

REVIEW WIDE IS THE GATE FOR JAPANESE YOUTH

THE DEVELOPMENT OF DEMO cracy is an ever changing process. One great philosopher once said "The only permanent thing is change." Yet while this change goes on within the democratic process there are those in this world who misinterpret "liberty" and "freedom". Some even think that "freedom" means "license; that is, license to do almost anything even to the extent of encroachment upon the rights of others. They do not realize that freedom in a democratic sense is freedom within a realm of duty. No intelligent person could interpret demochacy with a broader meaning than this.

There remain yet in Japan many uncompleted tasks ---tasks whose very nature is such that they necessarily fall squarely upon the sturdy shoulders of the new generation. Some of these deal with changes of habits deeply rooted in the old system. One example is the standards and place accorded women in the home, in the school or in the office. Education and training are long, like art which the great American poet Longfellow in his "Psalm of Life" said:

Art is long, and Time is fleeting, And our hearts, though stout and Still, like muffled drums are beating Funeral marches to the grave"

The acquirement of knowledge is something which most students well know does not come to one overnight. However, even more

to be aware of the position accorded to women in a democratic society. Aside from the role which has been solely hers from time immemorial she needs to be given a fair place in society. In the recent experiment women were accorded equality with men throughout the nation. Schools were made co-educational. However, inasmuch as women had not been trained to receive positions of responsibility, a woman's position was even lowered in some instances, because the men, with experience in leadership, took over the key posts, as in student governments, and were as dominant as ever. This type of thing can be eliminated only by greater educational opportunities for women. That means more leisure time from the present household drudgery to partake in the cultural side of life. That further means more teas and more bridge parties, or their corresponding activity in Japanese culture, and more time for women's adult educational courses.

ALONG THESE SAME LINES wholesome recreational activity for all the people should be stressed. This is a psychological problem. A concerted effort should be made to get over the current notion that any type of "play" is verboten. It is popular not to be seen playing in these hard times. However, although it is good to be thrifty with time, nevertheless the old saying that "All today than ever before it be- work and no play makes Jack hooves the younger generation a dull boy applies anywhere (Continued on Page 2)

PEN INK

What are in store for us in 1952? Heaven knows. We however, may safely articipate this at least that the Peace Treaty with Japan will be ratified by those States written in the Instrument and Japan will resume her sovereignty legally.

In connection with the ways to be taken by Japan after her independence, there are many discussion meetings, and one advice is that Japan had better take after Great Britain, for the former has similar circumstances with the latter.

Yes, it is a fine idea, as the better things we imitate the better we may become.

But the most important thing in such a case is not to forget the mind which has made and maintained British civilization. Otherwise the same rut with the rise and fall of Japanese civilization after Meiji Restoration might be followed against the wishes of the majority of the people.

By the mind which brought British and later American civilizations, I mean selfrespecting, self-reliant and selfhelping spirit. So far as I understand, Heaven will help those who help themselves and people will not respect nor rely upon those who are solely dependent upon the wishes of others.

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April 13. Women Club's Lecture by Miss Marie Woener at C.I.E. Library, Kobe

> 18. Discussion Meeting on America mism" with Mr. Goody and Mr. Sarmonson, at Rokko.

May 15. Conversation Contest at Dr. MacLauchline's.

17 Lecture on Modern Poetry. by Dr. Roy Teele, at Rokko. June 7831. Lecture on Journalism"

by Mr. W.T. Shibata, at Rokko. 10. San-Shodai Debate Contest.

al Tekyo. 12. Lecture on Science of Memo-

ry' by Mr. Nárao Matsumoto at Rokko.

July 7. International Conference at Rokko.

Sep. 9. E.S.S. General Assembly with O.B's at Rokko.

Oct. 18. Lecture on "How To Edit" by Mr. Narao Matsumoto at Mikage

Nov. 10. Conversation Contest at Prof. Smith's

17. Lecture on Science and Religion' by Miss Globe, at Mikage. Nov. 23-25 Son-Shodai Debate Confer-

ence at Rokko 29 Lecture on "Pest" by Mr.

Rietsh. Dec. 26. FRESHMAN Debate Conference at Mikage.

(Continued from Page 1) in the world. An outside interest -an interest other than one's main activity - - as a hobby is necessary for the development of a rounded personality. No matter who he is, whether he be a factory owner, a farmer or a student, a person should keep apart enough from his main activity to see the other side of the picture and to see the picture as a whole.

