

SOOND SYNC

NEEDS FOR Daniels / Kaweko footage

Cam 75  
SR 402

SL (605)

Daniels  
Unbearable defeat at Pearl Harbor,  
Mystic, Knox's live. popular  
conferences.

(606)

Daniels  
Tolan committee  
Politicians; Earl Warren

~~607~~

(608)

Daniels  
J-A Community response

Not processed

~~Cam 76  
SR 403~~

~~609~~

~~610~~

~~611~~

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~~613~~

(611)

Daniels  
More  
Protest. Better?

~~Cam 77  
SR 403~~

~~(614)~~

~~Daniels  
Why Draft restarted.~~

Not processed

Cam 78  
SR 403

(615)

Daniels  
Contributor of 442nd to  
J-A community progress  
postwar

616

617

618

MOS

Kent MOS cut aways

com 79  
SR 404

~~619~~ more Kent RX

sl (620) on Kent

"Who were the parents of these Veterans

Why did Americans take Pearl Harbor so hard? (multiple takes)

Not Proceeded

~~sl (621) Kent Question  
Was there no protest?~~

~~... should they have gone quietly?~~

~~Was there anything the J-A could have done to prevent the Execution?~~

~~sl 622~~

KANEKO

com 80  
SR 404

sl (623)

Kaneko

Boarding train going to camp  
FBI search.

Burns; family; Japanese outgoad.

sl (624)

FBI search

Burnal; forced to sell his

Bicycle

com 81  
SR 405

sl (625)

Camp conditions  
permal RV.

sl (626)

Registration,

Breakup of family

Confusion as to what to do

Cam 82  
SR 405

sl (627)

Kareko  
Decided Not  
To sign Registrator

sl (628)

Camp  
RX against  
Those who Volunteered  
tailed in CC camp  
Anger; Father's RX

Cam 83  
SR 406

sl (629)

Decision to  
Serve

sl (630)

Administration for  
Draft Resisters

~~SLATE N.G.  
LIGHT N.G.~~

sl (631)

I registered, but  
some of my friends  
didn't - respect  
for friends

Cam 84  
SR 406

sl. (632)

more about  
respect for draft resisters

SLATE N.G.

LIGHT N.G. (SUNSET)

Tom

SYR SHOOTS

OPENER

STUDIO WORKSHOP EXCHANGE ( Kent, Tom, RUDY, CHET)

\* Coming out of N.Y. Heroes Homecoming newsreel w/ sound; and Pres. Truman White House reception for 442nd.

KENT: WELL, HOW'D IT FEEL TO MARCH DOWN CONSTITUTION AVENUE AND BE WELCOMED BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES?

2-sh. RUDI and CHET both respond

TOM: WHEN I LOOK AT THAT MATERIAL WHAT I WANT TO KNOW IS HOW'D IT FEEL FOR YOU TO BE RISKING YOUR LIFE FIGHTING IN EUROPE WHILE YOUR FAMILIES WERE LOCKED UP IN CAMPS BY THE COUNTRY YOU WERE FIGHTING FOR?

CHET: ( Explains he wasn't in camp, and why, but how he felt anyhow)

RUDY: ( Explains his family was interned in Poston, Arizona, uprooted from their \_\_\_ farm in Salinas, his father having served in WWI, but didn't stop him being picked up by FBI." I volunteered, but I had a hard time making up my mind."

KENT : I T 'S SAID YOU WERE THE MOST DECORATED UNIT IN US MILITARY HISTORY. UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES, WHY DID YOU SERVE AT ALL. OR SO WELL?

C or R: WELL, IT'S A LONG STORY...NOT EASY TO EXPLAIN.

the Other: GUESS, THAT'LL BE SOMETHING YOU'RE GOING TO FIND OUT.

(and when you find out, maybe you'll tell us.-.)

ON-CAMERA CHET AND RUDI

✓ CHET: ( Following Kent/Tom about kinds of positions; T's shaking/ head)  
" I WANTED TO JOIN RIGHT FROM THE BEGINNING....  
( anti-fascist feelings about Nazis.. several  
attempts to join...finally accepting JA..  
but segregated... and only infantry.)

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✓ CHET: ( After Rudy's hard decision, and bridge to Hawaiian exper.)  
A lot of people did volunteer ( 16,000 out of 33,000; / almost 50% ).  
Nisei on the mainland were having a hard time making up their minds, to volunteer or not  
volunteer for the army. But even while they  
were struggling with their decision, a  
unit of JA soliders were already in training.  
They were/<sup>training</sup> in Camp McCoy Wisconsin. They were  
Hawaiian nisei far away from home...seeing snow  
for the first time in their lives.

✓ CHET Members of 442nd's artillery unit first to  
BREAK OPEN THE GATES OF DACHAU

"Two members of the artillery unit of the 442nd  
were the first to break open the gate to Dachau  
concentration camp. The is from the diary of T/4  
Ichiro Imamura, Medical detachment , 522nd  
field artilley bn.

" I watched as one of our scouts used his carbine  
to shoot off the chain that held the prison gates  
shut...." ( p.117 G for B. ) \_

CHET: The feeling, mission, men had about doing well  
as related to their famlies ( their wellbeing,  
their good name; their public image; their chances  
for a better future / - <sup>their rescue and redemption</sup> all as influenced by,  
or depending on how they conducted themselves as soldiers,  
even to the point of sacrificing their lives?

WHY WERE THESE EMN SO HEROIC? DID THEY TAKE MORE CHANCES  
THAN OTHERS? ...EVEN WHEN NOT IN TIGHT SITUATIONS ?

