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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The 1999 Annual General Meeting will be held Tuesday, November 9th between 5:00 pm and 6:30 pm in the Lobby Lounge of the Jean Edmonds Bldg (CIC HQ) at 365 Laurier Avenue West, Ottawa (i.e., corner of Laurier, Kent and Slater).

A new president must be elected since our current president has been posted overseas. Refreshments will be served.

SUMMER EVENTS

The Society held two successful events over the summer. In May a Book Launch was held for the re-printing of Bernard Brodie's When Do I Get My Visa?, resulting in sales of 35 or so copies.

In June the Annual Dinner was held at The Place Next Door with 24 members attending. Raph Girard provided the group with a no holds barred exposition of the situation in Yugoslavia and Kosovo.

GEORGE BONAVIA RECEIVES AWARD

Long-time Society member and employee of Immigration for 27 years, George Bonavia has recently been awarded the 'Medalja Ghall-Qadi tar-Republika' for distinguished service to Malta. Since coming to Canada over 50 years ago, George has been active in promoting Maltese culture through newspaper writing, radio broadcasts and books and articles.

PLAQUE UNVEILED TO HONOUR CYRIL GENIK

Cyril Genik, the first Ukrainian-Canadian immigration officer has been honoured by Parks Canada with a plaque in the CIC office in the Forks, Winnipeg.

Once known as the 'Tsar of Canada', Cyril Genik came to Canada in 1896 as the leader of the second group of Ukrainians to come to Canada. Because of his formal education, knowledge of English and bureaucratic skills, he was recruited by the government to translate and explain farming regulations to his countrymen.. By 1898, he became the first Ukrainian employed full-time as a Canadian civil servant.

In this role, he travelled to eastern ports to meet immigrant ships, then accompanied Ukrainian groups making their first train trip across

Canada. Once they arrived on the prairies, Mr. Genik helped them to choose land, register homesteads, and find employment. He retired from the Immigration Branch in 1914 but continued to work as a leader in the Ukrainian community in the immigrant center of Winnipeg until his death in 1925. By that point, the Ukrainian community in Western Canada numbered more than 200,000.

THE INITIATION OF HARRY

By **Clarence (Clare) Scatchard**

When Harry Cunliffe arrived in Glasgow in the fall of 1956 newly arrived officers were given the task of conducting interviews at travel agents' offices in various cities and towns throughout Scotland. When they worked in the office they conducted interviews and answered general inquiries.

There were very few visas issued, since most of our applicants were citizens of Britain and were merely given a blue "Medical Card" when they were accepted as immigrants.

At that time Al Naylor and I were working in the office: responsible for correspondence, medical reviews and visas. Harry was most eager to issue a visa and I promised him that the next time one was required, and he was in the office, he could issue it.

Two Registered nurses applied – one born in Scotland and the other in Trinidad. Both qualified and passed medical.

At that time the 'admissible class' regulations did not require visas for British subjects from the United Kingdom, but effectively excluded those from the Caribbean countries and most other

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countries where non-white British subjects resided. Consequently, the nurse from Trinidad required a 'waiver' of the Order-in-Council defining the admissible classes.

To obtain the 'waiver', one had to prepare a written request giving particulars of the person and mail it to headquarters in Ottawa. Invariably a reply would be received in three or four months saying the regulation had been waived and it was OK to issue a visa.

Our workload was getting extremely heavy at that time and rather than wait several months for someone in Ottawa to write "Yes" we would just go ahead and issue the visa. Most of us had worked at ports of entry and knew that no one bothered to confirm that a waiver had been issued as long as the visa was valid.

So I asked Harry if he wanted to issue an immigrant visa. He was more than eager to use his stamp for the first time.

A month or so later we received a rocket from Ottawa. Apparently the two nurses decided to visit friends or relatives in the United States for a month or so before arriving at our Niagara Falls office. The visa had expired and when the examining officer contacted Ottawa for an extension there was, of course, no record of the original waiver. Headquarters wanted a 'full report' from the officer responsible for circumventing the regulations. Poor Harry was fit to be tied! However, Al Naylor, Jack Cardwell and I got together and concocted a story about the waiver being overlooked because of heavy workloads, etc.

