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GOOD NEWS REGARDING THE RICE PROBLEM

Montreal Japanese Can Get 15lbs. Of Rice Per Month--Form Included In
Bulletin Must Be Filled--Ration Cards Distributed April 24th

Rice hungry Montreal Japanese will soon be sitting down to enjoy as many bowls of rice daily without other members of the family glaring at them for eating more than their share of the present meagre supply of rice. Until now the rice could be obtained only by the patience and humiliation suffered by the housekeeper on his or her daily tour of all the neighboring grocerias.

15 lbs. Rice Per Month--As soon as arrangements are completed, every Montrealer over three years of age will be able to receive fifteen pounds of rice per month, through a rationing system. The price will not exceed 13c per lb.

Through an agreement made between the Department of Labour, Japanese Division, and the local Wartime Prices and Trade Board, a quantity of rice will be set aside for the people of Japanese origin residing in Montreal.

Nominal Charge of 10c For Ration Cards To facilitate distribution ration cards will be issued to all those desiring rice and only those filling out the form in this bulletin will receive the cards. A nominal charge of 10c will be made to cover costs of the ration cards. Similar forms are available at the office of Mr. J. O. Boudet, Department of Labour, 276 St. James St. West. Deadline is April 22nd.

Ration Cards Available April 24th--A general meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 24th, at 8 p.m. in the Synod Hall, 1461 University St., Montreal. Rationing cards will be distributed at this meeting.

DON'T BURN DOWN PARLIAMENT BLDGS.

Says B. K. Sandwell--But Urges Support For Montreal Committee On Canadian Citizenship--Jacques Perrault, J.L.D. Speaks in French

B. K. Sandwell, Editor of Saturday Night, said he wasn't advocating the burning down of the Parliament Buildings, nor was he an orator capable of arousing the masses. With these words of introduction Mr. Sandwell gave a very interesting address, April 4 in Montreal on the Japanese-Canadian question. Co-speaker was Jacques Perrault, J.L.D., law professor of the University of Montreal.

Factual Presentation--Throughout the speech, Mr. Sandwell urged support for the MONTRÉAL COMMITTEE ON CANADIAN CITIZENSHIP for the special
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ATHLETIC CLUB BANQUET--You are reminded that the Montreal Nisei Athletic Club will hold their Annual Banquet at Astor Grill, Saturday, April 27th, 1946 at 7:30 p.m. Admission, \$2.00 per person (Members of the Club will receive Special Discount.

Dancing only--Ladies 35c, Gentlemen 50c.

NISEI PREMIERE

As Reviewed By "Critic"

The Nisei Premiere was a "howling" success, attended by a large and sympathetic, if not too critical an audience.

ESCAPE BY MOONLIGHT. This psychological drama, a bit ambitious for an amateur first production, managed to carry the mood of the play, with the suprisingly mature portrayal by starlet Mickey Nakashima, Lloyd Shimotakahara as Jerry, the departed lover, George Yamashita as the doctor, and Mrs. Billie Eguchi as elevator girl, gave very convincing performance, but their efforts were somewhat overshadowed by the acting by Mickey. The lighting effects for this play were excellent.

MILDRED IS MY NAME. This was the most polished play of the evening. Roy Morito, in the part of Grandfather, gave a masterful show of restraint, although his tone was muffled at times. Hazel Shimotakahara played Millie, the best cast role, with natural charm. For a first appearance, Tiny Eguchi, in the part of Mildred's mother, showed delightful stage presence and poise. Ralph Horiuchi, a little unsure of himself, managed to gain assurance as the play proceeded.

THE BATHROOM DOOR. This play brought down the house despite itself. Lloyd Shimotakahara "flirted" with the audience, winning them over completely, with Miyo Ishiwata running a close second. Amy Okugawa and Nobby Ogura, as the heroine and hero, both did a well-rounded job, but had to take second place to Lloyd Shimotakahara's interpretation of the old man. Lillian Shimotakahara and Kaz Ito made the most of two very minor parts.

POWERS MODELS. Streamlined "Powers Models" Ralph Horiuchi, Saishi Kuroyama, Goto Matsushita, Mac Yamada, Toshio Miyamoto, Kats Nakashima, Dick Takeuchi and Kaz Nishio, with Tiny Eguchi as the smooth-voiced Tiny Eguchi, displayed what the feminine world will wear this spring.