RUDY ON CAMERA

8/13/83  
filming

- ✓ RUDI: "THE DAY right after Pearl Harbor  
( school fight... football team...  
principal expelled him...  
someday I'll get you" )
- ✓ RUDI: " AFTER THE WAR.. WHEN I CAME HOME TO SALINAS  
I WENT TO SEE THE PRINCIPAL WHO'D EXPELLED ME  
AND MY BROTHER THE DAY AFTER PEARL HARBOR...)
- ✓ RUDI " I WENT BACK TO SALINAS, CA. BEFORE THE WAR  
ENDED. LOT OF VETERANS HAD BEEN HAVING A  
BAD RECEPTION BY THEIR FORMER HOMETOWNS PEOPLE  
.... army gave him gun to use .. Salinas newspaper  
announcing his return... pickets at the train  
station..."
- ✓ RUDI " Not all whites in Salinas treated us bad....  
the Arrington family....
- ✓ RUDI "Sometimes the guys knew.. just had a strong  
feeling their time was up. My good friend  
John... had that feeling. One day he said to  
me, Rudy, you know that Japanese song you're always  
singing? You mean China noru? Yeh, ..will you sing  
it for me? Why do you want me to do that?  
"Tomorrow I'm going to the line, and this time I  
don't think I'm coming back" So I sang it for him..  
( sings...)

TOM

When the War Dept proposed a Japanese American Combat Team - Gen DW & [unclear] the two men most responsible for planning & carrying out the evacuation of Japanese Americans

✓ When General De Witt learned of the War Dept's plans to form a Japanese/Amer combat team he protested against the attempt to determine loyalty by interrogation.

He evaded the military  
really objected to the  
very idea of J-A  
serving in the military

On camera

DATE -- January 1943

Tom

SPEAKER -- General DE WITT

De Witt says here:

I DON'T SEE HOW THEY CAN DETERMINE THE LOYALTY OF A JAP BY INTERROGATION...THERE ISN'T ANY SUCH THING AS A LOYAL JAPANESE... I FEEL...THAT IT IS A SIGN OF WEAKNESS AND AN ADMISSION OF AS ORIGINAL MISTAKE.

Wm  
Revised

See previous page and DE WITT  
BENDESENS RESPONSE TO DETERMINING JAPANESE/AMERICAN LOYALTY THROUGH  
INTERROGATION.

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Keut Yes, and Bendetsee, DeWitt's as he  
said:

THE ISSUE IS THAT THE WAR DEPARTMENT IS UNDERTAKING TO  
DETERMINE THEIR LOYALTY AND TO BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THAT  
DETERMINATION. IT IS GOING TO BE A LITTLE HARD FOR THE WAR  
DEPARTMENT TO EXPLAIN WHY, WHEN THEY WERE IN ASSEMBLY CENTERS,  
UNDER CONTROL; ~~SATISFYING ALL THE THEN REQUIREMENTS~~, THAT ~~IF~~ IF it is  
POSSIBLE TO DETERMINE LOYALTY, THEY DIDN'T DO IT THEN AND SAVE  
EIGHTY-MILLION DOLLARS WOTH OF RE-LOCATION CENTERS THAT WERE  
BUILT. ~~THAT'S THE FUNDAMENTAL POINT.~~ I'll bet that bothered  
him.

After Stimson announcement of 442nd formation, and DeWitt/Bendetsen objection)

Kent & Tom

TOM: YOU MEAN THE GOVERNMENT, AFTER LOCKING THEM UP IN CAMPS, THEN TRIED TO GET THEM TO SIGN UP FOR THE ARMY TO FIGHT?

KENT: YES. ( T: HOW'D PEOPLE REACT?)

- \* SOME SAID THEY WOULD JOIN ONLY IF THEIR RIGHTS AS CITIZENS WERE RESTORED FIRST. ~~THAT~~ <sup>voiced extreme skepticism</sup> ~~THERE NEVER WAS ANY BASIS FOR INTERNING THEM.~~
  - \* SOME WERE HIGHLY SKEPTICAL ABOUT ANYTHING PROPOSED BY THE GOVT.; ~~THEY FEEL THE GOVT WOULD USE THEM~~ <sup>that maybe</sup> ~~THAT MAYBE~~ NISEI SOLDIERS WOULD BE USED AS CANON FODDER.
  - \* SOME WERE SO BITTER THEY NO LONGER TRUSTED THE GOVT. AND WERE UNWILLING TO COOPERATE WITH A COUNTRY THAT TREATED THEM AS THE ENEMY.
  - \* BUT SOME SAW IT AS THEIR ONLY CHANCE TO "PROVE THEIR LOYALTY", OR DO THEIR PART, IN SPITE OF BEING TREATED UNJUSTLY. <sup>were good soldiers</sup> IF THEY DID WELL, PEOPLE MIGHT SEE THAT, AND THEY AND THEIR FAMILIES WOULD HAVE A FUTURE...GET OUT OF CAMP; GO BACK TO <sup>their</sup> HOMES IN CALIFORNIA... WASHINGTON...OREGON. WHAT OTHER CHOICES DID THEY HAVE, LOCKED UP?? THEY BARGAINED WITH THEIR ONLY ~~CARD~~ <sup>chip</sup> ..THEIR LIVES.
- PEOPLE IN CAMP HAD BIG DIFFERENCES ABOUT WHETHER TO VOLUNTEER FOR THE ARMY OR. <sup>not</sup> ~~AND~~ THE SPLITS WERE <sup>at times very</sup> BITTER.

WHAT DO YOU THINK <sup>If it had been you...</sup> WOULD YOU HAVE VOLUNTEERED?

( T shakes his head at the complexity of it...doesn't answer)

(Skip loyalty oath...goes to CHET about being accepted finally for military service, but only in segregated unit, and only for infantry). CHET: " I wanted to join; I had tried to join right from the beginning...."