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CHINESE CANADIANS REJECT APOLOGY FOR TV PROGRAM

Chinese communities across Canada have refused to accept CTV's apology for the W5 program, "The Campus Give-away", in which Chinese Canadians were shown as unwelcome foreigners. "This mistake was never mentioned in CTV's Sunday (March 16) statement," said P. Mah, VP of Edmonton's Ad Hoc Committee Against W5. Only the regret that 100,000 foreign students were cited rather than the 58,000. "We do not consider the token gesture of CTV anywhere near a sincere and honest response." A libel suit brought against CTV by several students and the Chinese community in Toronto is still in order, it was reported.

IRAN AND SENATOR HAYAKAWA

The Nikkei have frequently pondered the question, "Can it happen again?" and have more often than not concluded that uprooting people purely on the grounds of ancestry could not happen again. Last month, Senator Hayakawa introduced a bill to the U.S. Senate authorizing the President to intern all alien Iranians, to provide Americans with a group of hostages. "We interned 110,000 Japanese during World War II and we handled that all right."

Nikkei members of Congress immediately disassociated themselves from the statement with words that went as far as "ludicrous". The Japanese American community exploded with anger. "Can it happen again?" With media distortion, frustration and anxiety, scapegoating an unpopular minority, plus exploiting politicians, and 1942 was about to happen again. Quick and firm citizen response is our best safeguard.

TOWARD A NEW DIRECTION

NJCCA CONF., VANCOUVER, MAY 16-19

"We pulled it off in 1977, grander than anyone imagined! And now we need to get our national network established." With hopes of this nature "toward a new direction", Nikkei delegates from across Canada will be convening at Vancouver during the Victoria Day weekend, May 16-19.

The conference planning committee has been putting in long hours since last fall, and the Vancouver local arrangements committee is getting the setting established. Co-chair of the planning committee are Ed Ide and Mits Sumiya (Toronto); the responsible person for the Vancouver group is Gordon Kadota. Some nine projects/working papers have been assigned to various community associations across Canada, and from these will emerge our agenda topics (language textbook, nat'l cultural program, immigration, redress, biogr. & sociol. history, among others).

One or more delegates (including G. Hirabayashi) plus archival research consultant Ann Sunahara will be attending from Edmonton. The task which faces delegates and participants of the conference will be reviewed at the coming Board Meeting on April 23. Whether the Conf advances on its targets will crucially depend upon how well the various organizations and their delegates come informed and prepared to cope.

A plan to equalize conference delegates' travel fares is being studied and the host chapter will be asked to oversee the equalization payments.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

EJCC: GEORGE NAKAMURA

A most happy welcome to spring and a hearty welcome to all our fellow members.

The other day the question of what are the functions of the Edmonton Japanese Community Club was raised by an interested party. This is not a simple question, but it may be partly clarified by a look at the historical aspect of our organization.

The original impetus in Edmonton to form an organization or Nihonjin Kai was primarily social. There was an economic side too as it was a group of businessmen (primarily barbers) who decided to get together for social activities. The main activity in the early years was the annual picnic.

Next, the Nihonjin Kai formed a food buying co-operative (putting in monthly orders of Japanese food to a firm in Vancouver). The Nihonjin Kai was the structure through which religious services were held, with laymen acting as organizers. Members at this stage were still mainly Issei.

When the Nisei joined the Nihonjin Kai, they added sports as a new dimension, especially curling and golf. Some Issei also participated. But during the 1950's the Nisei gradually assumed the majority, and the Ni-

honjin Kai eventually became the EJCC.

Throughout these years the members had occasion to take part in Japanese cultural activities, mainly the odori. Recently, the EJCC activated an educational support by introducing the scholarship award to members or their children.

For some reason the EJCC never affiliated with JCCA (Japanese Canadian Citizens Association), but we participated fully in the national Japanese Canadian Centennial celebrations ('77). And we are participating in the National Japanese Canadian Conference at Vancouver this May, sponsored by the National JCCA.

Over the years EJCC has therefore been involved in social, economic, religious, sports, cultural, educational and political activities. The cultural aspect appears to have been the most prominent. Where do you feel our time and emphasis should be?

