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シヤーシテ、ズンの横顔

阿部次平さんは一九〇〇年九月福岡生れ。一九二二年既にバンクーバーに移住してゐられた従兄弟のスポンサーでカナダへ渡って来られました。三年はスポンサーと住むことが条件だったのでその方の店を手伝われましたが、一九二五年にはシヤトーレーウクルがでつた後には又西海岸へ戻ってフレイザー製材で働かれました。阿部さんは方々に住まわられましたし、又色々な仕事もされました。B.C.州のクイーンシャーロット島のあらこりの港で働かれましたが二年間は鮭工場での仕事をされたそうです。当時鮭の油脂はヨーロッパに輸出され骨は肥料として使われていました。次はプリンスルーパーで魚の加工品を詰める箱を作る会社に一九二九年から五年間勤めた後にシーター(砂の美)で屋根材を作る会社で働いてゐられた時戦争になりました。既に四十代になつてゐられましたが、独身の男性は全社員強制移動させられるという噂に稼いだお金を思ひきつてバンクーバーで

つかわれたとのことです。その頃南アルバータへ行けるという事になり、R.C.M.P.から許可を得、証人に立会えもつた上で汽車の切符を入手し、午後十時、汽車で南アルバータに向つた。ちよつとその夜の十二時にカナダ政府は西海岸在住の日系人に自由行動禁止(Travel Ban)が発令されたといふことです。

アルバータ州レモンドでは砂糖大根(サカモ)穀物の農場で働かれましたが、厳しい寒さの爲健康と害され入院の後、一年間は休養されなければなりません。レモンドではマツキマサオ御夫妻の親切が身に染みて忘れることができないとのことでした。

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仕事をされました。その後シャーウッドパークで又一九七〇年代に引退されるまでエドモントンの東京レストランで働かれました。

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(フロレンス・シグゼ(H.H.S.))



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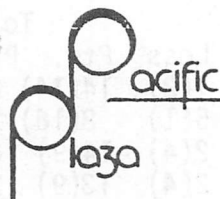
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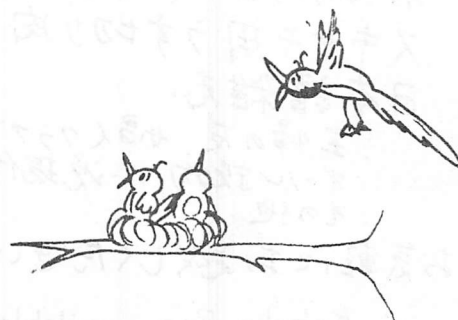
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With the opening of each new curling season, members of the Edmonton Japanese Curling Club would hear the faint familiar cry, or was it a plea, of "It's My Turn" Finally, it was his turn! By maintaining the barest of lead throughout the crucial final game, the rink of skip John Takahashi, third Don Arndt, second Ken Fujioka, and lead Linda Hayashi swept into the Winner's Circle to capture the 1982-83 E.J.C.C. League and Playoff Championships.

Following close behind to finish as the Runner-Up for the League was Ron Malach's rink with Linda Adams, third, Akio Tokunaga, second, and Rhobin Shimbashi, lead. With an almost perfect win record in the second round of play, Ron captured the "B" Section Playoff Championship.

The Doug Miyagishima rink of Kate Horne, Darcy Yamada, and Randy White was the Runner-Up to John Takahashi for the "A" Section, with Ben Shikaze rink of Lorne Berg, Dennis Kikuchi, and Nancy Lee Runner-Up in the "B" Section.

LEAGUE PLAY:

RINKS	Wins	Ties	Loss	Total	
				Pts.	Pts.
John Takahashi	6(7)	2(0)	1(2)	14(14)	28 A
Ron Malach	4(8)	0(0)	5(1)	8(16)	24 B
Gord Miyagishima	7(4)	0(1)	2(4)	14(9)	23 A
Mas Okamura	6(7)	1(1)	2(4)	13(9)	22 A
Doug Miyagishima	5(5)	0(0)	4(4)	10(10)	20 A
Ben Shikaze	3(6)	0(0)	6(3)	6(12)	18 B
Alan Sugiyama	2(4)	1(0)	6(5)	5(8)	13 B
Brian Sugiyama	4(2)	0(0)	5(7)	8(4)	12 A
Sat Maruyama	2(3)	1(0)	6(6)	5(6)	11 B
Terry Uyeda	3(1)	1(0)	5(8)	7(2)	9 B

Figures in () denotes Second Round play

PLAYOFFS:

"A" SECTION

	Wins	Ties	Loss	Pts.
John Takahashi	7	0	2	14
Doug Miyagishima	5	0	4	10
Gord Miyagishima	4	1	4	9
Mas Okamura	4	1	4	9
Brian Sugiyama	2	0	7	4

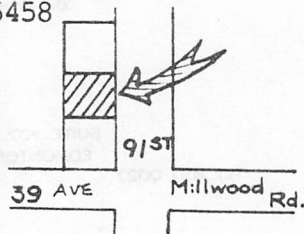
"B" SECTION

	Wins	Ties	Loss	Pts.
Ron Malach	8	0	1	16
Ben Shikaze	6	0	3	12
Alan Sugiyama	4	0	5	8
Sat Maruyama	3	0	6	6
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JIHEI ABE

This issue's SPOTLIGHT ON A SENIOR is focussed on a much travelled bachelor. MR. JIHEI ABE'S birth date was September 27, 1900, in the prefecture of Fukuoka, Japan. In 1922 he came to Canada, sponsored by a cousin in Vancouver. He worked in his store for three years, (it was compulsory to stay with the sponsor for at least 3 years).

In 1925 he moved on west, to the Chateau Lake Louise where he worked for one season, before he left. Abesan returned to the coast where he was employed at the Fraser Mills, for a short time. This man not only travelled a lot but also had a variety of jobs. Mr. Abe's next stop was Queen Charlotte Islands, just off the coast of B.C. Here he spent two years at Naden Harbour, later at the south end, Rose Harbour, where he worked at a whaling station. Oil was extracted from the blubber of the whale, then exported to Europe. The bones of the mammal were used for bone meal, a common fertilizer.

Off once again, the year 1929, to Prince Rupert, B.C. Here, Mr. Abe worked at the Box Mill. Boxes were made for packing fish products. After spending five years there he moved back towards Vancouver and was employed at a cedar shingle camp, in Hatzic. After a time war broke out! The much travelled man was about 40 and still a bachelor. Rumour had it that all single Japanese men would be sent east so he decided to go into Vancouver and spend some of his hard earned money. While there he learned he could go to Raymond, Alberta but first had to obtain permission from the R.C.M.P. to purchase a train ticket. It had to be witnessed saying that indeed he did have a place to go to in Raymond. Abesan boarded the train at 10:00 p.m. and at midnight the Canadian Government put a curfew on all Japanese living near the coast.

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The pioneer citizen's next stop was a sheep ranch where he stayed for two years. At first he was a helper but later was given full responsibility. More and better quality lambs were produced, hence the ranch prospered, but again the cold was injurious to Mr. Abe's health, therefore, he moved to MacLeod. He washed dishes in a cafe for a few months then later, became a pastry chef and short order cook.

In 1951, the Issei went to Calgary, the Empress Hotel, was his place of employment. There he did all phases of cooking. After seven years, wander lust again took over, his next stop, Edmonton. He worked as a janitor at the old Mills Motors. After only one year, the north beckoned him. He was at the Penguin Hotel in the Yukon for three years but life there was not to Mr. Abe's liking, the men were coarse and rough. He returned to Edmonton, did a few a odd jobs then back on the road again, to Fort McMurray, for two years as a cook. Mr. Abe. then went to Sherwood Park, worked for a time in a coffee shop, then back to this city, to Tokyo Restaurant until his retirement in the 1970s.

Mr. Abe remained a bachelor. He has nieces and nephews in Toronto, San Francisco and New York. This Pioneer Issei Senior Citizen enjoys fairly good health. He makes his home in a Senior Citizen's Lodge in the west end. Some impressions and thoughts on this "foot loose and fancy free" man: he is meticulous, always well groomed, dressed smartly in a dress shirt and tie, clothes that are well co-ordinated. He speaks with a smile and very friendly. Although Abesan will be celebrating his 83rd birthday this fall he has a remarkable memory, as you can tell by the accounts and dates in this interview.



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OTANJOB! Many happy returns to the following Sr. Citizens who are celebrating May birthdays: MR. S. SUGIURA; MRS. K. IWABUCHI; MRS. S. NAKAMURA AND MRS.

KINOSHITA. Greetings also to a former resident of Edmonton, MRS. Y. KATAYAMA, now of Toronto.

DEATH

Our heartfelt sympathy is extended to IKE EBATA in the loss of his loving wife, BETTY. Also remembering her with love are daughter DONNA and son-in-law CARSON GOERZ, little SHANDRA: brothers and sisters in B.C. and Toronto.

