

-TITLE-ROYCE HIGA
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-SOURCE-HAWAII HOLOCAUST PROJECT
-RESTRICTIONS-
-SOUND_QUALITY-EXCELLENT
-IMAGE_QUALITY-EXCELLENT
-DURATION-
-LANGUAGES-
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Name - Royce Higa - Born 1920 - Honolulu left school early (14 yrs)
- poor family - worked as dishwasher Okinawa - Difference between
Akin and Japanese - couldn't marry a Japanese - He is Japanese -
Organized Labor Movement at 16 - Grad. -University of Michigan went
back to Halo - Director of T.B. organ-

Always interested in Labor -kraft was on strike went back to High
school finished in 1941. Worked as a longshoreman - worked on
docks - not allowed to work on ship because he is a Japanese - 1942
- went to University - 1945 joined army. I think pass physical
exam bring toothbrush and suitcase - and they took him - Brother
was killed in Italy - joined at same time- Camp Shelby - was
depressed and got measles - went over-seas - 6 or 7 mos. later.
Went to Germany trained as forward observer. Then trained to shot
guns - Wasn't with his group - Crossed Rhine R. - D-Day fired
across lines - crossed river on pontoons - Didn't meet resistance
- Didn't meet resistance - Didn't see many people - German planes
used highway for air strips - Damaged planes and tanks on road.
Many - saw prisoners marching west - snow - from Dachau all men-
very gaunt and thin could barely walk -heading toward Fr. Walked
in different groups. Didn't talk to prisoners - didn't know they
were Jewish survivors - After ware went to Augsburg - talked to
them - Armsoldiers didn't talk about it - In summer of '45 a Mr.
Blum joined the group - as barber and tailor - He was Lith Jew -
released earlier - He and his friend John from Seattle loaded Truch
with Blum and tried to find Blum's wife and family. At Salzburg
asked about refugee camps -. Stayed at
Gu. guest house - talked to them - Americans thought they were
black - marketeers but they got away and also found Blum's wife -
Then they headed for Rome - They found an apt. - and celebrated -
Never had a chance to say good -bye to Blums children may have gone
to America - went to college after war - Masters Degree Public
Health Degree. Had very good jobs - Taught OSHA courses - stress
management - awareness - Pyramids - duplicate bridge 1970 -
resigned Dept. Dir - and took over Toni Gills Campaign, 1974 Toni
Gill was a Lt. Gov., 1978 Germinate differences - Nelson and Gill.
Always interested in politics. Way of freeing himself - erase
baggage - meditate acknowledged problems - try not to make
judgements- evaluate, condemn, compare. Plays duplicate budge -

not to get upset concentrate at this moment - gets partner to play
will - Don't criticize partner - Write articles about bridge can
only control yourself - I'm proud his game - can cook and clean and
write - Have to learn to accept - to trust - choose to accept -
people who violates laws not pay - war within yourself
In December 7, 1941 - lived 100 yds from pearl Harbor saw Jap.
planes come over - many people wanted Japan to win - 7:30 A.M. -
went to heights evacuated their home - stayed on plantation after
father died - Became longshore man - couldn't work on ships only of
docks - Loaded Japanese people on ship at night and sent to
mainland to camps - saw only men loaded on to ships before the war.
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