds for action are stated to be that the men are in custody illegally, and were arrested improperly. Application is to be made before the presiding supreme court judge in chambers at Vancouver on Monday, June 24. It is understood these are test cases and if successful would result in the liberation of all internees here, and would undoubtedly cause serious complications with the mine workers, as the sentiment is strongly for absolute interment of all aliens through the Crows Nest Pass.