

## **EXCLUSION DURING THE SECOND WORLD WAR**

**Interviewee: Gerry Brewer (student in the 1940s):**

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**GB:** There were Japanese students mixed in with us, but we didn't know them as Japanese students any more than I was known as a Hungarian or a German student. The disappearance of the Japanese students...I always remember one, first name Philip, because he and I were good friends. And one day, he wasn't there. And the more you asked, the less you got for answers, and he never reappeared again. And it was only later on that we were told that all the Japanese had been rounded up and shipped off to various camps, from Lillooet to Lemon Creek, to God knows where. And New Denver.

**EJ:** Did this young fellow ever come back after the war?

**GB:** No, never again reappeared. I got to know other people who had been swept up in this madness, and taken to different remote areas in BC. A good friend of mine married one of the gals who was a Japanese Canadian who was stuck in Lillooet, and they spent their last years of their life back in Lillooet.