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SAMPEI SUGIURA AND THE KEIROKAI

Our annual EJCA KEIROKAI was held on Sunday, April 20th at the Shogun Restaurant. There were 62 in attendance. We were honoured by the presence of the CONSUL GENERAL OF JAPAN and MRS. FUNAKOSHI and 17 Senior Citizens. After a delicious Japanese brunch (it was more a dinner), TAK OHKI capably M.C.ed, commencing with an explanation of KEIROKAI, a day set aside for honouring our Senior Citizens. Welcome addresses were given by President DR. HENRY SHIMIZU and the CONSUL GENERAL OF JAPAN. The Japanese Ladies Choral Group delighted us with several songs, and George Tsuruda, Nori Kokaji, Kyu Otaki and Terry Nagata favoured us with karaoke songs.

The head table guests, of Seniors, were introduced and presented with a gift of pottery, a plate designed and made by AKIKO KOHANA. She offered to reserve the pattern for the EJCA. Special presentations were made to MR. SAMPEI SUGIURA by the EJCA and the Century Old Timers' Club, for his 88th or BEIJU birthday. Several members of his family were in attendance: LUCY (Mrs. Robert Ito) of Los Angeles, PATRICK, JACQUIE SUGIURA and JESSIE HOOGOOWONINK, her husband and two girls.

GEORGE NAKAMURA thanked the EJCA on behalf of the Seniors. To complete the afternoon, video tapes, taken by SUSAN CARNAHAN, of the Heritage Days and Christmas Party were shown.

Our grateful thanks to GAYLE SHAW and all who assisted her in making the afternoon such a happy event!

WANTED a Japanese Chef who can also make sushi. Please Call MR. SHIBATA at (604) 381-6141 collect or write FUTABA RESTAURANT 2717 Quadra Street VICTORIA, B.C. V8T 4E5

NATIONAL CONFERENCE, Winnipeg, May 16-19

The NAJC conference was the most exciting and productive conference that we have ever attended. (Details of our accomplishments are available in the NAJC Newsletter inserted to Edmonton-area subscribers; NAJC Newsletters are available in all NAJC Centres.)

We had debates, but we presented arguments, listened to rebuttals, and then made decisions that were best for NAJC and the constituents the delegates represented. Look over the redress proposal; when it was finally formulated, it was adopted unanimously and with enthusiasm. When we dispatched our president and his strategy committee to seek a format where we can discuss and negotiate a resolution to the difficult redress issue, we gave the president carte blanche authority to resolve this issue without having to say to the gov't: I'll have to check it out with our group.

That was the spirit and morale that guided the NAJC meetings. Even though the responsibilities were heavy, the time and work demands overwhelming, Art Miki consented to stand for another term in order to provide continuity toward resolving the redress matter. Art as president, Roger Obata as VP, Harold Hirose as Treasurer were unanimously and appreciatively re-elected by acclamation.

Even the difficult problem of fundraising benefitted by the high morale, and NAJC is progressing favorably on this as well, under the leadership of Charlie Kadota (for the west) and Roger Obata (for the east) as co-chairs.

--A. Hoyano & G. Hirabayashi

EDDIE NAKAMURA AND HERITAGE DAYS COMMITTEE

As MOSHI MOSHI went to press, the Heritage Committee was busily engaged in their planning of the Japanese Pavilion & program.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

H. J. Shimizu



1986 EJCA SCHOLARSHIP AND ACTIVITIES AWARD

In February 1986, some 43 years after the original events, Gordon Hirabayashi was exonerated by the Federal Court of U.S. His offense was to be born in America of Japanese parents. Being American-born, he should have been protected by the Constitution with its Bill of Rights, and whose preamble states "that all men . . . derive rights inherent and inalienable, among which are the preservation of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness."

However, in 1942, blinded by racism and hysteria, the U.S. government classed all persons of Japanese ancestry as enemies of the state. With the release of classified and erstwhile secret government documents, Gordon returned to the courts to appeal his wartime convictions. The exclusion order was overturned in a belated act of justice.

Much has been in the media about justice finally being achieved after so many years. Very little attention has been focused on the actual events that took place in 1942. In the heat of the "haiseiki" of the time, it took an act of great courage to defy the government order of "exclusion" of all persons of Japanese ancestry from the west coast.