There may also be psychological functions as a spin-off from the foregoing social functions, but these could be even deeper and more involved than we can go into at this time.

Are there other functions that you as a member would like to see the EJCC involved?

KEIROKAI, SUNDAY MAY 25

The annual EJCC Keirokai will be held at the Japanese Village Restaurant, 10126 - 100 Street, on Sunday May 25, at 4:30 PM. Cost will be \$10.00 per person (including service, thanks to a special deal by the Japanese Village).

Please join us in our annual tribute to our Senior Citizens, and this year let us help Mr. Hachiro TAISE celebrate his 98th (99 in Japanese system) birthday. In addition to the delicious teppan yaki, you will be treated to the show the chefs put on.

Tickets may be obtained from:
Lucy Takahashi, 469-3260; 9652-69A St.
Hideko Kaneda, 434-0592; 13907-51 Ave.
Flo Shikaze, 466-1059; 9104-71 St.

Do it by May 20.

--Flo Shikaze

T. SADA, NEW CONSUL GENERAL

Tsunetoshi Sada, Consul General of Japan, has arrived in Edmonton to assume his post. He comes from Tokyo, where he had served as Manager, General Affairs Dept. of the Interchange Association, a group established to deal with affairs between Japan and Taiwan.

Mr. Sada studied at Tung Wen College, Shanghai, during 1938-41, and began his foreign service career in Canton in 1942. He has served stints at Los Angeles, Hongkong, and more recently, 1st Secretary of the Embassy at Yugoslavia (1970-73) and Counselor at the Embassy in Nepal (1973-77).

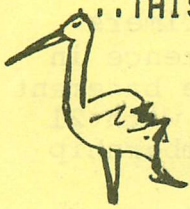
EJCC is looking forward to getting better acquainted at a reception to be held soon. We hope he will enjoy his service at Edmonton.

--Lucy Takahashi

FLO & LUCY

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A SON: Congratulations to Toshihiro and Kiyo KAGAWA of Millwood on the birth of a son, RAY, on February 10th.

A little *ototo* for Mary. The Kagawas are recent arrivals from Japan. Welcome! We hope you will

A DAUGHTER: Born to Tom and Janice HIGA on March 30, a *yonse* daughter, ALLYSIA NICOLLE TERU, 6 lbs 3 1/2 ozs. Grandparents Al and Kay Shimbashi are doing well.

TANJOBI: The spring break is over!! The stork kept his promise and the following Seniors are celebrating birthdays in May:

Mrs. G. KATAYAMA Mr. H. TAISE
Mr. S. SUGIURA Mrs. F. KINO-
Mrs. K. IWABUCHI SHITA
Mrs. Sanjiro NAKAMURA

TRAPPED: Our best wishes to Larry (of John and Lucy) TAKAHASHI and Laila (of Holger and Helga) JENSEN on their engagement. The wedding will take place on June 7.

AU REVOIR: We bid sayonara to Consul General Chikamitsu and Mrs. Harada at a farewell buffet dinner at The Lingnan Restaurant on March 12. A large group of 80 saw them receive corsage of rose and a red boutonniere, and later Inuit (Eskimo) carvings of a walrus (symbolizing wisdom thru yrs of hardship and experience) and a seal (suggesting youth and ready to challenge the future) from EJCC. Regretfully, the guests had to sit through "entertainment" of songs and jokes (the talent in EJCC membership is phenomenal); the Consul General chipped in his song in good spirit. But Mrs Harada *enryoed*.

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ON THE OCCASION OF THEIR DEPARTURE

* * FAVORITE RECIPES * *

HIDEKO'S SALAD

1/2 pkg. harusame
1 C bean sprouts
1 cucumber
3 or 4 slices ham
3 eggs
3 Tbs dashi or milk

Soak harusame for half hour. Boil for few minutes. Rinse. Cut into 3 inch lengths.

Boil bean sprouts for few minutes. Peel and cut cucumber in 2 inch pieces, and coil-cut or slice very thinly.

Cut ham in strips.

Mix well the eggs with dashi/milk, fry very thin, cut in strips.

ARRANGE ALL INGREDIENTS ATTRACTIVELY.

Pour salad dressing over ingredients.