FRIENDSHIP EXCHANGE

The Board of EJCC hosted a belated welcome and get-acquainted dinner for Consul-General Shinichi TOMIHARI and Mrs. TOMIHARI, Consul Masao MOTOZONO AND Mrs. MOTOZONO on January 31 at the SHOGUN Restaurant.

On March 24 Consul General TOMIHARI and MRS. TOMIHARI invited the EJCC Board and their wives to Buffet Dinner at their beautiful residence.

NOTE THIS DATE: JUNE 26

Our annual picnic is set for Sunday June 26, at our favorite place: Site 2, Laurier Park. More details in the next issue. But mark the date.

KEIROKAI

Plans for the Keirokai early in May are under way, with Betty Kadonaga and Cathy Tennant coordinating.

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BEIJU
BIRTHDAY
FOR
Mrs Kiju KIKUCHI

On Saturday, February 5th, the family of MRS. KIJU KIKUCHI invited relatives and friends to help celebrate her 88th birthday, at the Lingnan Restaurant. The guest of honour wore a blue dress over which she had a red haori, red corsage and hat. Traditionally the colour red or beiju is worn on the 88th birthday. The haori, (made by daughter-in-law Setsu) had a single character, reading KOTOBUKI on it meaning long life or meditai, and is used on festive occasions. Seated at the head table with Mrs. Kikuchi were her daughters, FUMI YASUDA, KAY TSUJIUCHI, CHRIS SHIOZAKI, SHIRLEY PETGRAVE and her son LEE; and son BILL and wife SETSU.

After a delicious dinner, the birthday cake lit by 88 candles and sparklers was brought with the singing of Happy Birthday. A program followed MC'ed by John Ito. Many tributes to Mrs. Kikuchi were made and messages were read from daughter and son-in-law, the SAKAIS, from Toronto; CONSUL GENERAL and MRS. TOMIHARI and third from Vancouver. BILL KIKUCHI thanked everyone present, on behalf of his Mother.

The happy evening continued with delightful entertainment consisting of singing and odori.

In addition to Mrs. Kikuchi's daughters and grandson from Toronto, friends came from Vauxhall, Calgary and the surrounding areas of this city.

We now look forward to MRS. KIKUCHI'S HYAKU OTANJOB! or white birthday, at age 99. OUR BEST WISHES !

for another year, but rumors are floating that at the next AGM there will be an item on the agenda for new membership rates in line with everything that's rising. Do it now.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

EJCC: Miyako Okubo

This spring, the Board will be holding a special Brain-Storming session to discuss the future activities of the EJCC. While the Club has traditionally hosted a number of activities, the participation level has dwindled. The Board believes that it is time to begin reassessing and revitalizing the Club activities by advance planning of the traditional and incorporating new programs which would reflect the interests of the membership. Since we will require the assistance and input of the membership to achieve the foregoing, we would welcome any comments from the membership, and urge that they contact me or any of the Board members to bring forth any ideas.

So one of the changes, the Board has decided that the Club shall not participate in the Heritage Day Festival this summer. We feel that the Heritage Day Festival has become highly commercialized and has begun to deviate from the original spirit of the organizers to display and share the diverse heritage of Edmontonians. Also, it is a heavy load to the same troop of volunteers who have donated hundreds of hours of their time, and deserve "a year's sabbatical"; perhaps next year they can return to join a fresh group of new volunteers.

Another thing, it is anticipated that a number of our members will be involved in the organizing and participating in the Universityade this summer.

Once we have had our special session, I will be making a progress report to you.

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Roy & Grace Yasui

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WORLD

★ MONTREAL, MONDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 1983

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The shame lingers

A U.S. congressional commission has concluded that the relocation and internment of 120,000 American citizens of Japanese descent and resident Japanese aliens was a "grave injustice." High time. Canada should make a similar acknowledgment.

Almost everyone in the United States and Canada knows and has known for 35 years that their fellow citizens got a bum rap and that their treatment remains a stain on our pretensions of being truly democratic societies. The stain persists, because we have been unable to become indignant enough to compel political redress.

The findings of the American commission appointed by Congress more than two years ago ascribe the action to "racist prejudice, war hysteria and failure of political leadership," not in any way to military necessity.

There are ample grounds for believing this to be true. The scare of the "yellow peril" was centred on the West Coast, where the Japanese population never exceeded three per cent, a figure that makes for public awareness but little personal contact. In Hawaii, where the population was larger and better known, few were interned, despite the attack at Pearl Harbor.

The irrationality is manifest in a remark in 1942 by Lt. Gen. John DeWitt, responsible for security on the U.S. West Coast: "In the war in which we are now engaged racial affinities are not severed by migration. The

Japanese race is an enemy race . . . The very fact that no sabotage has taken place to date is a disturbing and confirming indication that such action will be taken."

