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- AT: 00:32:52 You and your siblings, did you all speak Japanese with your mom?
- JT: 00:32:57 We spoke Japanese with my mother. She couldn't speak Jap, English very little. I think she knew more Spanish than English because there was a lot of Mexican workers too, so I grew up knowing more Spanish than, than English. I think when I was at before school started, but we all went to school, we learned how to speak English. So as we got old, we were speaking English at home. We didn't speak Japanese among ourselves, just with mom. But yeah, so we went to Japanese school.
- AT: 00:33:36 In San Diego?
- JT: 00:33:36 Yeah, it was a Japanese church, they had a Japanese school. Used to go there and somebody from the school used to pick us up, take us to school, who was associated with the church as Christian Church. I think that's how they get you to go to the church, I guess is where is the Japanese school is. And there's a funny story about that too. My father, I guess I don't know what he was Shinto or not, those days, I don't know. But everybody called them Buddhists today. I guess he didn't go along with the program. He's against that's what my brother tells me. One day we all came home and the door's locked. We couldn't get in. You know, he locked the door and left. And so he says you had to crawl to the window to open up the door to get in. Then we said go to school. And I was a kid that used to play hooky all time. Saturday's we went to school, we had to. But on Tuesdays after school program is at the school grammar school, they used to have program, you know you could do sports. I always wanted to do that. So a lot of time on Tue, it was Tuesday's I would play hooky and I would come home about the time that the school was from home. But yeah. So I wasn't a very good student.

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