I had to treat Harry to several malt whiskys before I could convince him he hadn't been set up. Years later, when we were in our cups, he would invariably remind me of his 'first visa fiasco'.

STATEMENTS TO STIMULATE YOUR THOUGHT PROCESS.

I spilled spot remover on my dog. He's gone now.

I bought some powdered water, but I don't know what to add.

I put instant coffee in a microwave oven and almost went back in time.

It doesn't matter what temperature the room is; it's always room-temperature.

If you're not part of the solution, you're part of the precipitate.

It's a small world, but I wouldn't want to have to paint it.

You can't have everything...where would you put it?

I went to a restaurant that serves "breakfast at any time" So I ordered French toast during the Renaissance.

I stayed up all night playing poker with tarot cards. I got a full house and four people died.

Right now I'm having amnesia and deja vu at the same time. I think I've forgotten this before.

I went to a general store. They wouldn't let me buy anything specific.

I went down the street to the 24-hour grocery. When I got there, the guy locking the front door. I said, "Hey, the sign says you're open 24 hours" He said, "Yes, but not in a row"

I love to go shopping. I love to freak out salespeople. They ask me if they can help me, and I say, "Have you got anything I'd like?" Then they ask me what size I need, and I say, "Extra medium"

I bought some batteries, but they weren't included. So I had to buy them again.

While I was gone, someone stole everything in my apartment and replaced it with an exact replica. When I told my roommate, he said, "Do I know you?"

I installed a skylight in my apartment. The people who live above me are furious!

In my house there's this light switch that doesn't do anything. Every so often I would flick it on and off just to check. Yesterday, I got a call from a woman in Germany. She said, "Cut it out"

On the ceilings in my house, I have paintings of the rooms above so I never have to go upstairs.

I used to work in a fire hydrant factory. You couldn't park anywhere near the place.

I have an answering machine in my car. It says, "I'm home now. But leave a message and I'll call when I'm out"

I was going 70 miles an hour and got stopped by a cop who said, "Do you know the speed limit is 55 miles per hour?" I said, "Yes, officer, but I wasn't going to be out that long"

Subject: TRUTH (or whatever) ON PRODUCT INSTRUCTIONS.

In case you needed further proof that the human race is doomed, here are some actual label instructions on consumer goods:

* On Sears hair dryer:
Do not use while sleeping.

* On a bag of Fritos:
You could be a winner! No purchase necessary. Details inside.

* On a bar of Dial soap:
Directions: Use like regular soap.

* Some Swanson frozen dinners:
Serving suggestion: Defrost.

* On a hotel-provided shower cap in a box:
Fits one head.

* On Marks & Spencer Bread Pudding:
Product will be hot after heating.

* On packaging for a Rowenta Iron:
Do not iron clothes on body.

* On Boot's Children's Cough Medicine:
Do not drive car or operate machinery.

* On Nytol (a sleep aid):
Warning: May cause drowsiness.

* On a Korean kitchen knife:
Warning keep out of children.

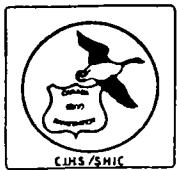
* On a string of Chinese-made Christmas lights:
For indoor or outdoor use only.

* On a Japanese food processor:
Not to be used for the other use.

* On Sainsbury's Peanuts:
Warning: contains nuts.

* On an American Airlines packet of nuts:
Instructions: open packet, eat nuts.

* On a Swedish chainsaw:
Do not attempt to stop chain with your hands.



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TREASURERS REPORT FOR FINANCIAL YEAR ENDING APRIL 30, 1999.

It is quite amazing how quickly a year can pass especially when you are approaching your 80th birthday next January like yours truly. It seems only a few months ago that I was working on last years report but here I am again.

The attached report for 98/99 gives full details of income and expenses. For the 3rd year in a row we have had a operational deficit mainly due to a slow decline in membership and our failure to be able to attract new members from recruits joining the Department. We also suffered due to circumstances beyond our control which failed to have their yearly corporate membership but I am delighted to advise that the Department is in the process of renewing and we have every hope that this will become a more or less automatic process in the future. Many thanks to Mr. Tsai.

