

time I seen--line 'em up. And they got bread--sandwiches--I didn't know that was it. And they give it to each person. And the man's got a cup, great big cup.

And those got a cup or something. They say, "You want coffee?" See that time I don't know nothing about English. I don't understand nothing--not no 'dog,'--nothing. I know just Indian, that's all. But I know he said "coffee" and I know what he meant. He said, "Hey!" He punched this woman. "Hey! You like them coffee?" She said, "Yeh! Yeh! Yeh!" I don't know whether she's saying yes or no--I just know that's what she said. She must of know what it means, "yes." That white man just punch her and ask her: "You like them coffee?" And she say, "Yeh! Yeh! Yeh!" He pour it in her cup. And another one's bringing something looking like--it's pink, no, it's red, I think. Could be cold drink, but I didn't know. Well, just so we got something to eat we'll run away. And I don't know what people done. They just all over there. Oh, there's lot of people there.

(What did they give you the sandwiches and coffee for? Was there some special thing?)

I don't know--maybe some special. Maybe it's a birthday. I don't know--they're giving some kind of a doin's I guess.

(Did they ever give credit in those days?)

Credit? Yeah, they do, credit. At the store? (Yes.) Yeah, they get credit. 'Cause there was what I was telling you, fifty dollars--ever six months. We credit on that. We get ration. Get ration and that fifty dollars. But we don't get it same time though. See, some time the ration come on first. Sometime the money come on first. And it just different time they get their stuff. That's all I know.

(Well, when you went to the store, you were just able to buy things and he kept the bill you, or what?)

Yeah, he keeps the bill. He had to. 'Cause he had to have his money. He keeps the bill. That's how come, when we get our money, my daddy always say, "We better go to Mr. Boke. We're to pay our bill," he said. "We're to pay our bill so we can get some more groceries. And we're gonna get some shoes." That's what he always say.