

Arthur "Yukio" Koura

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Question: Is Art your nickname? It's Art Koura, is that correct?

Answer: Pronounced... Last Name, yes, K-O-U-R-A, pronounced Koura.

Question: And is Art a nickname or is that?

Answer: No, that's my Arthur... I was given it... All Japanese kids were given an English name.

Question: Oh really.

Answer: Then Y stands for my Japanese name that was given to me.

Question: Which is..

Answer: Y.

Question: Y.

Answer: Uhuh. Yukio.

Question: So, were you born on Bainbridge?

Answer: From what I understand, Dad brought me to the island when I was a year or two years old, born in Seattle.

Question: Your Dad was a strawberry farmer, is that?

Answer: Yes, uh huh, on Bainbridge Island. Well, that was a...

Question: Cause I saw that picture and it looked like he had a large farm.

Answer: Well, that's kind of a long story. He came over to Bainbridge to, of course, you know, like I say, this going way back, there'd be only my brother and I, I guess, born and we were living in Seattle and my Mother's parents were, moved to Bainbridge Island to farm and they were having a hard time I guess. Dad and Mom came over and joined them and then he stayed here and helped with the farm and that's the place that I showed you, well actually, I helped Dad crawl along, right under foot here, where his first strawberry field was.

Question: Wow, so as a little boy you were working the fields and helping your Dad and...

Answer: Well, all kids worked. That's the only way a farmer could survive.

Question: How many in your family?

Answer: There was... I was the oldest and had a younger brother, two years... there was six of us just spread out every two years.

Question: Good way to plan the farm help.

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Answer: And my brother Nobe. He's two years younger than I am and he, well all my brothers including Nobe, he, when we moved up to the north end of the island and started this farm and because the farm down through here in the old days Japanese people could not buy, be a owner of real estate. There was a law against.. In other words, I guess you.. that means you couldn't buy even buy a home, correct? And, so when I graduated from Bainbridge High School we moved to the north end of the island and Mr. Raber we rented some land from Mr. Raber and he..

Question: I'm gonna, I got your microphone on there so I'm gonna... I'll just put it under your shirt. Okay, there ya go. All this technical stuff. There ya are. So your Father had to rent the land from Mr. Raber?

Answer: Oh no, here, but when I graduated from Bainbridge High School that's when we moved up there and everything was done under my name. In other words, I, well there's a funny story, Karl. Mr. Raber rented the land to us over there and in fact built a home for us and at the end of the year I went down to Mr. Raber's home and with a check for the rent that we were due and I remember going down there and said "Mr. Raber, thank you for everything and we enjoy the home that you built for us. Also, here's the rent for the year." And he said "You know what, you're not going to get anywhere renting." In other words, he was just like a second Father to me. He would advise me. He said, "You're never going to get ahead renting; you better; it'd be best that you buy." And I says with what, ya know, we just raised enough here for.. to pay you the rent. Oh.. that idea was fine.. then I could also being born here in the U.S. I could own land. I mean I could buy land at that time. So Mr. Raber became well established and well to do. With a team of horses, he would... I think he put up all the telephone and power pole on Bainbridge Island for the company that he was working for and he was just one of those energetic, you know, he never went to high school from what he told me. He was of German descent, just a hard working man. Well, he did such a good job here on Bainbridge Island and this area, that when they needed to put a cable from Western Washington to Eastern Washington... You know, were talking about horses and mule days and he said... he uh.. his man on Bainbridge Island was selected by the I guess it would be telephone company, be what Bell Telephone, probably, gave him the job. So he took everybody that he knew with him and some of the boys that worked with him. I remember it... more of the boys in my age would tell me that boy he was a hard man to work for, but that's the way he got things done. So, with his advice.. somehow we raised enough to buy. Oh, and then he helped me some of his relatives around where we were farming, we just had a little 20-acre parcel, said there's a wooded area, been logged off... we logged it he says and my cousin don't want the land anymore why don't you buy this, it's awfully cheap now. So, somehow we raised enough for you know, a very low down payment and I remember buying, or putting my name to a document saying that we would pay so much a year and buy this logged off land and with one horse and dynamite we cleared the land and raised strawberries. And by then my brother graduated from Bainbridge High School so there was my Dad and my brother and I and Grandpa, Grandma and Mom on this farm. Things were going very nicely for us when Japan bombed Pearl Harbor and we had to evacuate and by then we had probably 30 acres under cultivation. So that'd be what, I graduated in '36, World War II was, I mean, yeah..

