

"SOME KIND OF MIRACLE"

REMEMBERING THE ORIGINAL JAPANESE CANADIAN CULTURAL CENTRE





THIS ASIAN HERITAGE MONTH

REVISIT A MIRACLE & CELEBRATE

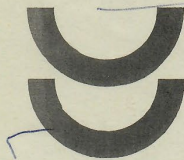


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NEED WE SAY MORE?

10,000? 100,000? 1,000,000?

How many words have been written about the Japanese Canadian Centre?

Whatever the figure, there has been a deluge of words that no one can be totally unaware about its purpose and need.

You've been told how the Centre could be the focal point of our Japanese heritage so that it can be made to blend with our Western outlook to enrich our lives. Nor need you be reminded that the Centre is for everyone, but with a special emphasis on the hopes and aspirations of our own community. And who hasn't heard what an enduring tribute this project would be to the hardy Issei who crossed the Pacific to make their homes in this young and promising land? Or how we can share in a worthwhile community effort that would benefit all!



Photos by Jack Hemmy

SOD TURNING CEREMONY - SEPT. 8, 1962.



LATEST ON-SITE PHOTO - Further progress has been made since this picture was taken. Why not visit the scene and see for yourself.

1500 Japanese-Canadian Families Gave More Than \$300,000

Here are the facts!

The Centre is no longer just an idea or a dream, it is a reality! Target date of completion is May, 1963. Programming for the Centre is well under way.

A mortgage of \$220,000 has been obtained on a total project cost of \$580,000.

However, we are still short of funds. During the period of November 11 - November 30, canvassers will be appealing to those such as yourself who have not yet been contacted to make a pledge.

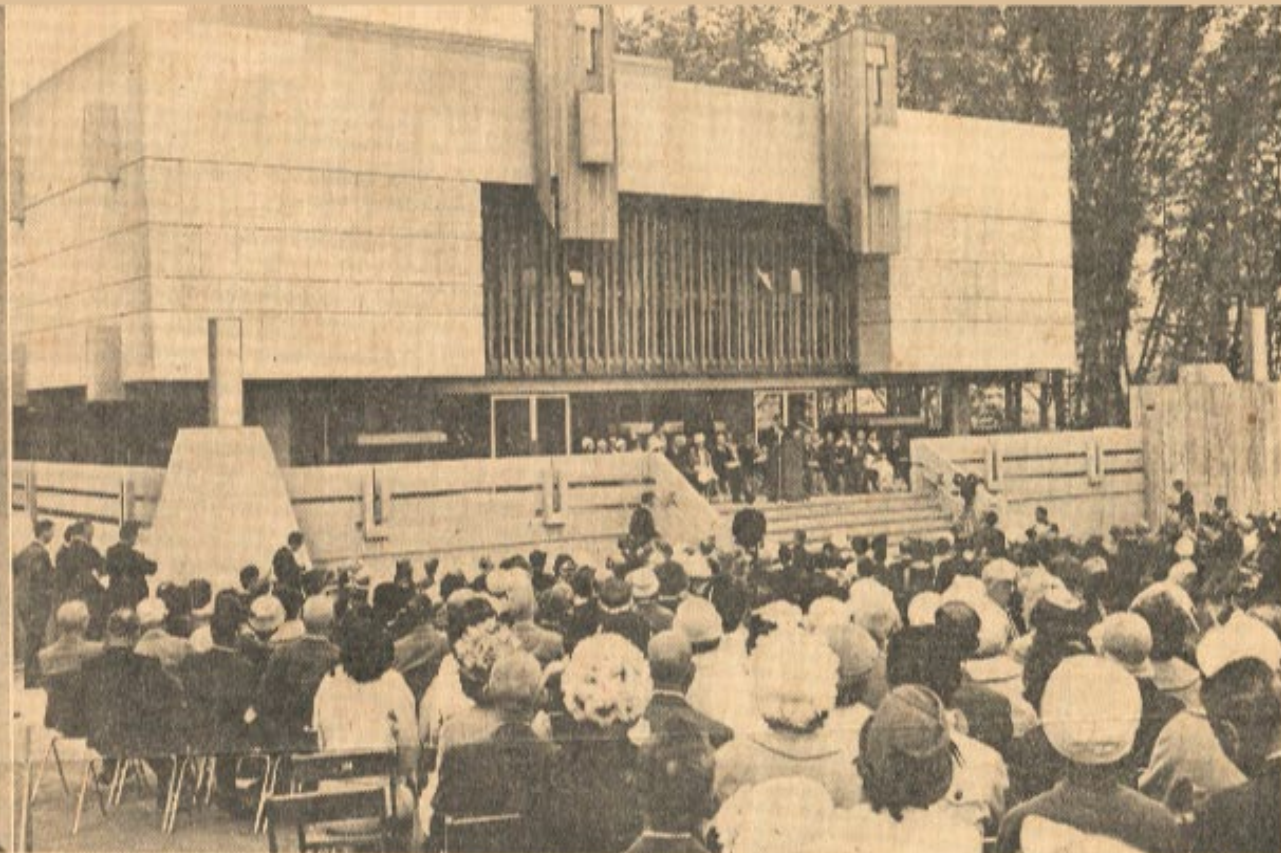
While the method of contributing towards the Centre is optional, it is suggested that your pledge be for a period of three years, payable annually in three equal amounts.

