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By 1943 the priests could not function. After the war Father John blessed our marriage.

Mass? Yes, the priests said mass in private. At 4 am we would sneak into the church to receive communion. Later the Japanese used the church as a warehouse.

The restrictions were put on right after Pearl harbor. The priests were under house arrest at the mission area.

Herr Fey...he visited us in Ngaraard. He was especially close to the Ngarchelong people who he stayed with.

Ngaraard... there was not enough food and we were cultivating hills at night. I had plenty of dynamite from Peleliu. The Japanese let me take it to Ngaraard. We used it for fishing. That's how we lived. We did it between 9 am and 3 pm fighter runs. Ngardmau... a Japanese officer asked me to get fish one day after the 3 pm second raid.

The Japanese culture and the Palauan culture are similar in that both value discipline. Your clan and lineage have to train you. I never met hardship.

During the Japanese period, if you made friends with a Japanese girl you would be beaten. This kind of discrimination made us hate some Japanese.

The Palau junkie were very severe. Sho (Joseph Ucherbelau) was very severe. I think he took revenge against some of us from Koror and Babeldaob because he was from Angaur, a low ranking island.

Sho beat me twice because I had a Japanese girl friend. I told the head of NBK and he spoke to a higher ranking policeman. It worked. Sho apologized to me after my wife and I were married.

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