Question: 1941.

Answer: 1941, okay. That's about when we were evacuated. Bainbridge was the first group to be evacuated. You probably know all that, huh?

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Question: Well, I know some of it but I mean actually I haven't talked to anybody on Bainbridge, but I've talked to people from Puyallup and other areas but not from Bainbridge 'cause if I understand right Bainbridge was a showcase kind of. The government came in and filmed it and documented it.

Answer: Oh, that's right. We were the first group to be evacuated.

Question: How old were you? You were twenty-ish?

Answer: Let's see I graduated in 1936.

Question: '37. So you'd be early 20's. So you were a young man.

Answer: Oh yes.

Question: Yeah, How did that all happen when you, well where were you when you heard about Pearl Harbor, do you remember that and what your family thought?

Answer: Oh, this was very nice. What month was it that Japan bombed Pearl Harbor?

Question: December.

Answer: December, well evidently it was a very nice December because I remember I was outside when a friend of mine drove up in his used car that he bought and he said coming over on the ferry he heard that Japan bombed Pearl Harbor, and I said you gotta be kidding and we were sort of wondering you know just the radio announcement that he heard and about a couple hours later I was asked to answer the telephone. So I went inside and Walt Woodward was on the telephone and he said, "You know Art, Japan bombed Pearl Harbor. You knew about that didn't you," and I said yes I just heard from a friend a couple hours ago and by then we turned the radio on and here we were getting all the news about bombing and sinking of the ships, battleships and so forth. And naturally, Walt, he was the editor of the, owner of the Bainbridge Review, he says, I think, you know Art, in fact Walt's wife was a school teacher and she was one of my teachers so I knew the family. I never knew Walt except that he was the editor, or the owner of the paper. He said Art.. He talked to me like as if he was a friend of mine. He said, "Art, you people are in deep trouble." I said yes, I know my parents' country bombed Pearl Harbor. He said, "Well, what are you gonna do?" I said, well Walt, strawberries are a luxury item and why don't all of us we could plow our field up, plant something to help. I knew we were in a war then so we could plant something more useful, like potatoes... And that was the beginning of wondering what was going to happen to us because of all the news that'd been coming over the radio. At that time there was no such thing as a television and then before we knew what was... what might happen here they said you gonna have to, the government are gonna pick you up and move you, you know that was evacuation, and we had to do the best we can getting prepared. I don't how long they gave us, a week or two or whatever and getting back to Mr. Raber, he was the only one that, we had a bunkhouse with Filipino boys living there who came from the Philippines and was working for us. A lot of the other farmers left it with their hired hand. Since we were buying the land from Mr. Raber, under contract, we asked him to take over and he did take over and harvest our strawberries and I think we had about 40-50 acres to harvest, and it

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wasn't a small job. By then, we were, Nobe and I were farming together and my Dad and my brothers and sisters who were able to help after school so we had a pretty big, in fact by then we had probably 50-60 acres of strawberries to harvest and you have an idea of what month that was. Let's see, huh, when Japan bombed Pearl Harbor..

Question: Well, December was when they bombed and then I'm not sure how long..

Answer: That's right, it was probably around March then, wouldn't it?

Question: That'd be my guess.

Answer: We're talking about how many years ago?

Question: 61 years ago, that's a long time. I can't remember last week so..

Answer: I know.

Question: Did they take, did your family, did they take your full family, all together, your Mom and your Dad?

Answer: Yes.

Question: All to, where did you... you left Bainbridge and went?

Answer: I think the documents show that we were brought to a dock where a mosquito fleet used to take us to, with transportation, you know our only connection to the mainland was to Seattle and the mosquito fleet used to come in through Winslow and dock at four or five spots and then take us to Seattle. We just left everything in order and Mr. Raber came over and took over the farm and we... this all had to be done in a matter of days or weeks or whatever they gave us, and we got on the train and without knowing where we were going, there was ten in the family: Grandpa, Grandma, Pop and Mom, six kids... that makes ten.

Question: Your Dad was taken away before..