1500 Japanese Canadian families have given \$300,000. Won't you join us by pledging?

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We make a living by what we get, but we make a LIFE by what we GIVE!

If you have any questions concerning the Centre, please contact Mr. KEN KUTSUKAKE at the JC Centre Office.

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—Globe and Mail.

Prime Minister Lester Pearson told 600 persons at the opening of the Japanese Canadian Cultural Centre (right) that Canada

was not proud of having forced Japanese families from the B.C. coast during the Second World War.

PM Deplores Treatment of B.C. Japanese

Prime Minister Lester Pearson last night termed the Mackenzie King Government's treatment of persons of Japanese origin during the Second World War a black mark against Canada.

Speaking to about 600 persons at the opening of the Japanese

Wynford Drive east of the Don Valley Parkway, Mr. Pearson said of the forcing of Japanese from the B.C. coast:

"That action by the Canadian Government of the day—though taken under the strains and fears and pressures and irrationalities of war—was a black mark against Canada's traditional fairness and devotion to

the principles of human rights. We have no reason to be proud of this episode, nor are we."

On the platform with Mr. and Mrs. Pearson before the striking precast concrete and wood building was Seijiro Yoshizawa, Japanese minister to Canada at the time of Pearl Harbor and now president of the Canadian Japanese Society.

Maple Leaf flag, greeted Mr. Pearson, who arrived nearly 25 minutes late for the outdoor ceremony.

After he spoke, a station wagon with a large placard urging preservation of the Red Ensign drove up. It was sponsored by the Loyal Orange Lodge of York County.

Mr. Pearson's speech last

night at the Park Plaza Hotel. Today he is to address the first plenary session of the Rotary International convention at Maple Leaf Gardens. Then he will fly to Baltimore, where he will receive an honorary degree and speak at Johns Hopkins University tomorrow.

He is scheduled to arrive back

NOTICE TO ALL JAPANESE PERSONS AND PERSONS OF JAPANESE RACIAL ORIGIN

TAKE NOTICE that under Orders Nos. 21, 22, 23 and 24 of the British Columbia Security Commission, the following areas were made prohibited areas to all persons of the Japanese race:—

LULU ISLAND (including Steveston)	SAPPERTON
SEA ISLAND	BURQUITLAM
EBURNE	PORT MOODY
MARPOLE	IOCO
DISTRICT OF QUEENSBOROUGH	PORT COQUITLAM
CITY OF	MAILLARDVILLE
NEW WESTMINSTER	FRASER MILLS

AND FURTHER TAKE NOTICE that any person of the Japanese race found within any of the said prohibited areas without a written permit from the British Columbia Security Commission or the Royal Canadian Mounted Police shall be liable to the penalties provided under Order in Council P.C. 1665.

AUSTIN C. TAYLOR,
Chairman,
British Columbia Security Commission

Toronto Refuses to Take Any B.C. Japs

APR 22 1942

By Canadian Press

TORONTO, April 22.—Mayor F. J. Conboy of Toronto said today following a meeting with representatives of business, labor and patriotic organizations that it was inadvisable to allow Japanese families to move here from British Columbia because "we have a tremendous number of war industries in Toronto which make us just as vulnerable as British Columbia."

Hanbury's Plea

Hold Jap Labor For Log Camps

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As evacuation of Japanese from Vancouver Island was completed today, and the movement

The mayor called the meeting yesterday after receiving letters from the Japanese-born heads of six Japanese families in British Columbia, asking to be allowed to move here. The conference was closed to the press.

"It was the preponderance of opinion at the meeting that these Japanese can live just as comfortably in British Columbia as they can here," he said. "The meeting was of the opin-

Presentation to
Planning and Housing Committee
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