Discipline and respect for one's superiors and especially for one's instructors are very important no matter how unpopular this may be today. A recent visit of youth leaders to the United States revealed repeated comments as to the practice of discipline in schools there. In one instance the group of leaders wanted to take pictures of the school grounds but also wanted students in the background. with merely one sounding of a whistle which he carried the Principal rounded up a dozen or so students who untegrudgingly posed for the cameramen. The strikes against the teachers and school authorities by no means achieve the goals for which they are allegedly staged. The proper voice of the students is the duly elected head of the student government. When these free forces are exercised, few are they who would refuse to lend an ear to intelligent and reasonable requests. There

THIS IS THE SPECIAL MESSAGE THE PRESIDENT TO ESS. MEMBERS

Dear Nembers:

THE BRIGHT FRAGRANCE of the Grand New Year wishes us the glorious promotion of the cultural activities on the very day that refreshes our burning spirit.

It was really a grave one, last year of 1951, when all branches of the individual E.S.S. were unified into one great organization that aims at the ever-lasting prosperous development of the society through the esteem of autonomous freedom.

And yet the solid potentiality of activities has been set because of the busiest reformation upon the chaotic movement. So was also a few whose spirits floated about the wreck of hope ..

In due course of those tendency. it must be the year of foundation, and practical policy should not be such as a mere trial but as the constructive.

has never been objection to a genuine, universal father-son or mother-daughter relationship with. in the family. To make a successfully operating family unit, due respect must be shown the wisdom and experience of one's parents. It's only when this amounts to blind obedience to purposes unreal and unjust that objection is rightly raised.

ONE OF THE GREATEST PROBLEMS facing youth today is the immediate prospects of employment upon graduation from higher institutions. This faces the rural youth and city youth alike. For this reason alone it is necessary for this nation once more to employ its famed technical know-how to its utmost capacity. This means simply getting the wheels of industry fully going again. The establishment of commercial ties with other nations is essential. The world's markets are always ready for trading top quality goods efficiently produced. The limitations are only the country's capacity to turn out such goods.

Coupled with the above idea as to a greater place in world commerce that of international responsibility which goes with participation in world affairs. In preparation for this responsibility each young citizen of the world must endeavor to learn all he can about the United Nations, its purposes, its achievements and its goals. Wherever possible study groups for this purpose ought to be formed and the sources of information already available ought to be tapped. Small study groups of this nature exist

A strong budget fund will be constructed for the convenience of all other activities.

We should stress upon the movement of every outonomous club. The report from every club activity will be the barometer of our E.S.S. that is to be offered to all members to be criticized. You should express your bona-fide studious mind into the co-operation with your club secretaries. The scheme in both Daily Activity Department and Public Relation's Department will sometimes be shown through an annual program, otherwise be proceeded in a club scale meeting.

I think it high time for every member to devote into these cultural movement not only to speak Emplish but also to make friends.

The great aura of the mutual understanding and friendship with a social mind and through the enlightenment of our knowledge is flourished in all over the world. Yasukazu Niwa

President, E.S.S.

already in most schools in the United States. Reams of material are published at the seat of the United Nations organization in New York and this information is, for the most part, available free of charge.

LIKE A NEW SHIP, Japan was launched on a new voyage a few years ago. Today the rudder is guided by new navigators who plot the new course from the well charted map of human experience. The crew is hard at work. Since this is a "shake-down cruise" a little experimentation has been done and more will be done before the trip is complete. As aboard any vessel the voyage should not be taken so seriously as to spoil the pleasures associated therewith. The prospersus employment of a ship is so planned as to make the most out of its particular characteristics. It stresses that capacity which its most capable of in the free world of trade. Moreover, Every ship plays its part in international relations. The crew and officers are well aware of their responsibilities as they put ashore at the various ports of the world. Like the wide Golden Gate through which the ships of the world sail out into the vast Pacific Ocean, wide is the gate for the Japanese Youth and great are the opportunities which lie beyond.

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KINGDOM OF KIDS

THE WRITER OF THE FOLLOWING ARTICLE IS THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE FOR ESS REORGANIZATION.
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Economic Club.

THE ESS HAS marched toward a 'goal with vim and vigour throughout the past twelve months, although a lat of crinkum-crankum have been seen without interval. The most remarkable phenomena. I have to stress here with much pleasure were the freshmen's autonomous and independent activity and the set-up of the all-Kobe University E.S.S. participated in newly by English students of Pedagogy, Science and Literature departments.

Mrs. E.S.S. has three houses with over one hundred children these days. However, Joy comes to us with Trouble. The more children she has, the busier she is. She feels the necessity of a pretty many servants to maintain her house-keeping skilfully.

It is she and her servants who keep her home prosperous and bring up well-educated children. At the same time all of the children are responsible for making their Home merry and bright with assistance to their mother and servants.