Answer: Oh, that's right. On top of that, Dad was one of the... they had a Japanese community club here on Bainbridge Island and he was one of the officers so they thought... When the war broke out, they came to Bainbridge Island just like they went to Seattle and other communities and picked up the elder citizens that were born in Japan and were doing business here in the states and Dad was one of the men that was picked up and taken to internment camp, I guess they called it. So there was nine of us who were put on a train, went down and ended up in this dessert called Manzanar California. In fact, I might have a picture of... see my Grandfather was very... not a very healthy person in his old age; he just lasted one month when he ended up in this... See every time in the afternoon the wind would blow the sand into these barracks and naturally there must have been some fine soot that entered his lungs and he just, I think he lasted one month. He was one of the first evacuees in this camp of either 10,000 people that passed away.

Question: That had to be so hard on the family as a whole. Your Dad's still not with you yet, is that right? Your Dad's somewhere else?

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Answer: Yes, that's right.

Question: So and then to go and lose your Grandfather that way had to be...

Answer: We're talking about something sixty years ago, huh...

Question: Do you remember because it was an unknown; you didn't know where you were going or what you were doing... did it create fear or did you have a feeling that, oh, the government's taking care of us. Do you remember?

Answer: Evidently, I don't remember, I mean recall anyone coming outright, you know, crying about what's gonna happen. Just everyone in our family felt that we were doing something that the government wanted us to do. We were a very obedient family or people I guess. We ended up in this camp and since we were the first out of the state of Washington there was no other place they could send us except to this place in Manzanar, southern California. Our neighbors were the San Pedro fishermen. I guess they were picked up soon as Japan bombed Pearl Harbor. I guess they must have been picked up and put into this camp so we ended up right next to them. They spoke very poor English. We were... we just couldn't... well, in the short time that we were there we were always getting into arguments with them. Some of us decided... we petitioned the government if we could go where the Washington Japanese were so the Kouras and a bunch of families, probably 80 per cent of the Bainbridge Island, we asked the government to move us and there was a camp in Idaho where the Seattle people were interned. What else do you want to know?

Question: Did they then move you?

Answer: Yes, our request was honored and we ended up as the last group of people to end up in Hunt, Idaho, a camp in Hunt, Idaho.

Question: So, is that where you met your wife then? Or did you meet her in California?

Answer: Oh no... never knew her except I met her in camp and well naturally, you know, to run this camp they had to... we governed ourselves more or less. I think we got if you were in the administration area, like, the government gave us, I think \$16 was the top income or, you know, you got your food and lodging right there and..

Question: \$19 was top.

Answer: \$19 was the top or whatever it was, and by the time we arrived there they had the administration section and different. .. And they decided that maybe we could take some of the land that was part of the camp and start a farm so when they did that, I got a job as farm something or other... they gave me a title. And that's when I, you know, the camp, this camp, where blocks in this order where they were strung along one main road that came up through the center and we were at the very end of the camp. And administration was on the other end so we all got on the army trucks and went down there to do our daily job that's when I first met Flo. She was working in their office down there... many years ago, Karl.

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Question: And was it a...

Answer: (Inaudible)

Question: Did she stake you out right away? I mean did...

Answer: Oh, I don't know. Must have...(Laughter)

Question: So, did you get married in camp then or did you get married...

Answer: Yes, well by then the government said that we are giving the people who were born in the United States their citizenship back. By then that meant that you were eligible to volunteer for the military and then some of the older... See we were what they call, Issei means first generation. Nisei means second generation and some of our older Nisei were... they said that now we're going to let the people who were born in the United States, we'll give you back your citizenship and you're eligible for the military. That's when we had a big discussion in camp where they evacuated us and now they say you, you know, you need foot soldiers and now you're saying that you can volunteer so there was a hard feeling. But to me, it was just a case of the way things happen. I mean, well, we're talking about something that happened so many years ago. All I know is that there was a big discussion between the families (Inaudible). I know we sat up until about 2-3 in the morning. I said I want to volunteer and join the U.S. Army; and Dad said well, he's not against that because he was... but being oldest in the family, he said, you have responsibility. And I said yes I do know that but so why don't your younger brother who's eligible, he could volunteer and my brother said yeah that's correct that he would go but I was the one that first suggested that I be one of the volunteers and I couldn't very well...Well, it was my inner feeling, I guess, that I should go, do what you can for your government, you know, we were in a war and where we were gonna go we didn't know but at least they needed help I guess, but so a group of us volunteered and because Dad was taken as one of the officers originally, maybe that was one of the reasons but they didn't pick, you know, some of the people after they volunteered they were gone in a week and here month after month nothing happened to me so I went out and by then you could go out and work so I was... got a job as....This is gonna take too long if we go through all that.

