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NW: How about you, then? When did you meet Jack? I mean, you to me . . .

JD: Oh, it's here in San Francisco, we were both living here at the time, and I met him at a party.

NW: Wait, a minute, that's already after you are back from Japan?

JD: Oh yeah.

NW: So it must have been . . .

JD: It was back in, probably 1963 that we met, because we married in 1964. So we met in '63 at a party.

NW: What kind of party was it?

JD: Oh, it was just a friend who was putting this party together and friends invited people, friends invited friends, it became a big party. He came with somebody else and I came with my friend who invited me, and so we got to talking. I was singing at a church at that time, here in San Francisco, and I said, well, our church was putting on a concert. [Jack there's something going on. Yeah, but it's clicking.] I told him that our church choir was going to put on this recital, not a recital, a concert, with songs from different religions. So I asked him, do you have anything from the Buddhist church, because he told me he was a Buddhist. He said, yeah, I can probably get you one of our *gosa* books. So, he did that a few nights later and from then we sorta started dating, and then we married in 1964, yeah. He still goes to the Buddhist church, he's still active in the Buddhist church, and I still go to my Christian church.

NW: Hmm, yeah, yeah, yeah. That's right, it works out. You go to different churches.

JD: Oh, yeah.

NW: So, when you were dating, and getting to know each other, did it ever come up that he is a *hibakusha* and that you have experience during the wartime of the camp.

JD: I forget when he told me that he had the experince, we didn't talk about that at the beginning, I don't think. I think it was afterwards. I forget when you started to tell me that you were in

Hiroshima. Well, I guess that you told me that you were in Hiroshima during the war years, that you lived in Hiroshima during the war years.

[Dairiki's husband Jack]: Well, of course, my father and her father were good friends, business associates, I asked. So, our family knew each other, something of a coincidence.

JD: I don't think we were that close, but we knew each other.

[Jack]: Like business associates, my father ran a hotel, and her father was traveling salesperson, so, and he stayed at the hotel.

JD: I told her about that.

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