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building engineer for a downtown seattle hotel  
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000 bred in me second-class cit

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made us mad, had to accept it,

017 legally they had to,

030 helped jacl help people evacuate. acted as interpreter,  
Bellevue people weren't responding, wwent w/ army officer.

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think that far. under protest wd have been best way.

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065 glad that young gen thinks there was some right in  
protesting.

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073 volunteering; no wish to v from behind fences.

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physical. just rubbed the wrong way. no way I felt I shd have to  
comply if they're going to treat me as an enemy alien, and then  
at their own will flip over and say you're a citizen.

085 thought we'd go back to jpn and live there, that was a  
foreign country to me, no choice if not get rights here, not  
knowing this redres wd come up.

090 no idea how many times this kind of thing cd be repeated in  
our lives in this country.

no choice if they don't treat me right in this country

099 if given full rights here, nat stay here this is my country.

\*101 if my parents put behind barbed wire, it can't be helped,  
legally they cdn't become citizens was a thorn in whole thing. If  
citizens were treated as citizens, then no qualms about serving.

Volunteering and Loyalty Oath: it was a time when you had to  
make some decisions, had some sleepless nights in those days. we  
were younger

118 it was an early form of passive resistance. people opp to  
govt rulings or laws and chose to break law.

130 we blocked it out for som many years, helped redress through  
church, new atmospere w you young people ;. found we wer still  
accepted, until then it was dark past. first nisei ever to go to  
jail. had been mbr jacl for years, knew lotta feeling against  
jacl but I didn't feel that way.

164 if renounce cit.

friends, got divided into no,no. other friends visited me in  
uniform while I was in jail.

176 never exp. any unpleasantness personally.

avoided areas where there might be co nfrontations.

199 wdn't be surprised if no no boys called disloyal

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205 trial in Boise 20

226 MacNeil Island, 3-years, 3-months. 240 whole thing didn't seem real. like a bad dream.

256 just wasn't going to go from behind barbed wire. get a permit to go out. that's not right.

never realized it'd be brought up as a legal issue, overturned.

273 didn't know he was pardoned by Truman. never received any documents,

277 after pearl harbor, volunteered for the National Guard. was dismissed without explanation.

parents were most distressed.

300 close Kibei friend had friends in Jpn consulate, car always following him. FBI must have thought there was a connection, that, or I was jpn. built up fact I'm not going to be treated equally. and I want to be.

322 stuck beh barbed wire, that's it, not kind of life I want to lead where you never know when you're going to be stuck back again.

330 even with redress, don't feel sansei will getg full break, times might still come where racially

353 never read Okada's book. maybe unconsciously trying to avoid all of that. (must mean there's a lot there inside) keep it buried.

371 knowing i had broken law, a jailbird.

just stayed away from places where jpn got together.

390 went to church, best place where he would never be kicked out. wanted to be associated with something. church opened up a world of its own where I'd be confronting something/

409 group of us still keep in touch, but they've agreed not to identify each other to prying eyes.

429 jacl resolution: that feeling was not jacl org. opinion, just indiv.-- sure many don't feel that way. 450 end

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never talk about it until I guess times I do like to say how I feel about what happened.

don't think i wd have talked 10-yrs ago. thing really helped was redress. found people who were sympathetic with what we had done. we did break law.

soc began to look at protest as one way

no idea we'd have any power

never expected help from jacl , that they wd go with the flow.

480 (in fact, jacl created the crisis for you by pushing draft) never thought of it that way. I felt this was way of america treating us.

492 (min yasui threats) to me that was his opinion. that was jacl program of proving loyalty, all part of a plan.

504 (read masaoka quote: I'd gone too far other direction) he made his choice, we made ours.

510 never saw any volunteer "suckers" being beat up. know there were big meetings and such. but when came down to brass tacks, wasn't that many who resisted. it was sure a mixed up time. 550 (jacl resol: nono boys just as courageous as soldiers) issue like that if brought up, create another tempest, things have settled down, those that have accepted what we have done have accepted us.

some never will. feel we were cowards, did them some disservice. wd like to see it just left. without bringing to point where some people have to agrfee and some have to disagree.

dxon't think its going to do much good.

565 (will do good for sansei's, we feel for you, unrecognized. and it burns us that they called you names) for us being discrim against one way or antoher even by fellow nihonjins was a way of life, and let bygones be bygones. and happy with those that have accepted us and if those that haven't, that's their right.

they may be creating another issue.

580 didn't tell his children for a long time, until recently

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