

# Hiroshima posting remembered

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Sunday was the 33rd anniversary of the atomic bombing of Hiroshima. While the event which is considered to have forced Japan to surrender and ended World War II is just a fact in a history book to most Canadians, it has considerably more significance for one Georgetown man.

Early Ryder of Ryder's TV, Georgetown, spent a year in Kure, Japan during the Ko-

rean War and became acquainted with Kiyoshi Kikkawa, the man written about in Life Magazine as Hiroshima's number one bomb victim.

Mr. Kikkawa had 27 operations by the time Mr. Ryder met him in 1952. He had been at the edge of the area devastated by the bomb and was the most severely injured person who survived the explosion, the article claimed.

In 1952 Mr. Kikkawa had a flourishing business selling souvenirs of the blast and Mr.

Ryder has a book entitled No More Hiroshimas which he purchased from him at his stand near the centre of the crater area.

Mr. Ryder was a radiation safety officer with the Canadian Army and just missed being sent to Australia in 1956 when the first hydrogen bomb was tested there.

"We hear all sorts of contradiction over whether the bomb should have been dropped in 1945," Mr. Ryder says, "but I think dropping the bomb was a

really proper alternative to what they were doing. We have benefited from the scare so that 30 years later it's still not being used. They were using a different kind of bomb, of course, but they were chipping away at cities before that. They wiped out a whole section of Tokyo in one night with small bombs and it doesn't matter which kind of bomb hits you. You're just as dead with one kind as with the other."

"They dropped a second bomb on Nagasaki before the

Japanese surrendered," he says, "but there is evidence now that it wasn't necessary. The Japanese would have surrendered only they were having trouble getting it organized."

One of the things which surprised Mr. Ryder when he went to Japan was the lack of bitterness shown by the Japanese people toward their former enemies.

"We could talk about Hiroshima," he says, "but not about Pearl Harbor. They were genuinely ashamed of that because they had done it. Hiroshima was our problem and they weren't sensitive about it."

"The British wouldn't send a prisoner of war back into Japan if that's where he'd been a prisoner," he says, "but the Australians had no such reservations. They seemed to be able to take it for granted that men who had been prisoners would not be out for vengeance if they went back. And the Japanese also seemed to be able to overlook how they had been trained to consider us during the war. The war was forgotten by the time I got there."

"Their training was very different from ours," he says, "very militaristic. It showed

up in strange places because military rank had had a social significance too."

One of the men working in the British Command Headquarters in Kure while Mr. Ryder was based there doing repairs on Canadian equipment damaged in Korea, was a former Japanese officer named Kitani.

"The man was a genius," Mr. Ryder says, "but we couldn't make him a lead hand over the Japanese repair crews because he abused his power with the other men. They had held no rank in the Japanese forces, but he had been a sergeant, or something like that, and it had given him rank privileges."

Mr. Ryder chuckles when asked if he now sells Japanese-made televisions because he was impressed by their skill when he was in Japan.

"No, I sell them because I haven't any choice," he says. "I carried Canadian products until the unions wiped them out and all the Canadian manufacturers either went out of business or moved to the American plants their firms owned. The Japanese make the better sets than the Americans so I carry their products now that there are no longer any Canadian ones."



These photos taken from a souvenir booklet loaned to The Herald by Mr. Ryder record the scene of the atomic devastation at Hiroshima. The photo above was taken in September, 1945, and the photo below, of the same area, was taken in 1951. The caption with the photos reads: "The moment I stood with my friend on the roof of the Chugoku Building with a camera in my disabled hand aching with the burns made by the radioactivity, I was astonished at the appalling sight disclosed under my nose. It was not what had long been familiar to the citizens of Hiroshima, but was so far beyond our anticipation that my intention to take a snapshot of the scene gave way to a deep regret for having climbed up to the elevation. But as we gazed the distant Mt. Akikofuji rearing up beyond the atomic desert, we were urged to preserve the scene and helping each other we managed to record it on film. It always reminds me of the preciousness of having peace." — Yamamoto.



## Mediation Aug 14 on CVCA pact

Ten outsider workers seeking a new contract with the Credit Valley Conservation Authority (CVCA) will seek mediation talks Aug. 14 to resolve an impasse in negotiations.

Ray Whitehead, bargaining agent for Local 73, Canadian Union of Public Employees, said Thursday the union membership approved the action at a meeting Wednesday.

Employees of the conservation authority are seeking a one year contract to replace another which expired March 31. Negotiations broke down after

only one meeting since they began March 3.

