This is Lynne Bowen interviewing Mr. Joseph White for The Coal Tyee Society Project.
Location of Interview - Mr. Joseph White residence, 4766 Island Highway, May 05, 1983.

LB: Mr. White, what year were you born?
JW: 1899, September 15
LB: 1899. And were you born in Nanaimo?
JW: Wellington.
LB: In Wellington. When did your parents come to Wellington?
JW: Well, my dad was in South Africa first.
LB: The Boer War?
JW: No.
LB: No. That is afterwards.
JW: They came afterwards, there were married in the Old Country.
LB: In England?
JW: In Scotland.
LB: In Scotland. So he was in South Africa and then went back to Scotland?
JW: Yes. He went back.
LB: Married his childhood sweetheart?
JW: I couldn't say. They were both brought up in the same little town anyway.
LB: What was the town?
JW: Cluckmellen
LB: Cluckmellen, is that with a C?
JW: Cluckmellen is the name of the town.
LB: Have you ever seen it?
JW: I have been there twice.
LB: Is it still a little town?
JW: Yes. It is a little
LB: Coal mining town?
JW: Smallest county in Scotland.
LB: Is it a coal mining town?
JW: Yes, it is mined.
LB: Was your father a miner there?
JW: Yes, and his dad.
LB: And his dad before him.
JW: Yes.
LB: What about his grandfather?
JW: Oh, I couldn't say.
LB: You don't know?
JW: No.
LB: How old was your father when he went into the mine?
JW: Oh, I couldn't tell you.
LB: You don't know. Did he ever tell you any stories about he started mining?
JW: No, you see when he came out here he was working at Diver Lake #5 mine, and he met with an accident.
LB: What year was that?
JW: He died in 1904, so it would be just a little before that.
LB: It was after you were born?
JW: Oh yes.
LB: Now I thought that they closed up about 1899, 1898?
JW: Well what they did, when Wellington was closing down, all the mines around Wellington, there was quite a few mines around there, when my Dad got this injury he was told by the doctors and that, and I can remember going to see him in the hospital

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JW: the old wooden building, the old hospital building.
LB: That was the first one then, the one that looked like a cottage?
JW: Yes.
LB: The Nanaimo Hospital.
JW: Yes. He died in 1904.
LB: So how long from when he went in to
JW: When he found out he couldn't go back into the mines, realized he couldn't go back into the mines at all, then he was pretty badly injured, and Dunsmuir was moving out of here. Extension mines were opening up, so some of the fellows said to him "why don't you get a few groceries, buy a few groceries and start a little store in Wellington."
LB: In Extension?
JW: Yes, in Extension.
LB: When you say he was badly injured, do you know what his injuries were?
JW: No, I couldn't tell you. I remember him in the hospital, going to see him in the hospital.
LB: So, how long between his accident and the time that he died?
JW: Well he died in 1904.
LB: Yes, and the accident was?
JW: The accident was after they came out here, it would be after 1900 then.
LB: So Number 5 was still going then?
JW: Number 5 yes, but when they closed down, they closed all the mines around here and then moved out to Extension you see. Wellington closed out.
LB: Shortly after your father was injured then?
JW: Yes. Around that period of time.
LB: Do you know how he was injured?
JW: No, I couldn't say.
LB: Noone ever told you?
JW: No.
LB: I can probably find out, you know. It will be in a Ministry of Mines report.
JW: It could be.
LB: Yes, it will probably describe it.
JW: But it is probably out of date.
LB: Possibly, but there is an amazing amount of detail, say in the 1909 explosion in Extension. There is a lot of detail about how each man died, and they do the injuries and so on. When we were talking the other day, you mentioned, was that you that mentioned a connection with the name Clark or was that George Edwards?
JW: Clark?
LB: Is there any Clarks in your family?
JW: No.
LB: Does any other members of your parents family come to Wellington.
JW: Oh yes.
LB: Who?
JW: My mother's sister. Lowdens.
LB: Okay here is the Lowdens. She married into the Lowdens?
JW: Yes.
LB: She married here?
JW: Yes.
LB: She came out as a single woman. With your mother?

