

My name is Shigeo Yoshida. I was born in Hilo on Oct. 1, 1907. I was therefore just slightly over 34 years of age at the time of the Pearl Harbor attack.

I graduated from the U. of H. in 1930 with a degree in secondary education and taught at the Liliuokalani Jr. High School in Honolulu from April, 1930 - June, 1936. From Sept. 1936 to June, 1942, I served at Central Intermediate School as supervisor of intern teachers.

To put my reactions to the Pearl Harbor attack in their proper perspective, I think I should give you first a brief background of my status with reference to my involvement in certain community and official activities prior to Dec. 7, 1941.

By early 1941, many of us including men like Bob Shivers, head of the FBI in Hawaii, and Lt. Col. M. W. Marston, Chief of Intelligence, U. S. Army, Hawaii and certain community leaders like Hung Wai Cheng, secret