

Aft r six or seven months, Manzanar High School began I had a job then that I enjoyed very much, so I tried to do both. The grades I got in the eleventh grade shows the result of that. At the beginning of my Senior year, I quit work and made a determined effort to prepare myself for college. I was made the assistant editor of the high school paper, president of the Latin Club, representative to the student cou cil, and was enjoying my senior year with great popularity, but inbetween I got to be seventeen years old and had to go down and answer my loyalty question. Many people advised me how to answer. The great majority favoring "Yes." My parents would not say anything to me because their futures had been dictated by their parents and they didn't want that to happen to me. They j st suggested that I choose the side I thought my future would be. On the day I went down and saw that the question stated for me to foreswear all relations with other countries, I answered "No". If I had gotten a question which stated for me to abide and be loyal to the United States and their laws, I would have undoubtedly answered "Yes." At the time when discrimination hit its lowest level, I would not have foresworn all relations from any country, be it ally or axis.

After one semester of my senior ye r finished, by army necessity, I was reloca ed to Tule Lake. Leaving my new found f iends of Manzanar as tough, but leaving my old friends and all my relatives, many whom I shall never see again, was the hardest blow.

As you see, my coming to Tle Lake was based on my future, not that of my parents and two brothers. If my choice was wrong or not, only ti e will tell. As for the future, I'd like to go to a college in the United States to finish my education here. Whatever happens in the future, I sincerely hope tha my judgement now will in no way affect the live of my brothers to the negative.

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