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JW: Well now, I couldn't say. I think she was out here before mother and my Dad.
LB: Now how would that have worked I wonder?
JW: And then her husband, Uncle Jimmy, he was a manager of farm down in the valley.
LB: Okay, you showed me that.
JW: And after the Dunsmuirs left here, they went into the house there. They had that beautiful home down there, down on Wellington Road.
LB: That is not still there?
JW: Now, it is down.
LB: Do you mean the one where the big maple trees are?
JW: Yes.
LB: That was where they lived, after the Dunsmuirs left?
JW: Yes.
LB: But did it still belong to the Coal company?
JW: It belonged to the Dunsmuir Estate, yes. When they moved to Extension, they had their neighbours still in Wellington, belonged to the Dunsmuir Estate anyway.
LB: Were you ever told anything about your parents move to Extension? Did they take their house with them?
JW: No.
LB: Some people did.
JW: No, they didn't take their house.
LB: You were very young.
JW: Oh yes.
LB: So you wouldn't remember the hotels being moved.
JW: Oh no. I don't recall any of that.
LB: You don't remember anyone talking about it.
JW: No, I can't say I do.
LB: About the move?
JW: No.
LB: So, after your father died in 1904, he died as a result of his injuries?
JW: Oh yes.
LB: Did you mother keep the store?
JW: No. After Dad died, it was a nice little store too,
LB: What was it called?
JW: Oh, I don't know the name, I couldn't say on that, but I can remember the store. Coming in the door of the kitchen and then there was a little pantry in a corner, 2 bedrooms, and you come through the kitchen through a little hallway, and the store was on this side. Just like one big room.
LB: How big was the room?
JW: Which
LB: The one the store was in.
JW: It wasn't much. The shelves around this side here, like here, come in from this side. The shelves were around here and there was a little counter, and the door going out here.
LB: Maybe about the size of this room.
JW: Yes, about the size of this room.
LB: About ten by fifteen?
JW: Yes, it was just a small... Extension was just building up right then.
LB: Did they carry just dry goods, or did they carry meat and fruit?
JW: No, just mostly vegetables and groceries and stuff like that.
LB: Oh I see.
JW: Some of them said to Dad that he should get some groceries and go out there and start a little store, but he didn't realize how bad he was hurt, because it was not long after that that he died. He died in the, the building is still there down on Albert Street.
LB: Where he died?
JW: Where he was buried, the undertakers
LB: Where was it?
JW: Do you know where Giovandi's
LB: Clinic?
JW: Medical Centre. Across the street, straight across the street, do you know that building there. Several stores have been changing around in there. That was the undertakers place.
LB: Oh for goodness sakes. Where was he buried?
JW: Buried in Nanaimo.
LB: In Nanaimo. So what did your mother do after that?
JW: Well, when dad passed away, grandmother from the old country suggested to mother, I guess they, I don't know what exactly took place, but grandma asked mother to come over, back to the old country, which we did.
LB: What was your mother's maiden name.
JW: Margaret was her first name.
LB: What was her last name before she was married?
JW: Gordon.
LB: Gordon. So how long did you stay in Scotland?
JW: Oh, that was the first school I went to.
LB: Oh really?
JW: Yes.
LB: Did you get in an accident?
JW: Oh no, it wasn't long there that we came back, because mother, dad was buried in a cemetery here and she wanted to come back.
LB: I see. And her sister was here too?
JW: Her sister was here. The Lowdens were still there, they were on the farm, because when Dunsmuir, when the mines went up to Extension they still depended on the farm for all the stuff.
LB: Oh, they used that same one
JW: For hay and stuff for the stock.
LB: That is interesting. Yes, they kept that. What would have happened to them when Dunsmuir sold out to Canadian Colleries in 1911?
JW: Well, I guess it was just
LB: Did they just keep on
JW: Yes, they kept operating, Extension was operating
LB: Well right, yes and the farm would still be needed.
JW: Sure.
LB: Your Uncle Jimmy?
JW: Yes.
LB: Was there for most of his life was he?
JW: Yes.
LB: And how many sons did he have?
JW: There were six in the family. There was Adam, and then John, Bill, Gordon, James, There was Adam and _____, John, Bill, Gordon, James
