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JS: My oldest brother, came back from Hawai'i, and then he went into Sōtoku University in Hiroshima, religious, Buddhist school. I am sure that he had a hard time. Because of the language, you know. But when he graduated, he was the first student to enter Hiroshima Kōto-gakkō. And then, the war started. He was *kaigun no shikan de*, he was sent to, he was in, sent to Mie-ken *no*, Mie kōkū-tai, Air Base. He was teaching so-called the young soldiers who make diving. How do you call that?

NW: Oh, *ningen gyorai*?

JS: This was airplane, like *kamikaze*.

NW: Oh, like *tokkō* . . . you mean, to, like a suicidal.

JS: Yeah, suicidal. He was teaching those kids, and even though my brother was still a young, young officer.

NW: He was a teacher of these . . .

JS: He was a teacher for the, for instance, if the kid's gonna fly out tomorrow, then he'd talk to him.

NW: Is that *tokkō-tai*, that you're thinking of?

JS: Oh yeah, *tokkō-tai*, *tokkō-tai*. Yes, yes, yes. And then, after the war, I am jumping the story, *gomen nasai*.

NW: No no, that's okay.

JS: We were talking about education, so, you know. After the war, he worked for the American troop for a while, but he went to Tō-dai. So my mom's always after education, education. Study. So he went to Tō-dai, so he did okay. So did my whole family, but somehow, you know, related to. My dad also, but he was a high school teacher too, he was teaching at Japanese school in Hawai'i too.

NW: Oh, at the temple, you mean?

JS: Yeah, at the temple, and a high school. So when it comes to education, did my parents worry about us? Yes, I think mom did.

NW: I just, well, it's a pure guess, but, you know, because you told me that your mother was really active doing the volunteer work at school. I just wondered if that might be partly because she's trying to make sure that everything will be all right with her children.

JS: That could be. Maybe she was worried about us, that she didn't tell us. But by helping the school, or getting to know the teachers, and I am sure it's a plus.

NW: It is.

JS: It sure is a plus, because they know each other that way. And when the teachers see me, they go ah! at least we had some type of connection. Maybe you are right, maybe she was worried about us, maybe that's the reason she did a lot of this.

NW: Parents always worry about their children, so.

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