Question: No, it's interesting.

Answer: I got a job as one of the helpers in the Coca Cola Plant. So I volunteered and then nothing was happening so naturally I went out and got a job. When you get a job you can go out and you have to have boarding and you have to get a job and eat your meals out and all this. So, suddenly I get to a point where I am on my own for the first time and the owner of this Coca Cola Plant was Hershel Cobb (TY Cobbs son). You know the Cobb family?

Question: Uhuh.

Answer: Wealthy family, but his Dad didn't want Hershel to be eligible for military so he felt he could help his young son by buying this Coca Cola Plant in Idaho. That's how I became good friends with the Cobbs, I mean Hershel anyway and his wife and family because and the whole crew actually. Oh, and then on top of that just owning, evidently owning a business like that didn't make you, what do you call, unavailable for draft. But if you farmed as an added business, why you could,

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you know, that would help you in this status, more or less, so he started a farm and his Coca Cola crew would go out there and try to raise sugar beet and then come back in and bottle Coca Cola and they needed someone who would help them so that's when I got my job to work outside.

Question: So they saw your farming experience from Bainbridge and said oh...

Answer: Well on top of that, Karl, like I say, you know, when we were given the opportunity to volunteer for the military, they didn't take me right away so I went out and got the job. Boy, we're talking about somethin that happened so many years ago.

Question: Were the...

Answer: Oh, that's right, and then you asked me about (Inaudible) Flo? from Bainbridge, whatever, and she also had a job outside in town as a babysitter, someone in town... her husband was a salesman... he needed someone to help his wife so that's when Flo got a job as a babysitter so she was living outside and then I was working as a...to help... I worked in the plant with a group and then we'd go out on the farm and I would get crews set up, you know, to help us on the farm. And that's when I first met Flo. She was working in town and I was working in town as a...and I think she and her lady friend that she and the baby probably really enjoy so many Coca Cola because I was able to borrow the truck and just give them free coke, used to bring them cases and cases of coke to have. Well, this all went on and eventually...Oh, getting back to volunteering, I, like I say Dad didn't want me to volunteer because of being oldest in the family I had a responsibility so that's why I was still in the people that were eligible... I mean in this group that volunteered so my call came up and then being, you know, see I guess I was maybe 18, 19 or 20 or whatever, I told Dad I want to get married before I... before they draft me. So, through a long argument on everything, finally it was agreed. That's how Flo and I became man and wife. That's a long story... oh my goodness.

Question: Did you have a ceremony within the camp then or in the town?

Answer: We had a big wedding. I don't where they got all the food and sake and everything but there was a big party for us and then the military called. I don't know which happened first or what but right after I got married, had a short honeymoon, then I was shipped down to Mississippi where they were training and came as a replacement to fill in and the group was already established to be shipped out to go join wherever they were gonna be sent to. You know, it was the all-Japanese regimental combat team being organized. There was already a battalion. A regiment is composed of three battalions, the first battalion of the boys from Hawaii were already serving in action in Italy and they needed the other two battalions. We were, they were being organized in Mississippi and I was one of the few, last, few people that they called up to fill in and I think I had, those of us that were late, only had about a month of training and we were over seas already.

Question: Wow!

Answer: Yeah.

Question: So, it was the 442nd?

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Answer: Uh huh.

Question: Was it segregated? It was all Japanese soldiers?

Answer: The officers were all Caucasian and all the rest of us were all Japanese.

Question: Did you face prejudice then going into the service?

Answer: Uh Huh.

Question: Everybody looked and said we're all soldiers; we're all fighting for our country...

Answer: Uh huh.

Question: and so they were... it was easier to separate 'em in that way then I know that I've talked to some people in different places when they had been in one of the internment camps, and they would go outside the internment camp... they would get harassed a lot... little boys.

Answer: I guess its... I've never been harassed that I can remember. Maybe, well, I'm lost for words...

Question: So you ended up... where did you... Italy... is that where you ended up when you were over seas or?

Answer: I think we had one month of basic... get a uniform, dig a few trench to know what you're supposed to do and then we were shipped over and joined the 100th Battalion, and we became the 442nd Regimental Combat Team.

Question: So here you were a newlywed and where's Flo now? Where is she staying?

Answer: Well, naturally, she was out working too.

Question: But she's back here and you're over there. Did you get letters?

