
Guide to the Harold Olausen Collection

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Title: Harold Olaussen Collection

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Abstract: Harold (Harry) Olaussen was born in Shanghai in 1929. His father was a Norwegian sea captain, and his mother was Italian. He went to St. Francis Xavier's College, and lived above a bar owned by his grandmother. In 1949, he left Shanghai and traveled with his family to Italy, moved to Norway, and eventually settled in Canada. In 1972 he was elected to the Canadian Parliament for one term, and he presently lives in Vancouver. The collection mostly consists of pictorials produced by the *North China Daily News* photocopied by Olaussen. Also included in the collection is a painting of the St. Francis Xavier's College coat of arms, and copies of photographs of Shanghai, St. Francis Xavier's College and Olaussen with his amah.

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Biographical Information:

Harold (Harry) Olaussen was born in 1929 in Shanghai, China. His father was a Norwegian sea captain and his mother was Italian. He attended St. Francis Xavier's College, and the French Aurora University in Shanghai. In 1949, he and his family left China for Italy, where they lived for a short time before Olaussen and his brother traveled to Norway to stay with an uncle. They both started working on ships, and Olaussen traveled all over the world before settling in Canada in the 1960s. Olaussen worked in a paper mill as an engineer, and also was elected as the Member of Parliament for the Coast Chilcotin area from 1972-1974. He currently lives in Vancouver.

Scope and Contents

The *Harold Olaussen Collection* mostly consists of pictorials produced by the *North China Daily News* and the *Hong Kong Sunday Herald* in 1940 which were photocopied by Olaussen. Also included in the collection is a painting of the St. Francis Xavier's College crest, and copies of photographs of Shanghai, St. Francis Xavier's College and Olaussen with his amah.

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Harold Olaussen

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Photographs

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Photographs of Shanghai Buildings

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Box 1, Item 4	Photograph of St. Francis Xavier's College Badge
Folder 1, Item 1	Photocopies of Pictorials from the <i>North China Daily News</i> and the <i>Hong Kong Sunday Herald</i>, 1940
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