Gordon Hirabayashi decided to defy that order because he knew that it was fundamentally wrong. As a young university student of 23, Gordon's act of defiance against the government order was a sudden and improbable step to be taken at that time.

Those of us who were living along the west coast can appreciate how difficult and dangerous was that decision. Gordon's decision was taken alone without safeguards, but it was a decisive step. It was the act of an idealist, an independent conscience. Great changes often start with a sudden impulsive but decisive step. Can you imagine a political action in 1942 which defied a powerful and determined government? The courage and planning which went into the decision to defy the government order can only be appreciated if one can imagine the charged atmosphere of racism which prevailed all along the west coast in 1942.

Thus, that improbable step has belatedly focused attention on the injustice of the "evacuation" order. It leads directly to the justification of redress today.

Although the events above occurred in the United States, we in Canada would like to acknowledge the significance of the Federal Court victory. It is doubly significant be-

The EJCA Scholarship & Activities Award Committee invites applications for this year's awards. Friends and families of graduating high school seniors and post secondary students send in nominations to the Committee. Deadline for applications is August 31.

PURPOSE: to honor students who have achieved a high academic standing while making social contributions in extra-curricular (including community) activities.

ELIGIBILITY: Persons of Japanese ancestry whose parents or self have been EJCA members for the past three years. Grade point average of 70 or 6.5 or higher.

Contact EJCA secretary Allan Hoyano, Ste. 1, 15108 Lakewood Road West, T6K 3J4, 462-4646 (res. 454-0546), or MOSHI MOSHI, Flo Shikaze, 9104 - 71 Street, T6B 1Y2, 466-1059, for information, nominations, application forms. Procedure and regulations will be sent at the same time.

COMING EVENTS

June 22 - Annual Picnic, Rundel Park
Rain or Shine.

July 12/13 - Jasper Fun Tournament

Aug. 3/4 - 10th Annual Heritage Days,
Hawrelak Park

Sept. last week - Annual General Meeting,
EJCA, at The Lingnan

Mid-Sept - next issue, MOSHI MOSHI; in
the meantime, Have a Good Summer!

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cause a similar action under the War Measures Act did not take place in Canada in 1942. We are indebted to Gordon for having taken that defiant step which most of us would have been afraid to try.

I would like to end this note with a quotation by the American senator, J. William Fulbright: "to criticize one's country is to do it a service. . . . Criticism, in short, is more than a right; it is an act of patriotism - a higher form of patriotism, I believe, than the familiar rituals and national adulation."



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OTANJOBI! OMEDETO!

A special Happy Birthday to two ladies who will be 90 years young...MRS. K. YAMAUCHI on July 1st and MRS. K. KIYOOKA on August 16th. Greetings

also to MRS. K. SHIMIZU and MR. SANJIRO NAKAMURA for their August birthdays. We hope all will have a Happy Day!

WEDDINGS:

CONGRATULATIONS to GORD ARIZA and SANDI SHIMBASHI on their recent marriage. Story elsewhere.

GRADUATION:

CONGRATULATIONS to JOHN SABURO YAMAMOTO (of JOHN & JUNE) who received his Master of Business Administration degree from the U of A at the Spring Convocation. He received his Bachelor of Commerce degree from here in 1982. In the same year he was the recipient of the EJCA Scholarship. At present he is enjoying a well deserved rest. GOOD LUCK, JOHN in your future endeavours!

DONATIONS:

The EJCA thanks the following for their generous donations:

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MRS. T. SHINYEI
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MRS. SACHI SHIMOTAKAHARA, Antigonish, N.S.

OUR READERS WRITE US....

To - EJCA

Just a line to thank you for the lovely gift which was recently delivered to me by Mr. Nakamura.

I am enclosing two cheques a donation to the Club and to MOSHI MOSHI.

Thank you once again.

Mrs. T. Shinyei, Edmonton

EJCA:

Thoroughly enjoy reading "MOSHI MOSHI"- keep up the good work.

Roger Obata, Toronto

MOSHI MOSHI;

Your paper has been a great tuner to your community. One can feel isolated from JC community especially in Antigonish. Thus, the news from across Canada is enjoyed and makes one realize the importance of JC tie....