LB: That was six
JW: Six.
LB: Were they your age? Around your age?
JW: Yes.
LB: So you grew up with them?
JW: With Bill. Bill built all these houses in here, he built this one here.
LB: Oh did he.
JW: He was a born carpenter.
LB: Oh really.
JW: When they had their Dunsmuir farm down there, the Dunsmuir home down there, the big house, it was a big piece of ground, and Bill used to build, I can remember him as a kid, he would be building chicken coops there. Little coops for the chickens would be scattered around the yard.
LB: So, this land on the north end of Long Lake was Lowden family property?, or did Bill buy it later?
JW: No, Bill got it after being in the World War.
LB: First World War.
JW: He came back, and this was all Dunsmuir stuff,
LB: Probably yes.
JW: Yes.
LB: I would like to go back into the Wellington mines era if you can help me at all. If you can think of things that you know about the Wellington mines, or you were told about them. What the town was like and this sort of thing. Was it a very big town?
JW: Oh yes, it was a going little town.
LB: Yes. I noticed at the other end of the lake, the south end, that a number of houses in there look like miners, the little roof with the lean-to on the back.
JW: Yes.
LB: Are those left over from the coal mining days?
JW: Those go back to the coal mining days of Wellington.
LB: I wonder what happened to Wellington after the mines closed down?
JW: Well, it kept going down that Jinglepot road there, they had a big grocery store down there.
LB: And it kept going?
JW: The churches, the 2 churches down that road.
LB: And they kept going after the mine closed?
JW: Oh yes, sure.
LB: So there was a station..
JW: It never actually stopped.
LB: It didn't?
JW: No. Until now.
LB: Yes. Do you ever remember seeing any of the Dunsmuir's?
JW: No, I don't recall.
LB: You don't recall. I imagine there were mostly living in Victoria.
JW: Because after we went to the old country and that and then we stayed in Nanaimo, and that was the end of the contact. But this is where I was born. First school I went to was in the old country and then up here on the Island Highway here, up above here, this wasn't the original Island Highway.
LB: Right
JW: It was up there by the old cemetary there.
LB: Did it go along Wellington Road?
JW: Yes. You go up along the track there, the cemetery is on the right hand side there.
LB: Oh it is.
JW: The old cemetery. The road turns down this way, right down where I said the station was.
LB: Yes. So that is the old Wellington Road?
JW: And then it crossed over the track again and came up through
LB: Where Norwell Drive is.
JW: Yes.
LB: So you came back here to live in Wellington after you were in Scotland?
JW: Yes.
LB: What was it like then? When the mines were closed. Was it just sort of a bedroom community, where people just lived.
JW: It was, there was a store, the old stores were around, the streets were all laid out. I imagine, as a matter of fact I understand it was a bit, the population was greater that Nanaimo.
LB: Yes, it was in the early days.
JW: Bigger than Nanaimo.
LB: So did you go in the coal mines?
JW: Later on.
LB: How old were you?
JW: Well I come back from the old country, I came back first. I went through the submarine zone twice.
LB: During the war.
JW: During the war, the first World War.
LB: You were over there in the Army?
JW: No.
LB: No?
JW: No, I was too young, I was only 17 or so.
LB: Just missed it eh?
JW: So I worked over there
LB: So now you went back to Scotland?
JW: Yes, that was after my Dad died.
LB: And then you came back here?
JW: Yes, and then went back a second time.
LB: How old were you?
JW: In 1915.
LB: And then you worked over there?
JW: 15, no, it would have been 1916.
LB: Yes, because you were 17.
JW: Yes.
LB: And did you work over there at that time?
JW: Yes.
LB: In this small village.
JW: I worked in, no not in Cluckmellen, I worked in Owlwood, that is a little town, the biggest town in the county. I worked in Balkirk, that is another, it was a fairly big town, a lot of back boundaries of stuff like that.
LB: Did you work in the mines there?
JW: No. There were lots of mines around there.
LB: So when you came back here you worked in the mines here?
JW: No, when I came back, I came through the submarine zone, like I said, and I joined my aunt and uncle who were living in Drumheller in Alberta.

