

1. Question: Where were you born?

Answer: I was born in Japan, August 16, 1903.

2. Question: When did you come to America?

Answer: In the year 1924, April 21

3. Question: Why did you come to America?

Answer: Because it's a Nation of Democratic Principles which believed in Freedom, Liberty, and Justice for all.

4. Question: What kind of work did you do?

Answer: Taught the Japanese language for 13 year and farmed the last few years.

5. Question: Where did you teach the Japanese language?

Answer: At Los Angeles, for about 7 years, and in Northern California, for about 6 years.

6. Question: Where did you farm?

Answer: I farmed at Cupertino in Santa Clara County, Calif.

7. Question: Where were you evacuated from?

Answer: I was evacuated from Cupertino to Santa Anita Assembly Center.

8. Question: When did you arrive in Heart Mountain?

Answer: On October 30, 1942

9. Question: Did you come to Heart Mountain with your family?

Answer: No, my family went on ahead while I stayed behind as one of the key men.

10. Question: Why didn't you leave with the family?

Answer: On September 11, 1942, Santa Anita had a big trouble because of the way food was served in the mess halls.

Due to the fact of misunderstanding and such, I was asked to stay behind and help organize the mess halls. Knowing Judo was the reason. I stayed 45 days after my family left and came to Heart Mtn. with the last ones with a recommendation.

11. What did you do after reaching Heart Mtn?

Ans: With a recommendation from the Santa Anita authority I came to Heart Mt. and applied for work, but none that was suited for me was given even though the center was not completely organized. About this time I was asked to teach at the Judo school.

12. How many Judo students were there in Heart Mtn.?

Ans: About 300 students and about 60 title holders. The title holders had a club organized and I was chosen president. During that time over 90 per cent of the boys were citizens, therefore since the Army or the Navy did not take volunteers, we volunteered to demonstrate Judo to the boys in the army to make them better soldiers physically and mentally.

13. Are you a member of the Fair Play?

Ans: I am not a member, since the F.P.C. is made up of loyal American citizens only, and I am only a friendly enemy alien.

14. Did you speak in Japanese for the Fair Play?

Ans: I did not speak for Fair Play, but when speaking I was asked to mention what the Fair Play was doing.

15. Why did you start speaking?

Ans: The reason I started speaking was to protect the rights of the evacuees interned in this center.

16. What do you mean by protecting your rights?

Ans: By protecting our rights I mean: (a) About the petition (b) Community Enterprise's \$2000.00 loss of Ice cream (c) Return-tickets (d) Police men's Uniform (e) \$1000.00 gallon Shoyu contract (f) Community Enterprise's Smuggling Sake and many other faults.

17. How many time did you speak?

Ans: About 10 times.

18. Where did you speak?

Ans: I don't remember.

19. When did you start speaking?

Ans: About in March.

*to clarify
was in the
about F.P.C.*

20. Who asked you to speak?

Ans: Some of the block people asked me to speak.

21. Who made the arrangements?

Ans: Some were made by the block people and some by Mr. Horino.

22. How many times did Horino make arrangements for your speech?

Ans: I do not know.

23. What did you speak about?

Ans: About two weeks after I finished speaking, Mr. Robertson called me for an interview. At that time he asked me to write what I spoke on. I wrote it and brought it to him within 3 days with a letter. In the letter I stated that some things might have been forgotten and if mentioned and I know about it I will be glad to answer you. Since I had written in Japanese language I asked that if a translation is made that I be sure to get one copy because if it were translated wrong it will not do it justice. The time was about April 10th, but to this day he has not answered or investigated me. The carbon copy of the letter sent to Mr. Robertson was taken away when Frank Fmi's house was searched.

24. Did you speak at a Fair Play Committee meeting?

Ans: No.

25. Where did you speak then?

Ans: I spoke in the mess hall open to anyone in the Japanese language.

26. Who came to hear your speech?

Ans: At least 98% were Issei's because the Nisei's do not understand enough of the Japanese language to be interested.

27. What did you speak about the Fair Play Committee?

Ans: I spoke about detention, pauperization, and concentration.

28. Do you know why the Fair Play Committee was organized?

Ans: No, I do not know ~~the formation~~, but I do know that it stood for the citizens' Constitutional Rights and Civil and Bill of Rights.

29. Did you speak about the Selective Service?

Ans: No, I am not a citizen and I am not concerned about the Selective Service. Even the listeners are not concerned they were Japanese nationals.

30. Why then, did the boys not go to their physicals?

Ans: I do not know.

31. Do you know that the 63 boys were indicted?

Ans: Yes, I read the Heart Mt. Sentinel (Japanese Section)

32. Do you know any of the 63 boys?

Ans: I do not know.

33. Do you know any of the Fair Play members?

Ans: Yes, I know few boys.

34. Who are the few boys you know?

Ans: I know Sam Horino and Frank Emi well.

35. Why do you know them well?

Ans: These two boys were members of the Judo title holders club when I was the president.

36. Do you know Paul Nakadate, Okamoto, Ben Wakai, and Minoru Tamasa?

Ans: I met Okamoto at my friends a few times. I do not remember Paul but I do think I met him through the Church. Ben and Tamasa I do not know.

37. Don't you know some other members?

Ans: I do not know.

38. Did you ever ask the Japanese folks to ever help finance the Fair Play?

Ans: No, because I am not a member and I was never asked to.

39. Did you donate to the Fair Play Committee?

Ans: No, because I am not financially able to.

40. Did you know that the Fair Play Committee received donations?
Ans: No, I do not know.
41. Do you know that the fair play committee put out a pamphlet?
Ans: Yes, I do.
42. How many times did they put the pamphlets?
Ans: I do not know exactly but I think two or three times.
43. Why do you know?
Ans: Because I read the pamphlet written in Japanese.
44. Do you know where the pamphlets were printed?
Ans: I remember vaguely that one of the pamphlet was being printed in my place.
45. Which pamphlet was printed at your place?
Ans: I do not know.
46. Why did they use your place?
Ans: Because I was a friend of Sam's and was asked to lend my home for something, I said go ahead.
47. Did you write the Japanese section?
Ans: No I did not. For further proof, McMillan an FBI agent questioned and checked me about the Japanese section of the pamphlet. He had my writing and had it compared by one who had full knowledge of Japanese.
48. Who wrote the English section?
Ans: I do not know.
50. Did you influence anyone of not going to the pre-induction?
Ans: No, I have not. In fact my wife's brother who I have regarded as my own brother since his father has long passed away, and who has been a Fair Play Member has gone to the pre-induction when the Selective Service call came. His other brother is already in the army now serving on combat duty in Italy.