Dressing:

1/4 C vinegar 1 tsp curry powder
1/4 C corn oil salt,pepper

(medium-sized shrimp may be added)

--Hideko Kaneda

ONION SALAD

10 med. to small onions
1/2 C kombu (kelp), about 12 in. dry

Slice the onion very thin, put in ice water for about one hour.

Drain.

Moisten the kombu to make pliable, then cut thin.

Mix well with sauce. Refrigerate overnight. Keeps several days.

Sauce:

1/3 C shoyu
1/3 C sake
1/3 C vinegar

--Hideko Kaneda

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Flo and Lucy
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Edmonton T6B 1Y2

ODORI DANCERS IN CONCERT: CALGARY 1981

The first major odori concert since the Nikka Festival Dancers of the 1977 Centennial is scheduled for Calgary (Southern Jubilee Auditorium), May 23, 1981. Host organization is Calgary's Kaede no Kai Odori Group, and the concert director will be Sadayo Hayashi, who directed the successful cross-Canada Nikka Festival Dancers in Concert.

In addition to Kaede no Kai dancers, Vancouver's Tatsumi School of Odori will participate and its teacher, Chi-yoko Hirano will serve as choreographer of the concert. Dancers in Edmonton and South Alberta (Lethbridge, Taber, Vauxhall, etc.) will be encouraged to audition for the concert. Information about the auditions will be circulated in due course.

1980 HERITAGE DAYS, AUGUST 3 & 4

ANOTHER BIG JAPANESE COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT is anticipated during the 1980 Heritage Days celebrations, according to John Ito, general director. Last year, the attractive Japanese Pavilion was the big hit of the Heritage Days events. It was anchored by the Japanese Language School group last year, but this year the entire Japanese community will be asked to support the project with volunteer work; this project is too big for a small body such as the Japanese School teachers and parents, says John Ito.

How successful the Japanese Pavilion will be this year, in fact, whether there will be a Japanese Pavilion will depend upon how many volunteers come forward. John Ito would like to hear from volunteers by the end of May; call John Ito, 467-0454. The availability of the basic structure, the experience of last year, the leadership of John Ito are valuable assets. With the volunteers, another success is possible. EJCC is the sponsor, and encourages a phone call to John Ito.

EJCC MEMBERSHIP: FAMILY 5.00
SINGLE 3.00

Make cheques payable to: Edmonton
Japanese Community Club and mail to:
Mrs. B. Ohashi, 11736-39 Ave. T6J 0m9

CENTURY OLD-TIMERS CLUB

With a New Horizon grant of \$4,515.00 the Century Old-Timers of Edmonton came into existence in May of 1977. It met at the basement of McDougall United Church with 21 Issei members. Now the membership has shrunk to 16.

The Club meets on the 1st Sunday of each month at 1:30 PM, McDougall Church. Special invitation is extended to Nisei and Shin-Issei who are over 60 and retired, and anybody 65 or over.

Until a Drop-In Centre is established, the Club will continue to meet at the McDougall. It now has several facilities (some of which will come into use when a more regular location is found): ping pong table, carpet bowling, shogi, hana fuda, go (donated by Mrs. Kiyooka in memory of her husband), movie projector and screen, Sony TV and video betamax, a complete tea set.

The younger English-speaking new seniors might wish to organize a sub-group (bridge, bingo, whatever).

--Marie King

WELCOME TO JAPAN FESTIVAL

Members of the Japanese community presented a program at the Knox Metropolitan United Church, April 19. Featured were origami (Mrs. Kaneda, Mrs. Huzinaga, Mrs. Waida, Miss Waida), odori (Mrs. Keiko Frueh and students), a talk and song, both by Dr. Sam Hoshizaki. Dr. A.R. Cragg presented Slides of Japan.

Additional attractions were a Japanese dinner (teriyaki chicken, sukiyaki, broccoli with karashi ae, kyuri-momi, tea) and a display of kimono and other Japanese articles.

The national anthems of both Canada and Japan were played (because this was a program about Japan; normally, Japanese Canadian presentations would find the Japanese anthem foreign and inappropriate).

There have been a series of similar presentations to other groups by some of the above and others. Much time is required, but deeply appreciated.