LB: Oh for goodness sake.

JW: Drumheller was a going concern in mining towns.

LB: Mining town, yes.

JW: I got work automatically, started there, firing boilers. My uncle was an engineer. That was his trade. He was in with two or three other fellows. I got this job there and then mother and my brother Bill came out.

LB: That's right, you had a brother.

JW: We had a little place up by the mine, a little cottage, it was practically three rooms.

LB: By what mine?

JW: The Appleton.

LB: In Drumheller?

JW: Yes. A little later on, I bought a little lot down near town, down by the station. Up the street, the street went up over the tracks, up towards the foothills, in the valley, built a nice little house there.

LB: How was your mother supporting herself?

JW: We were working.

LB: I should have asked you earlier, how did she support herself when you were little?

JW: Oh well, she had a little boarding house.

LB: A lot of women had to do that didn't they?

JW: In Wellington, yes.

LB: And she boarded, who wouldn't have boarded miners would she, because they

JW: A lot of them were working in the shops and that and the railroad. Quite a crew, engineers, firemen and all of them.

LB: So did the small operations that started, small coal mining operations that started up in this area, they were later, they were in the twenties and thirties weren't they?

JW: Yes.

LB: They didn't stop going right after the big mines closed?

JW: Bill had quite a coal mine going down there.

LB: When did he start up?

JW: After he came back from overseas. He was a few years older than I was.

LB: Yes.

JW: And then he got the farm down in the valley and acquired quite a bit of ground. I think he had about 700 and some odd acres.

LB: Land must have been quite cheap? Was it?

JW: Oh it would be in those days.

LB: Yes. Well now, he obviously had the coal rights?

JW: Yes, there was coal on the ground, there was a lot of coal around there, so he just had to get permission from the Department of Mines in order to operate.

LB: Oh, I see.

JW: We worked out of it for twenty years.

LB: From when to when?

JW: Well, it would, I couldn't

LB: Between the two wars would it be, or later?

JW: Later than that.

LB: Was it pretty productive?

JW: Oh, it was, it wasn't what you call a high coal down there, we had to handle a lot of dirt to get coal, but we made it, and made a good living I would say.
LB: Now going back to this house that the Lowden family lived in, the Dunsmuir house. Do you remember that house?

JW: Oh Yes.

LB: Was it big?

JW: Oh big!

LB: How big?

JW: Well, I say we are going into the back door into the kitchen. You can see the sink at the door yet, the pantry over on this side there. The door goes through into the hallway, the hallway ran, the backstairs went up there and the hallway ran straight down past and on the one, two three, rooms on that side, the parlour, the sitting room, the dining room, and the parlour was on the right hand side, a few little, couple of rooms in there and there was a bathroom on this side, and then you went through the dining room into a big sitting room looking over the water.

LB: Yes. What was, was the outside of the house white?

JW: What?

LB: Was the outside of the house white?

JW: It was more red, red paint on it.

LB: Oh.

JW: No, it wasn't white.

LB: Did it have a big porch or pillars?

JW: Oh yes, a big porch ran right across the front.

LB: And then how many bedrooms would it have?

JW: Upstairs there was, well the backstairs went up and then down the hall, the hallway went right through to the front again. On that side there was one, two, three, four, there was about four bedrooms.