A conciliation report issued in June urged a 24 cent an hour increase in wages, the only outstanding issue under discussion. The union has been seeking 30 cents an hour.

Starting employees now receive \$5.14 an hour; three month employees receive \$5.68.

Whitehead said the union membership hasn't taken a strike vote, but they will be in a legal position to strike Aug. 11.

A strike by unionized employees of the Credit Valley Con-

servation Authority looks "very possible."

"These guys don't know what else to do," said Whitehead.

The situation has deteriorated to the point that Whitehead said he could foresee a confrontation similar to the four-month-old Fleck Manufacturing plant strike near Exeter.

Accusing the authority of trying to ruin the local, Whitehead, said the board had been negative with the union from day one. He said the local has had problems with the authority before and the authority

had threatened to lock out the employees over a dispute over working Christmas.

"One of the board members has told me that the board wants to get the union out," he said. "I've had some discussions with people on the authority and there's a certain distinct anti-union feeling by some people on the board."

Grant Clarkson, authority chairman, denied Wednesday that board members are anti-union, but he said an anti-union feeling could develop if union spokesmen continue to make statements which he said were misleading.

# Travel

Be prepared... How to plan for a hassle-free and fun-filled family outing!

If your favorite pastime is "camping" under the stars or "camping" around the campfire to view the autumn foliage, some careful planning can help make every trip the hassle-free, family activity it should be.

**Be prepared.** Before you start off on your fun-filled excursion, make a checklist of essentials that need to be readied. Here are a few suggestions:

Food coolers or ice chests are essential for storing perishable foods. For them to work most efficiently, have all foods as cold as possible before storing them.

Since water is scarce, foods that need to be kept the coldest should be stored in the



## The apple of Adam's eye

viewed. Stroll down London's Whitehall to look at the Screen of the Admiralty (1760); a few minutes walk away, near the Strand, is the Royal Society of Arts in John Adam Street; and nearby was once the Adelphi development now represented by just a few houses.

To visit grander Adam houses, you need to go no further than stylish Osterley Park House in West London, which can be reached easily by public transport and is open to the public through the National Trust. Originally built in 1577, it was remodelled by Adam: the fine state apartments, occupying three sides of a square, should not be missed, for they show

Adam's purest neo-classical style. Much of the elegant furniture here is Adam's — he liked to design his rooms as entities of his style.

On the northern heights of the capital, in Hamp-

stead, you will find Kenwood House, again with fine interiors in a parkland setting. It contains the superb Iveagh Collection of paintings, and is open all the year: several open-air symphony concerts are held

each summer on the grass sloping away from the house. Also in London, and not far from Osterley, is the home of the Duke of Northumberland, Syon House, which has a glittering Adam interior

bottom of the chest. Always keep coolers out of direct sunlight with the lid tightly closed.

**Campsite cookers.** When cooking outdoors, you can't rush back to the kitchen for something you've forgotten, so be prepared for the clean-up detail. If you're using a bottle of grease repellent, all-purpose degreaser will make cleaning greasy cooking utensils much easier. Just spray degreaser directly onto greasy surfaces, wipe with a damp sponge and rinse utensils in water.

Also, bring along an ample supply of trash containers so, when you're through, you can leave the countryside

looking as litter-free as you found it.

Check your tent and kit. Be sure it includes aspirin, bandages and antiseptic ointments. Also, remember to take insect repellent and a bottle of calamine lotion in case of insect bites or poison ivy.

Pack a transistor radio with fresh batteries for keeping in touch with the "outside world."

**Bring brain-teasers.** And, be prepared for inclement weather—include some games and puzzles for the children, as well as a deck of cards, several books and magazines for your own enjoyment.

## New vacation plans offer flexible travel

MEMPHIS, TENN. — Travel packages generally offer vacationers both a bargain on prices and the convenience of having all arrangements—for transportation, lodging, attractions and transfers—made with a simple phone call or visit to a travel agency.

The primary drawbacks reported by travelers on package vacations are the restrictions placed on departure times, arrivals and time spent in each location.

Now, however, a new series of economy-priced travel packages called Holiday Inn Adventures has been introduced at more than 1,200 Holiday Inn locations around the world, offering travelers a degree of freedom most package tours don't.

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Even today, when Britain celebrates the 250th anniversary of his birth on July 3, 1728, his recreations of Greek and Roman models are still copied; and he has left the stamp of his particular style on a number of existing buildings throughout England and Scotland. Many of his finest houses are now open to the public.

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