GUEST ARTISTS. Kaz Nishio, Sumi Okuda, Victor Chang, Joy Powles, Bob Henmi, Mr. Onami added to an enjoyable program.

PLAUDITS... to Oscar Hatashita for the difficult job of Master of Ceremonies, Eiko Henmi for directing, and to the prop crew for effective stage scenery.

RICE IS RICE AND YOSHOKU IS YOSHOKU,
AND NEVER THE TWAIN SHALL
MEET?



A SLOT THAT WORKS EVERY TIME!! JUST
PUT IN \$\$\$, TURN THE CRANK WITH A
NAME...AND OUT COMES 15 LBS. OF RICE!!

WELCOME BACK TO "OUR TOWN"

Miss Kay Yasunaka's many friends are happy to welcome back Kay from Mondon, Ontario. Where are you hiding, Kay?

Private Barney Tonegawa is home on furlough.

Tad Goto, recently discharged from the army, is slowly becoming accustomed to Civvy Street... nice to see you home, and back at your old job.

Jack Lee from Ste. Agathe making up for lost time... in typical Jack Lee fashion...lots of luck, Jack.

ALTAR BOUND

The friends of Miss Mary Nagai at St. Raphael's House, on April 6th, gave a farewell party prior to her departure for Toronto where she will be married soon.

THE TORONTO CO-OPERATIVE COMMITTEE

News Bulletin -- In The Prime Minister's Room, Ottawa

From 11.30 a.m. till nearly 1 p.m. March 26th, a group of representatives of the Co-operative Committee had a conference with Prime Minister Mackenzie King and several of his leading Cabinet Ministers. These included the Minister of Justice, the Secretary of State, the Minister of Labour, the Minister of Defence, the Minister of Welfare, and the Minister of Veterans Affairs.

The deputation consisted of E. J. Tarr, K.C. of Winnipeg; Colonel Croll, a liberal M.P.; H.J. Coldwell, leader of the C.C.F. in Parliament; Charles Millard, a member of the Canadian Congress of Labour; Andrew Brewin, Legal Advisor for the Committee, and Hugh MacMillan, secretary.

THE CONFERENCE: Members of the deputation expressed satisfaction with the frank and friendly manner in which the discussions were carried on. The deputation felt that the wide-spread expression of public opinion on the Japanese-Canadian question had favourably affected the government. The Prime Minister assured them that serious consideration would be given their representations. The conference was evidence of the way democracy functions in a struggle for the rights of citizens.

DISCUSSION ON THE ORDERS-IN-COUNCIL: It was pointed out that these ORDERS:

1. provide for the exile of Canadian citizens--a most serious matter.
2. give power to the Government that the U.S. Congress does not have, nor has Britain assumed such power even in the gravest emergency.
3. constitute a violation of International Law.
4. put the value of Canadian citizenship into contempt.
5. in a wholesale manner cancel naturalization without reason.
6. are based on racial discrimination, now defined as a crime against humanity by the International Military Tribunal.
7. are not now related to the war emergency.
8. purport to be based on alleged requests to be sent to Japan. (A mass of evidence indicates serious doubt about the exercise of free will in the making of these requests).
9. threaten the security of every minority in Canada--land of minorities.
10. will cause lasting hostility to Canada's International relationships.
11. are in direct contradiction of the language and spirit of the United Nations Charter.
12. cannot be enforced without grave injustice and inhumanity to innocent persons.

DISPERSAL POLICY:-- The deputation pointed out that more than one-third of the Japanese-Canadians are already dispersed throughout the Prairie Provinces and Eastern Canada, thus greatly relieving the problem formerly felt by B.C. It was urged that the restrictions on purchase of property and freedom of movement be removed immediately so as to enable those who have resettled to become established in normal life. This would also result in increased numbers leaving the relocation centres.

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to the Privy Council on behalf of Canadian Citizens of Japanese origin. His clear-cut, lucid presentation of highly confusing Orders-in-Council and their interpretation, filled in with sufficient background material on relocation, was one of the best analysis on this problem ever heard by a Montreal audience. While Mr. Sandwell gave the factual side, Mr. Perreault presented the philosophic view in the French language, which rounded out very satisfactorily the entire evening.

Test Case Halts Deportation.-- One of the most important points brought out by Mr. Sandwell was that if the test case had not been taken to the Supreme Court, some Japanese persons would already have been deported against their will. Mr. Sandwell stressed that whether the appeal to the Privy Council succeeded or not, every man had a fundamental right to change his mind. He also emphasized the humanitarian side of the effect of breaking up of the family unit.