LB: My goodness.

JW: On this side there was one, two, three, there was about 4, so there would be about 8 rooms in there, on the top.

LB: The Dunsmuir family seemed to like to give their houses names. Do you know if that one had a name?

JW: I don't recall, but it probably did have one.

LB: They called their first big one in Nanaimo, Ardoon. They called their ones down in Victoria Berlise and this sort of thing. But you don't recall the name this one had.

JW: No. It had big grounds around about it.

LB: Did it?

JW: Yes.

LB: When the Dunsmuirs lived in it, it must have had servants did it?

JW: Oh, I imagine when they lived in it.

LB: Yes. Was it landscaped grounds, were they gardens and so on.

JW: Oh yes, right in the front when you went out the front door, big long veranda, you went and the walkway went down this way, and then it went around the house there, and down this side and along the front. This was all trees and lawn and different things in there. Then you go down right from the front door and you go right down to the gate and then the walk went way around this way and there was a big well down in this corner here.

LB: Yes.

JW: It wound its way around up and came back along towards the house and on the high side along the front of the windows of the, I don't know what the name of that room would be, that was when you go through the dining room and you go this way through the
JW: dining room and then there was this, it wasn't very wide, but it was long, right across the rest of the house. They had a big lawn out at the front, and the roads wound around it and the fruit trees were up here. It was a beautiful home.

LB: Beautiful. Sounds beautiful.

JW: And then over beyond this house here, there was all their other houses further up.

LB: What were they?

JW: They were in the Dunsmuir estate.

LB: Who lived in those houses?

JW: Well I couldn't say, because the foundations were there but as kids, it was all sort of cleared off.

LB: Were they big houses or small ones?

JW: Well, fairly big, but they were only foundations.

LB: Yes. Were there other outbuildings. Was there a stable and this sort of thing?

JW: Oh yes. Over in the, let me see now, going out the back door here, you go here to where the cows were all milked and that. There was a big woodshed there. There was a barn up in that corner. All the buildings related to a farm.

LB: Yes. Farm buildings. Now, when you pointed that out to me, you also said that if we went in down past that, we would see this bricked in shaft that was used to ventilate the Wellington mines. It didn't look to me like it was very far from the house, but obviously it was.

JW: Did you see it?

LB: No, but you pointed in the direction. You said you were going to show it to me. Was it fairly near the farm?

JW: No. It was on Jinglepot Road, going down Jinglepot Road.

LB: So it was quite a ways

JW: I could show you down there.

LB: Yes. I want to see that. How did you, you obviously never saw that shaft in operation.

JW: No.

LB: But,

JW: No, after the mines moved up to Extension and that died out.

LB: Yes, so it was a place that someone told you about?

JW: Yes.

LB: Yes. Did you go there as a child to look at it?

JW: Yes.

LB: It must have been dangerous. Your mother must have had a fit, worrying about it. What else could be seen left over from the mines when you were a boy around Wellington?

JW: Well, mostly the old dumps, the old rotten dumps

LB: Did they dismantle their head gear?

JW: I don't recall the head gear of, say like the old slope, that is down there. That is the first one down there, down Jinglepot Road.

LB: Yes.

JW: I don't recall any of that, and then when you get the air shaft down there, things like that, that's when you can get...

LB: Yes. Okay. We saw, when we were out in our car trip, we saw Number 1 and Number 2 East Wellington and Number 3 Wellington

JW: That was the other day there?

LB: Yes. And then where was Number 4? They were down below the ridge.
JW: Oh,
LB: You don't know? Number 5 was on the other side of Diver's Lake?
JW: Yes. The dumps, you can see them going along the highway.
LB: Yes.

