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- AT: 35:13 And do you know, um, one of the things that we have been interested in, um, throughout this project is kind of hearing about Chicago. So I'm just wondering if you happen to know anything, more about, um, your dad's time and experiences here, or was he involved in any kind of Japanese American community or what was that like for him?
- FK: 35:41 No, I don't think there was any at that time, at least that he knew of. Um, he had one Japanese friend who was, uh, from Japan, uh, who, who had come here on a, um, like a business, his business had sent him here. He had worked for a textile factory and in Japan. And the company sent him here to learn more about textile production in America. And he essentially didn't go back and just stayed, um, and was a cook in like wealthy families households. And that was his only friend here. Um, they, I know my parents and this friend, uh, did try opening a restaurant, a Japanese restaurant before the war, and we have some photos of them when they opened it. But apparently very soon after they opened it, there was some type of diplomatic affair between the U.S. and Japan and business just really dropped off and they could never make a go of it. So they had to close it. Yeah.
- AT: 37:02 Do you have any idea or sense of what part of the city he was in?
- FK: 37:06 He was in, um, close to Hyde Park or actually in Hyde Park? Um, yeah. And we do know the address they lived at and like the 5400 block of Dorchester.

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