

ROTH, Louis

Louis Roth was born in Shanghai to an American father and a Russian mother. Roth was interned in Cha Pei Camp, Shanghai during the Japanese occupation, where he worked in a bakery. He joined the Merchant Marine after the war and later left to work as a teacher. At the time of the interview, he was residing in San Francisco, United States.

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Relates his family background and recalls his memories of the internment camp during the Japanese occupation. Talks of his father's work at the camp's bakery, the living arrangements, and illnesses in the camp. Describes Shanghai in its post-Liberation days and his journey to San Francisco, and discusses the Russian community, Chinese culture and his culture shock experiences in the United States. The interview ends with Roth's anecdotes on how his days in Shanghai had impacted his life.

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