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LB: Was there a number 6?
JW: Well, I couldn't say now on the, there was 2 or 3 mines on the bluff, on the rock bluff
LB: Up above.
JW: When we came along the bottom.
LB: Yes. George said he would show us Number 6 didn't he. Yes, he said it was up there.
JW: The mines, the railroad tracks ran across on the top of the bluff.
LB: Okay.
JW: It went right across to where we went down the hill, and then we turned and came this way.
LB: Yes.
JW: There was one, two or three, I couldn't say. They were all finished when.
LB: So Number 5 was the last one to close?
JW: I would say Number 5 was the last one.
LB: Yes.
JW: Of the Dunsmuir.
LB: Yes, of the Wellington mines.
JW: Yes, but there were other mines of course.
LB: Oh yes, the smaller operations. They went on for quite awhile didn't they?
JW: Oh yes. That was during the war period.
LB: When did the Lowden family come to Nanaimo?
JW: Well I couldn't say. They would be here before my mother and dad came out because they came out, they had then...
LB: Yes. I am intrigued by your aunt. It doesn't seem usual that a young unmarried women would come alone to a strange country.
JW: Yes, but you see Wellington was a going concern as a mining town. There were big stores and she was working in the stores.
LB: Oh I see, so did she.
JW: That is where she met Jimmy.
LB: But did she come from a store, say in Scotland?
JW: By golly, I couldn't say.
LB: No. I would just love to know the circumstances that she came out under. That is quite an adventure for a young woman.
JW: Yes.
LB: All by herself, especially at that time.
JW: Yes, she did it.
LB: That is amazing. Did your mother live till quite an old age?
JW: I couldn't say now. She was up around between seventy and eighty I suppose.
LB: Yes, and did her sister, did Mrs. Lowden?
JW: She died. Well you can see it on the grave, it should be around

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LB: I think the last thing I asked you was, if you know when the Lowden family, oh no, no. You answered that. How much knowledge do you have of the mining techniques and so on that they used in the Wellington Mines? Do you have any knowledge of that? They must have been a lot more primitive than what you used when you were mining. The lamps and so on.

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JW: Oh yes.
LB: Did you ever have any pictures of your father in his mining gear.
JW: No.
LB: No?
JW: No, not that I can remember.
LB: And there was nothing of his around the house?
JW: No. Well you see I wouldn't really be concerned about it at that time.
LB: No, I suppose not. Did you marry?
JW: Yes. I will show you a picture of my wife.
LB: Okay.

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LB: Oh really. She was visiting someone?
JW: Yes, she was visiting.
LB: Well, it turned into a long visit. Did you have a family?
JW: No.
LB: You are a very handsome fellow.
JW: She was nice too.
LB: This is your wedding picture?
JW: Yes.
LB: When was that?
JW: Well, we had a, she died in 1969
LB: Yes.
JW: That is about 13 or 14 years ago.
LB: Yes, and when were you married?
JW: Well just a few years before that.
LB: Oh.
JW: She had a cold, trouble with her throat or something.
LB: Oh dear. That's sad Mr. White.
JW: Sure is. She was sure a nice kid.
LB: Well.
JW: We had some happy days anyway.
LB: Well that's good. Good memories?
JW: Yes. Beautiful.
LB: So you were a politician before you met her?
JW: No. A politician? I was no politician.
LB: A number of people mentioned to me, that talked about you and in what you did in politics.
JW: Well, I was in the Union, you see.
LB: Yes.
JW: And we got George too. George was, I can remember when we stayed down at Townsite there, Townsite road there. In fact the whole three houses are standing there yet. I can show you them, going by them.
LB: Really?
JW: Yes.
LB: Where you lived?
JW: Where I lived on Townsite Road.
LB: And this would have been in the thirties?
JW: Um.
LB: Or later?
JW: Yes, it would have been about that time.