Answer: Oh, that's right. I went down there and they issued my uniform for me and then by the time, you know, I learned how to clean the rifle and dig a slit trench and I was gonna go over seas and then naturally, a lot of the married people had their wives down there and they'd been in training so Flo came down to join me and in fact... well whatever happened...Let's see in Hattiesburg Flo got a job working as what?

Question: Do you remember what you were... he said you were working... you got a job in Hattiesburg? (Wife off camera... No, that was after he came back.) Oh after he came back.

Answer: Oh, okay. God almighty, I should have done some research.

Question: It's a long time ago.

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Answer: All I know is that when we left the camp, you know, for what they call uh... God, it's tough being old. When we marched out of camp, ready to go over there and win the war. You know we were all hepped up to do what we were supposed to and she was standing right there with the group saying goodbye and one of my squad members from Hawaii kept me pushing me out and he said you know we were mixed in with the Hawaiian boys now... we were the replacement to fill in to be... regiment would be large enough to go to combat and they'd been training for months and they were well trained boys by then. Why don't you kiss your wife goodbye and I said I remember telling him, Karl, that I'm going to do that when I get home. So I guess I must have been a pretty... my Father thought I was, you know, out of my mind. Well, ask me something.

Question: Do you remember coming home then from your time over seas?

Answer: Oh, I was wounded in...during the... we were near the German border. We just took the town of Aides, France and we thought well, we could, you know, we'd been living from fox hole to fox hole and we took this town of Aides. Then we thought by God now we get a chance to be in the reserve area. The word came in that the 36th Division Texans were being surrounded and they were trapped up in the mountains behind this town that we took. Instead of getting a chance to rest we had to go up and help rescue, or make contact with the Texas outfit and that's when I was wounded I got wounded up in the hills a few days before the actual rescue of the lost battalion. I think there's a lot written about the lost battalion. That's where I heard about the lost battalion, but we, I remember going into the woods to...We were oh, our rank was being depleted through the combat up to this area that we had combat in central Italy. In fact, I was one of the lucky boys that was able to have a cruise, I mean truckload of boys, I drew the right number and I was able to spend a whole day in Rome. Being a young kid, I thought that was pretty neat. Anyway, from there we were in southern France and here we got into battle. We took a town and now we thought we were gonna rest...and we were asked to come and, you know, help rescue the lost battalion. That's when I was wounded.

Question: Did you get gunfire or shrapnel, or?

Answer: Shrapnel wound.

Question: And so did they have to evacuate you out of there or?

Answer: Well, you wouldn't think I spent 30 some months in the hospital (Inaudible). Well, they thought that I was, you know... all I lost was my biceps. But the time I ended up in this hospital in southern France, they loaded us on a plane and they took us from the battlefield to this town of Aides in southern France and this, by then, by the time I got to Aides why my arm was completely, you know, blue from gangrene setting in. And then this.. I remember this Jewish doctor said, "Art, I'm going to try something new on you that's just being introduced called Penicillin." Up to then, you know, they were giving us Sulfa keep from infection, from getting too bad. Well, they strapped me to the bed and they shot, well, you know, they have to line up all the bones I guess in my arm and they was up like this, strapped to the bed. I couldn't move... I had to go to the bathroom laying in bed, and they gave me Penicillin every four hours, tube, you know, must have been about this big, like...not like Penicillin shots now but it was a big shot and this little nurse would come over and says, "Okay, Art, which cheek do you want it in this time?" So I would have to roll over this way or that way and both cheeks were getting black and

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blue by then. And you know they gave me shots for 33 days every four hours, day and night, and they saved my arm for me. Yeah.

Question: That's... you were so lucky that, because prior, if it had been just the Sulfa, that would have...

Answer: No, they would have to give me artificial arm, I guess.

Question: Wow.

Answer: But, I was just one of the... all through life up to there, I've been lucky and I made it home.

Question: So did you come right back to Bainbridge or did you have to work your way?

Answer: Oh naturally, after they were able to line up all the pieces of bone and by then it healed up. They put me in a body cast and shipped me home.

Question: Wow.

Answer: Yeah. Hundreds and hundreds and thousands of us came home on the Liberty ship, some with canes. I didn't, I had two good legs and one bad arm but no one knows that I don't have a biceps. So, only thing I lost so I've been real fortunate.

Question: Did you ever fear for your life or did you always know that you were coming home to kiss your bride?