The meeting was ably conducted by Mr. Roger Ouimet, K. C.

PERSONALITIES ON REUSEW
CANON P.S.C. POWLES

To be dubbed "Father of Japanese Welfare" would no doubt tickle the good Canon's fancy. Stretching himself in his easy chair, thrusting his long legs out front his blue eyes becoming bluer with merriment, he would definitely "guffaw" most disrespectfully at the very suggestion. Canon Powles is like that.

Had there been no war, Canon Powles, together with Mrs. Powles, without whom this story would be incomplete, would still be in the little town of Takata, in Nagano prefecture, his mission field since 1916. But the war brought him "Home."

With a Japanese vocabulary which would put even the native Japanese to shame, with a love for things Japanese from art to miso, Canon Powles found himself the logical person to be approached by Mr. Trueman, placement officer from Toronto, to keep an eye on evacuees to arrive in Montreal. Thus, the Nisei Sponsoring Committee came into existence, with the Canon as the nucleus, assisted by interested Occidentals.

DIFFERENCE BETWEEN HOPE AND DESPAIR

The Powles home on Lorne Crescent was never closed to those needed a home in those early evacuation days. Today, the district around Lorne Crescent, Hutchison, University, which house a large Japanese Community, is mute example of the Sponsoring Committee's efforts to find rooms for the boys. Only those who have found themselves in strange surroundings, among strangers, faced with an indefinite future, can appreciate the welcome which the good Canon provided. Little things they were -- little things, but nevertheless, things that meant difference between hope and despair.

IN HIS OWN WAY

By 1943, the work which began as a volunteer project grew to be full time one, and in May, 1943, Ottawa sent out a representative and the Security Commission was established.

In his own way, Canon Powles still does his welfaring. He knows them all by name ... the boys who work in restaurants, the gang that goes bowling, the group in the Fellowship, the families who belong neither here nor there. The Good Canon loves them all, worries over them, advises them believing that the Niseis have a wonderful chance to assimilate in Montreal.

FROM FIRST HAND KNOWLEDGE

And what does he think of the Niseis? "The Japanese are much like the English -- with an innate reserve." He believes they will assimilate, if assisted by others along the way. The Niseis' strongest point is local church affiliations which will break down the natural tendency to concentrate and lead Niseis into new sub-groups with Occidentals.

What of intermarriage? "I'm all for it", replied Canon Powles. When asked if he did not think it too soon for such a step, he said "It has to start some time. Why not now," provided that the parties concerned have behind them the necessary basis of social and education equality and experience." And, he added, with typical Powle smile, "I'm afraid that I have had to say "no" to several because of just that."

PAGING MONTREAL

Hello, did you hear? THINGS ARE HAPPENING IN MONTREAL.

WELCOME THIRD GENERATION:

The ROSS Akazawas, (nee Fusako Inose) 3683 Hutchison, have been the proud parents since March 2nd. The little lady has been named Christine Violet. Going to get her a pair of 1 ft. skis, Ross? Congratulations!

SPORTS ON PARADE

by COSSY

With hockey history already made and the activities of the Montreal Hisei Bowling League fast coming to a close, it looks as though softball (or its newly christened 'fastball') and baseball is going to take the limelight.

With competition promising to be stiff amongst the six teams entered, the Softball League is planning on getting the ball rolling as soon as possible.

The Teams: They are: Ebata's, called St. Luc, Fellowship, Verdun, boys around Ito's and City Centers.

Baseballers In The News--Kaz Suga, well known to baseball fans has signed up with St. John, a semi-pro team of the Provincial League after rejecting an offer from President Malupesne of Three Rivers, Quebec, of the Border League. Incidentally, Three Rivers is a farm team for the Montreal Royals, which in turn is a farm team for the Brooklyn Dodgers.

We are glad to report that Yuki Uno, snappy first sacker has again signed to play for the Kil: team of the Metropolitan League.

Bowling On Last Lap--Bouquets to team "Eight Ball." Although trailing in cellar position, they are always in there fighting, and that's what we call SPORTSMANSHIP!

Leading their division in the last half are: Thunderbirds, (Red Division) captained by Ernie Tamaki K 700 (Blue Division) captained by Cossy Asada. Fighting for second place are the Comets, Slow Freight, and Head Pins in the Blue Division, and in the Red Division, the fight is between Katherines, King Pins and Dickies.

