

Mr. Tamesa: (in Japanese) No. It was before he made the attempt. (Then in English) Onetime talked good Japanese. The Issei noticed it. He went to speak to them. He wouldn't come; he was afraid he would be arrested.

The night before there many arrests. He was afraid. So he don't show up.

Mr. Tamesa: My son went. This kibeï from Japan talk good Japanese.

Mr. Tamesa: I don't know the name. But I don't see why Okamoto and others go to speak to them. Only Minoru went. That's what Mr. Suzuki said. Before Minoru come home, he stopped by. He said Minoru went to speak. He thought the others would talk. He is a good speaker. But he was afraid take him away.

Kay: I guess Min substituted for someone who was supposed to speak in Japanese. Min doesn't speak fluent Japanese but he apparently got by.

Mr. Tamesa: Minoru to me after that I can't speak good speech but I can answer what you ask. Please ask me, instead of a speech. He just spoke why he was against joining the army.

Mr. Tamesa: Mess hall full. Lots of ^{Issei} people there. I can't see at that time Okamoto or others who could speak good Japanese they don't want to. Okamoto didn't go Kubota didn't go And Emi didn't go they know. They have notice. They should know that. The others didn't show up. You know Frank Emi? He has wife and kids. Maybe different that time. Minoru don't care that he go to jail because he was single, you see.

Minoru could speak Japanese pretty good. So, he spoke instead. Then Okamoto, talk good in Japanese, don't go out there.

Mr. Tamesa: You know, my son afraid I may go to penitentiary if I go out there.

Kay: (in Japanese) Papa, you didn't go to the meetings?

Mr. Tamesa: I stick my head over there in meetings I'd get arrested.

Mr. Tamesa: No. I often see Kawahara' him at meetings

Mr. Tamesa: I mean just private meetings; not, not regular meetings

I didn't go meetings.

Kay: (in Japanese) About Jesse, weren't you saying?

Mr. Tamesa: (in Japanese) Miyoko wrote it in a letter.

Kay: My sister said her husband said dad may go to penitentiary, too, if he got involved in meetings. So he didn't go.

Mr. Tamesa: No. Just four or five Just parents. get together. you see.

Mr. Tamesa: Yeah. Four or five get together to talk, that's all. That way I told ^{Kawa} Hara.

Sometime, just a few outside. Sometime. This not big meeting, just few.

for breaks for cup of tea. Only once in awhile. Just get together to talk; not regular meeting. Five or six of them meet to talk, you see.

Kay: (in Japanese) Pop, did you get together outside or in the homes?

Mr. Tamesa: No. Just few, four or five.

Kay: (in Japanese) Where did you gather?

Mr. Tamesa: (in Japanese) No special place.

Kay: Oh, it must be when they happened to run into each other.

Mr. Tamesa: Japanese have meeting, then someone.....next day the director know all about it. Somebody told Fair Play Committee ask office girl, you know. What time who went to Director's office. Who go first tell them, you know. Guy Robertson the Director.

To few minister Kubota was suspect. I think after Kuroda (Then in Japanese) What do you say the name in English?

Kay: (in Japanese) Fuji.....Fuji something.

Mr. Tamesa: (in Japanese) What?

Kay: (in Japanese) You said to say Fuji something, papa.

Mr. Tamesa: (in Japanese) Over there.

Kay: (in Japanese) John.....

Mr. Tamesa: (in Japanese) John what?

Kay: Kitasako?

Mr. Tamesa: Yeah, yeah! Kitasako, he is enemy in camp. He don't live over there. He move to Seattle. He can't go back Los Angeles.

Mr. Tamesa: John Kitasako.

Kay: (in Japanese) Did you worry about inus?

Mr. Tamesa: I think minister Kuroda moved out. Somebody....

Kay: (in Japanese) No. Did you worry?

Mr. Tamesa: (in Japanese) What? No, no.

Kay: He said no. They didn't worry him, just annoyed

Mr. Tamesa: You know most people don't do nothing. We some-
time....two or three of 'em talking. Then anothe-
er two or three of 'em get together and then.....
Kay: (in Japanese) You had no scheduled meetings?
Mr. Tamesa: No, no, No.
Kay: They were sort of informal because there was no
announced meetings.

Kay: (in Japanese) What Art Emi says is that papa
and Kay Kawahara were strong backers who kept
the parents in line.

Mr. Tamesa: Ummmmm. (Then in Japanese) Yes, we were support-
ers.

Kay: Yes. He said that was true. That with Kawahara
they supported them.

Mr. Tamesa: Mr. Kawahara really mad, not talking.

Mr. Tamesa: (in Japanese) How did the other parents feel?

Mr. Tamesa: Most of them, we didn't talk nothing when they
come to meetings.....(Laugh).

Kay: (in Japanese) What sort of things did you discuss?
Was it about raising money?

Mr. Tamesa: (in Japanese) It wasn't about money. We just
talked.

Kay: Nothing in particular.

Mr. Tamesa: Nothing mean.

Kay: (in Japanese) It is written that one cannot cross the gate. Minoru purposely attempted to walk out,

Mr. Tamesa: Oh, oh. (Then in Japanese) with Emi.

Mr. Tamesa:: Yeah, I think. I waved at him.

Kay: (in Japanese) Papa remember that?

Mr. Tamesa: (in Japanese) Yeah, some friend came to tell me Minoru had been jailed.

Kay: (in Japanese) When he crossed the gate, they took him to jail?

Mr. Tamesa: Yeah, only you can't go out the gate. Fifteen feet this side the gate is okay. Barbed wire had a sign.

Kay: (in Japanese) So they took him to jail?

Mr. Tamesa: Yeah, because they ask colonel, not the head. Two Japanese want to get out, Emi and Minoru. They think honest enough, loyal to take into army why they can't go past the gate.

Kay: Oh! That's why they were hauled off to jail, then?

Kay: (in Japanese) Before he did it, did he discuss it with you?

Mr. Tamesa: (in Japanese) Yes. He discussed it.

Kay: He talked to him about it.

Mr. Tamesa: Yeah, he told me.

Mr. Tamesa: Before he acted, he said to me I won't see you for five years. I told him I understand. It's okay.

Kay: (in Japanese) Wasn't that at the time he was going to the penitentiary?

Kay: No, no. (in Japanese) Was papa there when they took Minoru to penitentiary?

Mr. Tamesa: (in Japanese) I was there. When he went to penitentiary I said goodbye to him. He thought he would be gone five years before.....

Chin: He would be released?

Mr. Tamesa: Yeah. He'd go five years if said government.

Kay: I thought it said three.

Chin: They sentenced him to three and he had so much time off for good behavior, he served about two and a half years. But in Heart Mountain when the F.B.I. came to arrest him, did you see the F.B.I.?

Mr. Tamesa: (in Japanese) What did he say?

Mr. Tamesa: My son not afraid to die himself. He wanted die for country. If he die that way, he die just like

Mr. Tamesa: (continued) Moses die. Not right to die. Took his rights away. If he wants go back, could only go back in uniform. Then he would fight and die. If I was in that position, I would not die for nothing.

Mr. Tamesa: Only few Japanese, some went to war, blame them. If it's myself, like Minoru, I would not fight for nothing. Minoru told them unless they let him go home and treat him like real American, he would not fight.