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LB: And this is when you were fighting for the union?
JW: Well, when we got into a union, George and all, I was just thinking, George used to walk all the way from Northfield, walk all the way down to where our place was, and I'll show you that place.
LB: Yes.
JW: And then from there we would walk down to the Union meetings.
LB: At the Elight Hall?
JW: Down on Commercial Street at that time.
LB: Where was it on Commercial street?
JW: Well, do you know where Blocks are now?
LB: Yes.
JW: That big building where Blocks, just up around in there.
LB: I think someone told me that was called the Elight Hall. They pronounced it Elight Hall or something?
JW: No, it was next to, it was in the same block as I think as Youngs grocery store. No, I don't know what the name of the hall was, but that was where we held our union meetings.
LB: After the union was recognized?
JW: After the union was recognized.
LB: In the late thirties.
JW: The big strike was in the thirteens in there.
LB: Yes, right.
JW: That was when the United Mine Workers was set up.
LB: And then they died out.
JW: For a little while.
LB: Yes.
JW: And then back again.
LB: Yes, right.
JW: We get our cheques from them every month.
LB: You and George were smart there. Some people let their contributions lapse when the mines closed.
JW: Yes.
LB: So, it was through the Union that you got involved in politics?
JW: I would say that yes.
LB: And you ran for a seat in legislature, did you?
JW: Yes.
LB: What year was that?
JW: Um, I really couldn't tell you now.
LB: It was after the wars, after the second world war?
JW: Oh yes.
JB: Sometime in there eh?
JW: I imagine, ...
LB: You don't remember how old you were when you ran?
JW: I don't really know, I would only say that I was a young fellow. That's all.
LB: That's good. We are all young fellows aren't we?
JW: Yes.
LB: So, did you just run the once?
JW: Yes.
LB: Yes.
JW: It was only about 500 difference.
LB: It was close.
JW: It was close.
LB: You never wanted to try again.
JW: No, I ..
LB: Have you been active in politics every since?
JW: No, I just have an interest in the, I have always been to the left you see,
LB: Yes. Well it is a good place to be for that.
JW: Well I figure that half the problems they have in this world can be avoided, can
be done away with if handled sensibly.
LB: Every once in awhile Nanaimo elects a right-winger.
JW: Yes.
LB: How do you account for that?
JW: Well, my attitude towards this whole setup is that this planet that we live on,
LB: Yes.
JW: was put here and we have no better, we had nothing to do with it at all, and the
total resources of this planet, the way I look at it, should be utilized for the
general wellbeing of the people of the Earth - of the Planet.
LB: For everybody.
JW: For everybody. You should get a fair break, not having all these wars and stuff, and
killing one another off. I don't go for it.
LB: It really interests me, this is a town that has a long history of electing left-wingers.
They elected the first socialist MP to Ottawa, and yet every once in awhile they sent
a Frank Ney of Larry Giovando to Legislature, and the intrigues me. I suppose they
vote more for the man than the party in that case, do you think? I am sure Larry
Giovando was popular with both sides, because he was a miners doctor.
JW: Yes, but still they were vitally interested. The whole problem with this world as
far as I am concerned is the monetary angle.
LB: Yes.
JW: Everybody is looking to the accumulation of vast wealth and so forth.
LB: Yes. Right.
JW: Instead of saying, well here we have to utilize all the material of this planet
that we live on for the general good of all the people. That is where it ought to
be and that is where it is going to be before it is finished too.
LB: Figure we will be forced into it eh?
JW: Sure they will.
LB: Yes. Probably right.
JW: And I'll be left wing, as far as I can be.
LB: So how is this election today going to turn out?
JW: Well, I wouldn't be surprised to see the NDP take it.
LB: Do you think it will be close.
JW: Close I think
LB: Do think Dave is in any problem here, Dave Stupich?
JW: Any problem?
LB: Yes.
JW: Any trouble?
LB: Yes.

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JW: Well, you see you've got all these other people coming in right now. I think what they are going to do, what they are trying to do is to take enough votes off of the NDP to let the others get in.

LB: Yes.

JW: That is what I think.

LB: But, there are both right wing and left wing parties in those splinter parties, so hopefully it will even out.

Well, this has been very interesting.