Play-Off Schedule--Saturday, April 20th, 8:00 p.m., second half champs will be decided; Sunday, April 21st., 8:30 p.m., division champs; Sunday, April 21st., 8:30 p.m. grand champs. These games will all be held at the PARK BOWLING ACADEMY.

Fans, this is going to be a close race so turn out and support your favourite teams.

ENGAGEMENTS

Miss Motoe Nishizawa, daughter of Mrs. & Mrs. O. Nishizawa, 3510 Park Avenue and Ernest Tamaki announced their engagement at a party April 6th.

Miss Chiyo Asano and Ken Nakashima followed suit.

Happy landings, Motoe, Ernie, Chiyo, Ken. Spring is in the air, tra la!

PAGING MR. STORK

The Bert Murakamis' 2651 Masson, welcomed a new arrival, little Marcia Kiyomi, on March 28th. Petite five pounder.

"ALL ROADS LEAD TO MONTREAL--"New Arrivals

From Slocan; Mr. & Mrs. Toyohiro Ezaki, Joe Takakura. From Lemon Creek; Mrs. J. Hama. From New Denver; Mitsuhiro Ikegami. From Vernon, B. C. Mr. & Mrs. Tadashi Okamoto. From Greenwood; Mrs. Masao Tsunokawa and family. From Angler, Ontario; Mrs. Umetada Inamoto, Kanekichi Kosaka, Kiyoshi Ono, and Mr. Suofuji. From Toronto; Keji Mitsui, Mikuo Sada.

Yes sir....., all roads lead to Montreal!

PUBLIC MEETING FIRST WEEK IN MAY
Dr. Rothney Of Sir George Williams

Further announcement will be made of a Public Meeting in the first week in May. Topic: The Atomic Bomb And World Government.

(The Ed. warns me to make this article as short as a woman's skirt... short enough to attract attention, and long enough to cover the subject...)

GARDEN SCENE: a worm squirming out from its winter hibernation... blinded for a second by the sun...and before the poor guy could even regain his composure, he was wormberger within the stomach of an early and alert robin. So, watch out, you 'worms'.

EVERYWHERE: sporadic showers, splitting buds, chirping birds, and the sap is starting to run (no offence meant), and changing weather. Ah, yes! the harbingers of SPRING are getting more conspicuous every day. What's to follow...cycling, softball, golf, tennis, picnics?

You would like to? Then, can I suggest something? THAT YOU BRING THESE IDEAS AND PROPOSALS TO THE FELLOWSHIP GROUP MEETING. Sure, we've thought about it too, and all we're waiting for now is some enthusiastic support...so how about it? You will? Swell!!

As you know, the Fellowship has bi-monthly meetings at Emmanuel United Church every second Friday. Rev. Shimizu will be present at our 26th meeting.

(Sorry Ed., I made the article longer than intended...I lacked the time to make it shorter.....)

BOWLING

The Nisei Athletic Bowling League finished off a successful schedule Tuesday night with Thunderbirds and K-700 leading their respective divisions in the 2nd half of play. 1st half winners are Lucky Strike and Feders. In the Red division Darkies finished 2nd and the King Pins in the 1st playoff spot. In the BLUE Division Comets were 2nd and Head Pins and Slow Freight deadlocked for the last slot of the Playoffs. A sudden death game will be held on Saturday night to decide 3rd slot. Individual honors were not threatened with the following becoming the major trophy winners:

Ladies' High Average	Flo Onishi	Slow Freight	178
Men's High Average	Roy Hayashi	Woodpeckers	211
Ladies' High Three	Sheena Nishizawa	Comets	658
Men's High Three	Tom Satta	Stardust	878
Ladies' High Single	Mieko Kosaka	King Pins	310
Men's High Single	Ernie Tamaki	Thunderbirds	404

PLAYOFF CHATTER:

Feders the top team of the 1st half - Red Division have run up against a snag in the person of Bill Ono who has decided to visit the Queen City for the Master Parade. It is a tough blow because the League ruling calls for 80% of a person's average and NO SUBSTITUTES ALLOWED. Slow Freight are in a similar predicament with Shoji Kiyonaga returning to the Ghost Towns for a month's visit.

COME ON OUT AND SUPPORT YOUR TEAM

FLASH! Mrs. Bill Iwasaki gave birth to a baby girl on Sunday April 14th. Mother and baby both well!