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NW: Um, now, very different kind of question I had about, uh . . . your life after you're in the States is that, um, in 1970s and '80s, there are not just Japanese people, Japanese American people . . .

MH: Mhm.

NW: . . . but also, there are other Asians . . .

MH: Mhm.

NW: . . . such as Korean Americans . . .

MH: Mhm.

NW: . . . Chinese Americans, Philippine Americans . . .

MH: Vietnamese.

NW: . . . Vietnamese, and uh, they all started to kind of come together, especially younger generation . . .

MH: Yeah. There . . .

NW: . . . including students.

MH: . . . there, yeah.

NW: And, it's called Asian American Movement.

MH: Uh-huh.

NW: Did you read anything . . .

MH: No.

NW: . . . about that? No?

MH: I just read religious book, and I don't . . . My needs . . . Narrow.

NW: Mm. But you heard . . .

MH: I'm too . . .

NW: . . . about it.

MH: Huh?

NW: But you heard about, when I said that . . . You know, there is this Asian-Americans . . .

MH: Well . . . there . . . I don't, you know, like computer nowadays, and well, I don't—I don't even know how to . . . use computer, or.

NW: Mm.

MH: But, it doesn't bother me. I'm just old-fashioned. That's all.

NW: Mhm. Yeah, well computer is not necessarily easy to use [chuckling] . . .

MH: I know . . .

NW: . . . so I totally understand that.

MH: . . . and everything is just buttons.

NW: Yeah. Yeah, right. Right.

MH: And then, you feel old-fashioned, and then that's all right with me.

NW: Mm.

MH: I—I had a good life, and . . .

NW: Mhm. So, did you have friends who are non-Japanese Asian Americans, then?

MH: No.

NW: Korean Americans? Or, Chinese Americans? Or . . . Vietnamese Americans?

MH: No.

NW: Mm . . . So it was either Japanese Americans, or White Americans?

MH: Uh-huh.

NW: That you befriended . . .

MH: That's what—what I'm, mostly . . . I don't go to school nowadays, so except . . . churches, BECs [?], Buddhist education class.

NW: Mhm. Mhm . . . Mm, so do you think that your religious belief in Buddhism . . .

MH: Mhm, it's everything.

NW: . . . kind of helped you . . .

MH: Uh-huh.

NW: . . . to, kind of, make sense of . . .

MH: take it, and uh, uh-huh.

NW: . . . what happened to you? Um, you know, on the August day in 1945?

MH: Uh, yeah, there's . . . It's just karma. It just . . . nothing you could do. Just live and make the best of it.

NW: Mm.

MH: Thankful for everything.

NW: Mm.

MH: Everybody.

NW: Mhm.

MH: *Okayagesan*.

NW: Mhm.

MH: Really, when you get old, you sure feel that *okayagesan*.

NW: Mhm. Mhm . . . Hm.

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