I wish to donate to MOSHI MOSHI for your good work in communication.

Sachi & George ShimoTakahara
Antigonish, N.S.

ADVERTISING RATES FOR VOLUME 11, 86-87
WILL REMAIN THE SAME AS 85-86.

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HOUSEHOLD HINT: If you want to foil the cabbage worms, cover your cabbages with panty hose.

It was a small, intimate wedding confined to the Edmonton relatives (about 10 from both sides) and a dozen Quakers, under whose care the wedding was held, at the Faculty Club. "We did not invite a single friend, because inviting one meant 175; there was no way to draw a line."

The silence of the worship period was broken from time to time, first by Gordon and Susan, and later by members of the family and friends. A theme that emerged was captured by this line from Rainer Maria Rilke: "And this more human love . . . the love that consists in this, that two solitudes protect and border and salute each other."

Gordon is known to us, but who is Susan? She is someone that Gordon's family thinks might be too good for him. Brother Jim wrote from S.F.: "So you are thinking of marrying Susan? I'd better warn her." His twin daughters, Sharon Yuen and Marion Oldenburg, after meeting Susan, asked: "Where did you ever find her? She's wonderful!"

In recent years Susan has been engaged in discovering and establishing her own personhood, personally and occupationally. Toward that end she had legally changed from the former married name of Secord to her professional name, Carnahan (after her favorite great grandmother's maiden name). She is a free-lance writer in radio and TV, mostly in areas of health, peace and women's activities/aspirations.

When son Jay asked what was on the minds of many others: "Where are you going for the big honeymoon?" Gordon was heard to say, ". . . we hope to take a number of honeymoons for the rest of our lives."

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excerpted from Muriel Kitagawa, THIS IS MY OWN, edited by Roy Miki. Letter to Wes Fujiwara, March 4, 1942:

We are Israelites on the move. The public is getting bloodthirsty and will have our blood Nazi-fashion. Okay we move. But where? Signs up on all highways . . . JAPS KEEP OUT. Curfew. "My father is dying. May I have permission to go to his bedside? "NO!" Like moles we burrow within after dark, and only dare to peek out of the window or else be thrown into the hoosegow with long term sentences and hard labor. Confiscation of radios, cameras, cars and

and after May 24,

INTRODUCING MR. & MRS. GORD ARIZA.....

On a lovely sunny afternoon in Drayton Valley SANDI SHIMBASHI, daughter of HENRY and SUNAO, and GORD ARIZA, son of ISAO and PAT of Winnipeg exchanged wedding vows at the United Church. The alter was decorated with baskets of spring flowers and sprays of the same marked the guest pews.

A radiant Sandi entered the church on the arm of her father. She wore a taffeta gown, with a slight train and a short veil was held in place by lilies of the valley. she carried a white bouquet. The bride was attended by CORINNE SELIN, MICHAELLE MERAW and RHOBIN BURELLE, who wore dusty rose cocktail dresses. Flower girls, in white gowns were the HIROSE sisters, KIM, KRISTA and JENNIFER. Attending the groom were: DOUG CHRISTIE, BRIAN ARIZA and GORD MIYAGI-SHIMA. Ushering the guests were BLAIR SHIMBASHI and KEN, Gord's cousin.

A sumptuous buffet was served at the reception in the Elk's Hall. The M.C. for the evening was uncle of the bride, WALTER KOY-ANAGI. The toast to the newlyweds was proposed by MICHAEL SHIMBASHI. Thanks were given by both bride and grooms families.

After the first waltz, the evening continued with a lively dance...a melding of music both dance-able and listen-able, appropriate for the mature and others.

A late evening snack was served to replenish the energy of the delighted dancers.

MR. and MRS. GORD ARIZA are honeymooning on a cruise ship on the blue waters of the Caribbean.

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trucks. Shutdown of all business. No one will buy. No agency yet set up to evaluate. When you get a notice to report to RCMP for orders to move, you report or be interned. "Who will guard my wife and daughters?" Strong arm reply. Lord, if this was Germany you can expect such things, but this is Canada, a Democracy! And the Nisei, repudiated by the only land they know, no redress anywhere.... On the coast in the States, 120,000 Japs on the move inland. But they don't have to join Gangs, or go to Camps . . . which may be better or worse I don't know.

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