Our present membership^{is} as follows; Corporate (1), Life (92), Annual (55), Special (4) and 5 under suspension since May 1/98. Any suggestions how we can increase these figures would be gratefully received.

At our Executive meeting May 26 it was decided to revert our newsletter back to the BULLETIN rather than BACKSPACE. We acted as a co-sponsor to the PAFSO Awards dinner May 28 and were represented by our President Randy Orr. Our June meeting was our annual cocktail reception at the Lobby Lounge, 1st Floor, 365 Laurier Ave. West (Imm HQ building). Bernard Brodie volunteered (?) to become temporary editor of the BULLETIN and did a great job the rest of the year. Many thanks Bernie.

We held the AGM at the Pearson Building October 3rd and Susan Burrows was chosen unanimously to become President replacing Randy Orr who had been posted to our Consulate-General in New York. Susan proved to be an excellent choice.. On November 2nd Susan manned a CIHS information booth at the Pearson Building 25th anniversary "Open House" in space provided by PAFSO. She distributed CIHS information leaflets plus displaying a world map showing where Immigration FSO's were located.

At the Dec. 10th meeting Del McKay accepted the post as Editor of the BULLETIN. Further Executive meetings were held Jan 21/99, Feb 24/99 and Apr 8/99. We published 6 editions of the BULLETIN during the 98/99 year but the last on April 28th was too late to pay printing and mailing costs until the beginning of the 99/00 financial^{year} and it has been carried over to the next fiscal year for the purpose of good financial housekeeping.

When arrangements have been made for the next AGM a copy of this report will be attached and any member who wishes to do so can inspect the books if they so desire.

Fraternal greetings


Alan Troy, Treasurer

N.B. Out of town visitors to the AGM
Were Mrs Bonnie Dickenson (nee
Beare) and husband Dr. John from
Liverpool, England as well as Bob
Wales from Victoria, B.C.



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REPORT OF THE AUDIT COMMITTEE.

C.I.H.S. Financial year May 1,1997 - April 30,1999.

In our opinion the accompanying balance sheet and the related statement of income and expenses present fairly the financial position of the Canadian Immigration Historical Society as of April 30,1998 and the results of its operation for the year, in conformity with generally accepted accounting procedures applied on a basis consistent with that of the preceding year but subject to any necessary modification of detail.

Our examination of these statements are made in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and accordingly included such tests of the accounting records and such accounting procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances. It was impracticable for us to extend our examination of the subscriptions received from the members beyond accounting for the amounts so recorded, although we note that each subscription is journalized against the relevant official receipt serial number and cancellations recorded.

The Audit Committee commends the Society for the care and detail with which the accounts have been maintained..

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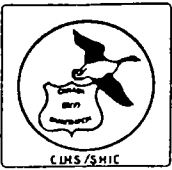
August 21, 1999.
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Sept 7, 1999
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Sept. 15th 1999
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Date



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STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENSES FOR YEAR ENDING APRIL 30, 1999.

<u>INCOME :</u>	April 30, 1998	April 30, 1999
Capital (non tax credit attributable)		
Bank interest	\$33.17	\$53.19
Non charity gifts	NIL	NIL
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	\$33.17	\$53.19
 <u>Membership fees and gifts.</u>		
Life	\$300.00	\$200.00
Annual	\$385.00	\$505.00
Cash donations/gifts	NIL	NIL
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	\$685.00	\$705.00
 <u>Total income from all sources</u>	\$718.17	\$758.19
 <u>EXPENSES:</u>		
<u>General</u>		
Bank charges	\$69.09	\$76.92
Office supplies	\$100.99	\$154.96
Organization costs	\$1271.72	\$1135.62
Postage	\$110.71	\$47.46
Phone	\$ 4.39	NIL
Photo copying	NIL	\$ 4.55
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Total general expenses-	\$1556.90	\$1419.51
 <u>Publications;</u>		
BULLETIN news sheet (5 editions)	\$153.44	\$428.92
Distribution costs of new sheets	\$213.53	\$485.57
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Total publication exp. -	\$366.97	\$914.49
 <u>TOTAL EXPENSES</u>	\$1923.87	\$2334.00
 <u>TOTAL SURPLUS/DEFICIT</u>	- \$1205.70	- \$1575.81



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BALANCE SHEET AS OF APRIL 30, 1999.

