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- AT: 01:30:44 And um, how did you find the job that Resettlers Committee?
- CO: 01:30:53 Um, how did I find the job? Let's see. I was doing volunteer work for them too, I think.
- AT: 01:31:07 What kind of work or position did you have?
- CO: 01:31:21 Um, let me think. I worked for a group of doctors for a little bit and did bookkeeping for them, uh, on Michigan Island. And um, it wasn't too long. And then I found out that Resettlers and that was the new place I was looking for some people. And that was good fun. Um, we made our own meals, lunches at Resettlers. And there was a young woman, Eileen Nagatomo, who had never lived with Japanese. She was from either North or South Dakota. Uh, and she was so interesting that we all where they are at Resettlers and, uh, we made, uh, lunches. She was so much fun.
- AT: 01:32:31 And how would you describe the, the Japanese American community back then, say in the days that you were working at Resettlers?
- CO: 01:32:41 Well, people would, you know, had just come in or they would, this was early when people had just left camp or they were looking for lodging. And, um, as soon as, uh, the larger community knew about other The Resettlers Committee, they would call us, um, uh, to report. They had jobs for, uh, and they, they liked Japanese American secretaries and, um, Curtiss Candy. I don't know what those folks really did, but it was piece work. And the Japanese were clean and smart and you know,
- I3: 01:33:34 But maybe spies.

CO: 01:33:36 Yeah. And, uh, so, you know, they would call in and say they would have, they would have a position for 10 young Japanese American men from ages so and so and here's the, yeah. It was very interesting. Yeah. And it got bigger and bigger as you know, they had the, Japanese had good, they had a good reputation. Um, and some of these large companies, this Curtiss Candy, I remember them well would, uh, call in and ask for number and then, um, the people who used to print the, um, umm, the yellow pages, you know, and they would want proofreaders and such.

I2: 01:34:44 Yeah.

CO: 01:34:46 The yellow pages. Donnelly. Donnelly and Company. Yeah.

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