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NW: So . . . when you went back to America in 1947, um, did you already have a, like a, identity or awareness that you are a survivor of the bomb? Because . . .

MH: Oh, yeah.

NW: . . . it's. Okay.

MH: I'm . . . I—I'm not scared to die. So, even—the bomb, I thought, you know, whatever should happen, happens. It, it's a natural cause. Uh, you know, and whatever.

NW: Mhm.

MH: There's a reason for that and everything, so.

NW: Mhm. I guess what I'm asking is that, uh, you know, Japanese government installed so-called two laws for A-bomb survivors, right? And that's when they started to pay for survivors' medical ex—medical expenses.

MH: Uh-huh.

NW: And, but they don't happen until 1950s . . .

MH: I know.

NW: So, I just wondered, you know, when you went back to the, to America, it was almost, really, too early to benefit from those laws? So I just wonder if people talk about the bomb or school teacher told you about what happened in Hiroshima, like we do now?

MH: Uh-huh.

NW: So, you know, we do talk about it because it's a part of history.

MH: Yeah.

NW: But then, I just wonder what situation might have been like right after . . .

MH: No . . .

NW: . . . the bomb.

MH: Mm, everything. There's a cause for everything to happen.

NW: Mhm.

MH: So, it didn't . . .

NW: What about you parents or friends? Did they talk about the bomb, or?

MH: No.

NW: Why not?

MH: I don't know. We didn't . . . We didn't talk to parents that much, uh . . .

NW: Mm.

MH: We were always living separate. I mean, different places.

NW: Mm.

MH: Either I was in America in . . . my folks, though . . .

NW: Mhm.

MH: They came back to Ja—America. 1951, I think.

NW: Mm.

MH: So.

NW: So, that was after you did?

MH: Af-after.

NW: Ah, okay.

MH: I was here first.

NW: Hmm. What about your Nisei friends, other friends of yours that you had . . .

MH: I don't know . . .

NW: . . . in Japan.

MH: What happened to Hiroshima *no* friends.

NW: What about people who originally came from America, just like you did? These, do you know that those Nisei friends of yours . . .

MH: No, yeah, you don't know where they live, or you . . .

NW: Okay.

MH: Their . . . especially women *wa*, their—their name change.

NW: Mm. Mhm.

MH: So you can't, there's no way you have . . .

NW: Right. To find . . .

MH: Try, try.

NW: Right, right.

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