Answer: I always thought... I guess no one, if you're up there, you know, I don't think anybody in our group that ever thought that they weren't gonna make it. You know, we were always positive thinking, knew that we were gonna make it. It was tough but, in fact, all that's been documented in our 442 books and all the things that have been written about the group.

Question: What happened to the farm during all this time?

Answer: Well, Mr. Raber was running the farm and getting back to Mr. Raber, his son-in-law was telling me that oh, his son-in-law bought the car from us that we had. In fact, going back a little bit to where when we, from camp a group of us, we, I think there was six to eight of us in the group, we decided to go as a group and then do some harvesting for a farmer in Montana so they shipped us over there. The farmer gave us a cabin and six of us worked together to help harvest the sugar beets for him. Well, that's when Mr. Raber by then his harvest was over. He and his wife got in the car that our family sold to his son-in-law and drove all the way out to this little town in Montana where we were working and brought us our share of the harvest. So those are some of the things that I forgot all about, but Mr. Raber's no longer here and I think that he...well, he just like, oh to me he was just like my second Father. Oh, there's a funny story about, not funny, but I guess some of the people that were working for the Koura Farm were not very happy to have a man that didn't know a hoots about strawberries, I guess, come in and tell 'em what to do, and you know we had, well it was my job to get berry pickers lined up; and they were all arranged to come and pick berries for us from Canada, and we had different

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areas that we had what they call... we used to call 'em the boss of our group from, say the West Coast Indians... and then they had a group called Couchin Group and they knew more about what to do, harvest strawberries, when to pick it, so forth and so on and here this Mr. Raber was telling them that he was the chief now and he was goin' to tell them what to do. One day Mr. Bob Daniels, who was the Crew Chief from Couchin Bay, he got angry, well it could have been a Filipino boy or whatever, just told him, told Mr. Raber to shut up and he didn't do it and when he turned around he picked up a big board and hit him over the head with it. And there are so many stories like that that I've forgotten all about, but those are some of the things that happened in those days. Yeah..

Question: So did he, when you came back, did you just pick up the farm and?

Answer: Started all over again.

Question: Continued right... buying it from 'em and...

Answer: Well, my younger brother was in charge of, by then, we were not farming with horses anymore. We had a tractor and he was at the age where he was married already. We were running it, you know, we came home and took over the farm again and he worked half a day and then he'd, then he and his wife had a car of their own. Flo and Mary, Nobe's wife, and our family were all pitching in to get this farm started over and I remember, Nobe decided that he'd like to, he was young enough to get in the car and go to Olympic College and get a job, I mean, not a job but go to school, work the farm and go to school. I brought this up because there was a funny thing happened to me. I was down in Winslow and a friend of mine came up to me; and he tapped me on the back and says Hey, Art, he says, boy you've got a real smart son, and I says why, and he says, well, in the Bremerton Sun there's an article that said that Nobe Koura was on the Professor's Honor List and I said, no that was my younger brother. He and I still live up there, he's, he and I still live up on the top of (inaudible) he and his wife and Flo and I. So we still have a chunk of land up there that we've been hangin' on to.

Question: Still farmed or is it not farmed anymore?

Answer: Oh no. We haven't farmed for... Oh, that's right, I was working in real estate at the time when this fellow came up to me and thought that I had raised a pretty smart boy.

Question: Do you think what happened could ever happen again?

Answer: God, I don't know... who knows. Well, what do you think of 'um... I'm a Republican but I thought; I was against Bush going in and start a war with, was it Afghanistan? Yeah.. I don't... What's your opinion about that?

Question: It's all scary. I mean it's, it's... I was sad to see... There's so many different aspects of it and I just, I don't know what the answer is. I mean I don't think that going in there the way we are is gonna do what they think it's gonna do, and what I've heard so many people say is war is a lot of times against a person, against a dictator or against a, you know..

Answer: Yeah, but it's the people that suffer.

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Question: Well, and that's it. I mean it's the people that fight it; the people that suffer but they're really, I always ask people, when you went to war, who did you think your enemy was and everybody's had different views on what it was, depending upon where they were and.. But I never heard anybody say it was against that person. You know, my brother, my sister, my relatives, or anything like that, that it was against a dictator.

Answer: Yeah.. Ya hope they could settle that as soon as possible, ya know.

Question: Well, let me get you unmixed and then I'm gonna get Flo on the...