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write your family. (Could they come to see you?) Oh, yeah. But if they were handy. Some of those in Montreal, they'd make an application to see them once a month. (But for 21 months, then, you didn't see your family.) Oh, I didn't see anybody, no, no, no. My wife had 8 small children--she couldn't move. She didn't have the money anyway. And she couldn't leave the house; she couldn't leave the family. (Eight small children.) Yeah. And the Red Cross gave her one quart of milk a day. But you know, she paid them back. (How did she do that?) After I came home, they called her to work for the Red Cross. And she worked for the Red Cross for 8 years, 4 hours a week. Besides a bundle of work she took home. Yeah. And worked at the same time for the Catholic Charities. There were many bundles of finished babies' under? shirts made of flannellette. I had to buy her a new Singer electric machine to help her get through with her work. Large rolls of flannellette were delivered to our home. I said to my wife one evening, "Do you believe that these organizations deserve all this?" She said, "I don't do it for the organization. I do it because I believe that these shirts will keep some babies warm wherever they are in the world." After, I realized I did the same thing. I repaired the Little Flower Orphanage children's shoes for about 30 years. No charge. I used my material and labour. At times there were 40 or 50 children but I always felt a soft spot in my heart for the orphans. Because it wasn't the orphans' fault for being put in this world of injustice.... My wife stopped working for the organizations when her eyes started to give her trouble and the doctor's advice to her was, "You have done enough to raise nine children, and don't forget charity begins at home." (How did she survive those two years you were away, and feed those kids?) Oh, she didn't survive too good. They even shot--I had 3 German shepherd dogs. And they came home--one, dragged home, shot. The other was shot. One came home badly wounded, had to call the police to finish him. (How about the rest of the Italian community--did they take care of your wife?) "We will give Life Insurance to anyone age 15 to 80. No one turned down. No Health Questions asked." Druker Insurance Charlotte Street, Sydney • 562-5504 Call Toll Free 1-564-6000 Budget Plan Available Oh, the Italians, they all watched themselves. They were all scared that they'd be interned, you see. They all, they used to call her up to talk with her and every? thing, but.... My father used to come here, and my mother. But at the same time, they were always watching themselves, because they'd all be scared that they'd be interned too. (When you were released--March 8, 1942-- and you came back....) Oh, when I came back, I mean, there was--all I had to do, I went to report to the RCMP--that's all. No questions asked, nothing. They told me to report once a month. "And anybody come and insult you or try to pick up an argument with you, report them to us, and you'll be taken care of." Oh, yeah. (You already had your business on Charlotte Street.) Oh, yeah. (When I retired) I had been there (a total of) 57 years. I was there since 1929. (So you were there almost 14 years when they came to take you to the camp.) Yeah. " But as I said, see, the thing that I resent so much was that we were given an investigation, see. And under this investi?