Of course it never was, and the American unit formed of men released from internment proved to be that country's most decorated of the war.

Even if allowance is made for war emotion and the need for military restrictions, nothing can excuse the long postwar ignoring of the injustice, in the United States or Canada, where the report would equally apply. The U.S. commission's work is a national beginning at making amends; a recommendation for cash compensation for internees or their descendants is expected to follow.

The U.S. action underscores the shame of Canada's lingering inaction. Five years ago Prime Minister Trudeau in a speech in Tokyo acknowledged the injustice to Japanese-Canadians. He has made no such acknowledgment in Parliament. This country interned 23,000 persons of Japanese descent. As in the United States, there was no instance of espionage among them. Many lost property and have never been compensated.

The country still owes them an apology. Parliament does not need a commission to offer it. Or to offer some compensation. Why should we be saddled any longer with this disgrace?



(Kadota visit, cont'd.)

However, except for the highly successful presentation to the Interparliamentary Comm on the Constitution in Fall 1980, NAJC has been inactive. For that Gordon Kadota accepts major responsibility, with regrets.

2) But now, the JC Centres need to respond to the issue of redress. Some Canadians are sufficiently concerned to bring this matter to

Parliament, not to mention the strong and favorable coverage by the media. It is now not "should redress be raised," says Kadota, but "to what extent do JC's wish to input on the issue." Kadota feels that if JC Centres can conscientiously face this matter, we may not only participate as Canadians in clearing this shameful aspect of history, but develop organizationally to the point that we can hold an org. and leadership convention within a year.

--G. Hirabayashi

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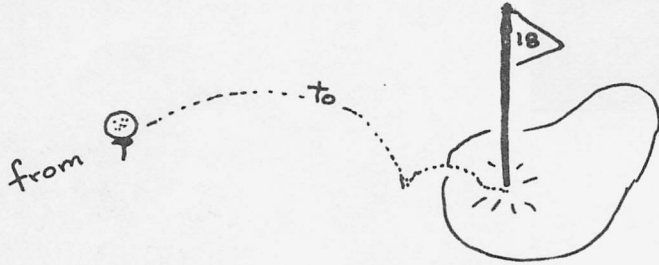
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- Sun. June 18, 1100, Tak Nagata Open;
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- Sat-Sun. July 16/17 (TBA) Jasper Fun Tournament (not yet firmed);
- Sun. Aug 7, 1100 Modified Calloway;
- Sat/Sun, Aug 27/28, EJGC Championship;
- Sun. Sept. 11, 1100 Consul General Team Championship (tentative)
- Fri. Sept. 30 (TBA) Wind-up Social & Awards Night, Chinese food.

Members must advise Ted or Mas no later than Tues evening prior to tournaments, to be accommodated.

--Mas Okamura, president

KADOTA VISITS EDMONTON

Vancouver's Gordon Kadota, president of National Association of Japanese Canadians (NAJC) brought two important issues to the attention of current and past EJCC Board members: 1) current state of the NAJC, and 2) the JC redress issue.

1) National Assn: There has been a 45 yrs history of organizations preceding the NAJC. It began with Tom Shoyama and colleagues in 1941, with citizenship as a distinguishing feature of Nisei from Issei, hence its name, Jpnz Cdn Citizens League. One issue was the stance of the Nisei in the event tensions with Japan deteriorated, that it should be as Canadians. Then came the war and a near wipe-out of JCCCL.

In the wake of the deportation movement during the latter phases of the war, and in cooperation with the Coop. Comm. on JC and the Civil Liberties Union, the JC Comm for Democr (JCCD) was organized to successfully fight back. Other issues followed (franchise, compensation for prop. loss, etc.) and for this the JCCD was laid down in favor of a new JC Citizens Ass'n. These were heady days (1947-52) and great strides were made organizationally with Winnipeg, Toronto and South Alberta as nerve centres.

With the achievement of the franchise and the not too satisfactory prop. bill, most Nisei, like other Canadians, settled down to personal and economic recovery from the decade long depression and the total war (15 years). As a result the latter half of the 50's saw the once dynamic JCCA reduced in membership and in focus to largely social matters. From 1961 until the JC Centennial preparations of 1976-77 (15 years), JCCA was dormant and never met nationally. The enthusiasm generated by the Centennial revived interest to re-establish an ongoing national network.

In 1980 the National JCCA was laid down, and the NAJC was created, largely to turn a new leaf and to recognize that citizenship no longer constituted its once-dominant distinguishing feature, and include other Nikkei into the fold.

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