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Nisei - Friend of Jim Tuleen  
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Good interview

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War Situation:

I won't say much about the young people because their minds are too flexible. But among those with whom I associate, they are looking forward to very pleasant news. Of course, it might be the feeling of any person, when reverses continue. But my opinion is, these persons (who think like me) rejoice that the climax of the war is not far away and are sure it will be a pleasant one.

To some extent, those who know Japanese history could almost say why they are retreating and they are just teasing the enemy and teasing him right along and dragging him right into the trap. Of course, there are possibilities that the enemy himself will discover the trap. If they discover the trap it will be a long drawn out thing.

(When I was silent before this revelation, Kurihara said, "There's one thing I like about you, Miss Hankey, you can take it." We ended the interview with an enthusiastic agreement of the virtues of being able to take it and never entering into a gamble in which you were not willing to bear the worst result gracefully.)

TALK WITH NISEI GIRL - OLD TULEAN - EIKO YOKOTA

This young woman who works in the high school office is another of Jimmy Takeuchi's friends. She answered my questions carefully, and appeared to be a person of balance and restraint.

Changes in Camp with Arrival of Segregees:

You know what I thought. I thought this would be a peaceful camp. I thought that since it was a camp of all people going back to Japan we'd have the same combination. But due to people with selfish reasons, they made riots. Those people were quiet back home, but having nothing to do they made trouble here.

I was disappointed. I expected a different spirit and living peacefully.

Farm Accident:

There was a rumor here at that time that the people who came in had started things their way.

Being a Tulean, we felt that they were making it tough for us. We had nothing (like that) before they came in. I guess we were all employed and had the best jobs and they didn't like that either.

November 1:

To tell you the truth we didn't know anything about it. At mess they made the announcement that Mr. Myer was going to make a speech and that we should go up there if we were Japanese. I just didn't know what was coming off.

Bringing in Harvesters:

I thought that was all right. I feel we should have solved our own problem. If we had all cooperated and gone to work and not gone on strike it would have saved a lot of trouble for us.

On November 4, we couldn't go home till they let us, but I didn't think they (Kibei) bullied anybody.

After November 4:

After November 4, both sides just didn't understand each other. People in this center overdo their loyalty to Japan.



Status Quo:

We were against the status quo. I thought that was just silly. We were so against that thing. I thought a bunch of people who didn't know anything were trying to run it and I think it would have been best for the people to cooperate with the Administration and work.

I think it (status quo) was given up because the people didn't really want it. There's still some hot tempered minority who makes trouble.

Coordinating Committee:

They say they were dogs and they say that some of the strong leaders wanted to get there (on the C.O.) themselves and some leaders tried to break them down. It was just a tough job. The people in here had a different idea from all the camps and it was impossible for nice men to settle everything.

Mr. Hitomi:

Mr. Hitomi on the whole wasn't liked. To the average person he appeared to act superior. He made it tough. He made people hate him. He had no education. I don't see why he put it on. Being business manager of the Co-op went to his head.

(Miss Yokota, like Hitomi, comes from Sacramento.)

There are a lot of people in here staying in for reasons not of disloyalty.