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- AT: 01:22:09 And um, so you were in Pennsylvania for about a year and then before going to college?
- CO: 01:22:20 Yeah, I was there for the last year of high school. Then I went out north to NY state for college.
- AT: 01:22:28 Where did you go to school?
- CO: 01:22:29 Houghton College? Um, and Houghton, New York, near Buffalo. Near Cornell, not Buffalo. It's halfway between Buffalo and uh, Cornell.
- AT: 01:22:45 And so you would've been in college while the war was still going on, is that right?
- CO: 01:22:50 Yeah.
- AT: 01:22:50 Um, I, how was that being in college in NY, you know, as.
- CO: 01:22:59 It was a curiosity, you know. Um I wrote a column in the newspaper and one of them was about the evacuation and all, and one of the Boston newspapers carried that story. Someone cut it out and sent it to me and they sent a reporter down to talk to me. Yeah. Boston Globe.
- AT: 01:23:32 So did people, um, out of state, did they know about what happened to the Japanese on the West Coast?
- CO: 01:23:41 Not really, no.
- AT: 01:23:43 Did you have to do a lot of explaining?

CO: 01:23:47 Yeah. Yeah. Yeah. It seems to me I was going around in Pennsylvania talking about, um, what was happening. The churches were especially interested, you know.

AT: 01:24:03 How did people respond or react?

CO: 01:24:08 Uh, surprised and uh, ummm. Um can't remember that, you know, it was so different from any other, um, response. And people are always surprised that there were so many, you know, Japanese. This is the first one they'd ever seen. And don't tell me there's a whole, you know, a band of band of Japanese. Yeah.

AT: 01:24:44 And.

CO: 01:24:47 Yeah.

AT: 01:24:47 At what point did you come to Chicago? Was that after college?

CO: 01:24:53 Yeah. And then my folks, um, after the war came here and then after a few years they went back to Los Angeles. Uh, my, my folks and my grandmother, they all went back, and my sister was here, but she went back and my brother went to college, he went to Houghton with me and then he finished. Um, let's see, went a year to, um, oh, he got a Sociology degree here at the University of Chicago. Um, and then he went back to California and he taught, uh, Sociology until he retired recently.

AT: 01:25:40 What did you study at Houghton?

CO: 01:25:43 Psych and Soch.

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