--Amy Kikuchi

APPRECIATION from

EDMONTON JAPANESE CURLING CLUB

The Edmonton Japanese Curling Club expresses its thanks and gratitude to the following for their kind and generous donations in support of the Bonspiels hosted by the Club during the 19-79-80 season:

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—John Takahashi

1980-81 Season: AN INVITATION

An invitation is extended to all who would like to curl in the Edmonton Japanese Curling League during the 1980-81 season. Both seasoned and beginning curlers are most welcomed.

Membership in the Curling Club is open to all. The 1980-81 curling season begins in October, and curling takes place on Sunday evenings from 6:45 - 9:00 PM. If you wish to join, please contact:

John Takahashi, President
 9652 - 69A Street
 Edmonton T6B 1W3 (469-3260)

Golf news in the next issue.

15th ANNUAL MIXED BONSPIEL

This year's Mixed Bonspiel saw 32 rinks entered; the events took place at Thistle Curling Club, March 28, 29, 30. The 1981 16th Annual Mixed B onspiel is scheduled for March 27, 28, 29.

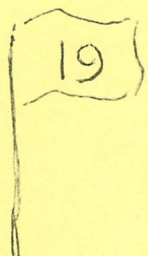
The winners of the four Events are:

- "A" Event, Edm. Japanese Community Club
Trophy: Mike Matsuba, Warren Kushnir, Harold Smandych, Darlene Kushnir, Edm.
- "B" Event, Japan Airline Trophy:
Dave Shima, John Kadonaga Ken Kadonaga, Holly Shima, Calgary
- "C" Event, Ken Matsuba Trophy:
Doug Miyagishima, Howard Williamson, Ted Myroniuk, Lil Smandych, Edm.
- "D" Event, Westend Tire Trophy:
Jim Ikebuchi, Wayne MacGregor, Marilyn Ikebuchi, Darlene MacGregor, Calgary

EDMONTON JAPANESE CURLING CLUB

Another successful season was completed with the Mixed Bonspiel. During the year there were two major Club events: the League championship and the League bonspiel. The winners were:

- League Championship, I&S Produce
Challenge Trophy:
Sat Maruyama, Tom Kitagawa, Debbie Mah
Barbara Kitagawa.
- League Bonspiel,
"A" Section, Turbo Refineries Trophy:
Sat Maruyama, Tom Kitagawa, Debbie Mah, Barbara Kitagawa.
- "B" Section:
Ben Shikaze, Sam Higa, Dennis Kikuchi,
Derek Shikaze.



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EJCC SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

"Students, that time of the year is rapidly approaching!" EJCC solicits applications from high school graduates and post-secondary institutions planning to continue their education. Interested students should write to:

Mrs. Rose Oishi

EJCC Secretary

12327 51A Ave.

Edmonton T6H 0N3 (435-7167)

and ask for award regulations and application form. She will mail them to applicants immediately.

The purpose of the award is to honor students who have achieved a high academic standing while making social contributions in extracurricular activities. Application is open to all persons of Japanese ancestry, and whose parents or applicant have been a member of EJCC for the immediate past three years. The Scholarship and Award application form must be returned to Rose Oishi no later than July 31 (post-mark). Last year, there were two award winners: Kimi Jean Nakamura and Darcy Clark Yamada.

--Diane Nawata

GOTANJOBI OMETO GOZAIMASU TAISE-SAN

Hachiro Taise celebrated his 99th birthday (Japan system) in March. He came to British Columbia in 1907 from Japan. He and Mrs. Taise now reside with their daughter and son-in-law, Betty and Masuo Kadonaga.

On this auspicious occasion his family graciously hosted a dinner party at the Lingnan Restaurant on March 29, with over 80 family and close friends, some of whom came from as far away as Lethbridge, Vancouver, and California. The delicious dinner was topped by a gourmet's delight of fresh shrimps flown in from the west coast.

Highlighting the memorable occasion were songs, a harmonica solo by Tom Kuramoto (Vancouver), and many sincere, kind words from friends, some of whom were associates of over 50 years.

Happy Birthday, Mr. Taise! We look forward to sharing your 100th birthday next year.

--Marie King

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