<u>ASSETS;</u>	1998	1999
Bank account current	\$ 224.85	\$ 402.82
Bank account investment	\$6386.90	\$4840.09
Petty cash	\$ 12.81	\$ 79.31
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Total assets	\$6624.56	\$5322.22
 <u>LIABILITIES AND EQUITY:</u>		
Liabilities	NIL	NIL
Equity	\$6624.56	\$5322.22

WORK SHEET FOR PREPARATION OF 1998/99 FINANCIAL REPORT.

Expenses General ;

Bank Charges

May 98	\$5.94
June 98	\$8.01
July 98	\$5.94
Aug 98	\$6.63
Sept 98	\$7.38
Oct 98	\$7.38
Nov 98	\$5.19
Dec 98	\$6.63
Jan 99	\$6.69
Feb 99	\$5.94
Mar 99	\$5.25
Apr 99	\$5.94
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	\$76.92

Office Supplies

\$154.96 (3)

Organ. Costs

\$27.36	(AGM ref)
\$30.00	(Ind Cda reg)
\$300.00	(PAFSO sub)
\$427.75	(Ann reception)
\$77.04	(P.O.Box rent)
\$87.19	(Rep. petty cash)
\$97.93	" " "
\$88.35	" " "
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\$1135.62	

Postage

\$47.46 (1)

Photo Copier

\$4.55 (2)

Payments from Petty Cash

(1)	\$47.46	Postage
(2)	\$ 4.55	Photo copier
(3)	\$154.96	Office supply
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	\$206.97	

Publications ;

Printing BULLETIN

#28	\$ 90.95
#29	\$ 79.72
#30	\$141.94
#31	\$ 58.37
#32	\$ 57.94
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	\$428.92

Distribution Costs

\$\$ 82.30	
\$ 80.45	
\$ 154.10	
\$ 87.67	
\$ 81.05	
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\$485.57	

Cheques Issued.

- #106-Reg istration Ind Cd
- # 107-PAFSO
- # 108-Zippy Print
- # 109-Replenish petty cas
- # 110-Shoppers P.O.
- # 111-Lobby Lounge recpt
- # 112-Zippy Print
- # 113-Shoppers P.O.
- # 114-Zippy Print
- # 115-Shoppers P.O.
- # 116-AGM refreshments
- # 117-Zippy Print
- # 118-Shoppers P.O.
- # 119-Replenish petty cas
- # 120-Zippy Print
- # 121-Shoppers P.O.
- # 122-P.O.box rent
- # 123-Replenish petty cas

INCOME ; Memberships.

<u>Life</u>	<u>Annual</u>	<u>Corp.</u>
\$200.00	\$505.00	NIL

Bank Interest

May 98	\$4.49	Nov	\$4.70
June	\$3.61	Dec	\$4.30
July	\$3.73	Jan99	\$4.22
Aug	\$3.74	Feb	\$3.82
Sept	\$7.12	Mar	\$4.23
Oct	\$5.86	Apr	\$3.37
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	\$53.19		

Gifts/Memoirs

NIL

Petty Cash

\$12.81
\$79.31

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End April 98-	\$6386.90	\$224.85
end April 99-	\$4840.99	\$402.82

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***Form for Initial Membership, Membership
Renewal, & Change of Address.***

Please note that the Membership Year runs from May 1 to April 30.

1) Please enter / renew my membership in the C. I. H. S.

Fee Attached \$ _ _ _ [Life Member (\$100) , Annual Member (\$10)]

Name: _____

2) Please fill out address etc. *only* if joining for the first time *or* if you wish to inform us of a change of address etc.

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Fax: _____

E-mail: _____

REMINDER RE 1999/2000 DUES.

Please note the 99/2000 fiscal year commenced May 1, 1999. Would members check the date on the right of their name on the mailing envelope or on their membership card and if it shows (9) or less this will mean this years membership dues would be appreciated as soon as is convenient. We have this problem every year mainly due to the odd dates of our financial year. Too bad we didnt go with calendar years from the beginning but whats done is done. In any case we would be glad have your cheque A.S.A.P. Thanks.

3) Please send this form with your cheque to:

The Treasurer
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