

- A. No, it improved after a time following the undue number of deaths we had in '43-'44 winter. A doctor came from Asaka to investigate the circumstances and so he told us that on his recommendation an application had been made to Tokyo to increase the number of grams of rice the prisoners were allowed. I can't remember offhand what we were receiving. It was in the vicinity of 600 grams per day for each man of rice, barley or anything else used as a substitute for those items. And then they brought out a schedule of 700 grams a day for the working prisoners and 630 grams for a man on the kimo, or camp staff, and 570, I think it was, for resting men and a little less than that even for patients in the hospital.
- Q. Now, what were the men in Ceyama Camp doing by way of work?
- A. First of all, they were working at two places--at the Ceyama Nickel Mine, which was situated some distance from the camp. They had to take a train to the place. And the factory itself, which appeared to refine this nickel, was some 100 yards away from the camp.
- Q. And generally speaking did all the men who were fit to do so work in either the mine or factory?
- A. Oh, many more than actually were fit were working too. There was no doubt about that at all.
- Q. Do you know, was that the purpose of having prisoners of war at this particular camp?
- A. That was given to me by the Camp Commander.
- Q. Now I believe, Harvey, that you were a member of what was known as the supervising committee, is that correct?
- A. Yes, sir.
- Q. When was that formed?
- A. I am almost certain it was the end of April or beginning of May 1944.
- Q. That is, after you had been in the camp for some months?
- A. Yes, sir.
- Q. And up to that time, Harvey, how had the administration or supervision of the prisoners of war in that camp been carried on?
- A. By the Japanese themselves primarily. They detailed first of all a So Hancho, which was Mr. Deane.
- Q. What is that?
- A. So Hancho means the senior officer in charge of the camp, or rather, actually the senior officer. Hancho means an officer in charge. So Hancho--the word "So" means, I think, important or senior. That is the meaning of the word. In any event, So Hancho meant the senior member of the camp on the prisoners' side. Also assisting Mr. Deane was a Nichoku, which was a daily officer.
- Q. Who appointed him?
- A. He was appointed by the Japanese.