'Home' — to make it a real home depends upon themselves. What makes a 'home'?

Love sympathy and confidence. The memories of childhood the kindness of parents the bright hopes of youth, the sisters' pride, the brothers' sympathy and help, the mutual confidence, the common hopes and interests and sourcews, these create and sanctify the home.

Many men, many minds." Each of one hundred children has his own individuality: — pessimists and optimists, anarchists and nationalists, alturuists and egoists, moderatists and radicals, etc. Everytime they get together, the heated debates take place. Even though views and opinions are exchanged over and over again, it is almost impossible to reach a conclusion as far as they stick to their standpoints.

irs. E.S.S. and her assistants are compeled to let them compromise aiming at '95 per cent-satisfaction'. The children should not knock the opprisents, break windows and leave home because of their '5 per cent-greatisfaction'. How miserable it is to selit a family!

Mrs. E.S.S. should not forget that she is the Mother of one hundred kids," and her servants are required to serve to their "Little Mastevs". Futher, children should be the architect of their Kingdom of Kids."

Spiritual Revolution"— This is the

Spiritual Revolution"— This is the many way to pave the way for the improvement of the E.S.S. Because if any officials are compeled to work

A SNAPSHOT OF AMERICA

MR. AVERAGE AMERICAN

The following story was specially presented to the E.S.S. Times by Mr. Robert Meister, editor of the Tokyo AFRS NEWSROOM. This Story was broadcast at 12:30, December 15, 1951.

Wars -- diplomatic tensions -- and rising prices all have their effect on Mr. Average American. The Cencus Bureau shows how to-day's average male stacks up with his counterpart of ten years ago. Basing its findings on 1950 cencus figures, the bureau reports that Mr. American of this year -- like the man of 1940 -- is married, has two children, and is employed as a skilled worker in a manufacturing industry. Like the average guy of 1940, Mr. American owns an automobile, a refrigerator, a radio, and has a telephone. But there the similarity ends.

The average man of today makes \$3000 a year, compared with \$1200 ten years ago. Also, he has had more than one year of high school education, compared with eight grade schooling in 1940. And now he owns his own home--instead of paying rent--as he used to. But he is still paying off a mortagage on his home.

And the bureau says his kids probably are pestering him for a television this Christmas --- if he doesn't already have one. But even though Mr. Average American is in some ways better off today than he used to be --- the strain of the past ten years has aged him. In 1940, the average American man was 28. Today he is 30 years old.

COOKING V.S. DISH-WASHING Mrs. AMERICA HATES loundry, ironing and dishes the most, while Mr. America loves cooking the best, according to this report from the American Institute of Public Opinion.

"What household task do you dis-

"What household task do you dislike doing most?" Asked this question, about thirty per cent of American women in the survey

with the members' indifferent to their society, there is no room to develop any more.

It is we, Kids, who can establish the Kingdom of Kids" where everything is, to the full, enjoyed by Kids. Every club has gained freedom and responsibility go together. Those who are not interested in their autonomous clubs are those who lave "Controled management". They will kill Autonomy unless they are thoughtful about their Home.

declared in loud chorus = Laundry and ironing. Another twenty-one percent answered they hated dish-washing the most. To this question, twenty-five percent of American gentleman covered in the survey replied they didn't like dishwashing; another thirteen per cent, housecleaning.

"Of the various household chores you have to do, which do you like most?" Approximately fifty per cent of women and twenty per cent of men mention cooking as their most favorite chore. Three per cent of dignified American gentleman proved themselves to be the world's laziest when they smiled out this answer: "Oh, I like doing nothing the best!"

DAD BUYS FOOD HIMSELF from Editor & Publisher

DAD IS NOT ONLY paying the food bills, but buying the groceries, too, especially weekends, the Newspaper Food Editors' Conference reports.

WITH THE increasing number of men shoppers and with the fact that these men shoppers buy more, it seems safe to assume that at least 25% of the groceries in America are bought by men.

WITH THE demonstrated stepped-up interest by man in both buying and preparing food, it would seem propitious for retail grocers and food manufacturers to appeal to this male shopper by making stores attractive to men through displays of the items men like, buy and cook.

APPEARANCE OF frozen foods on market chiefly accounts for this more-male-buyers trend. The ease of preparing frozen foods has increased men's interest in preparing meals.





THROUGH GIRL'S EYES.

by Miss Yasuko Nishimura (Reporter for THE TIMES & NEWS

Everywhere I go, I have found many girls in gay — coloured and styled dresses as if they came out of the latest style books. Their faces are painted with various colours; hair changed brown. Whenever two girls meet, they chat about make-up of their faces and their dresses.

Of course, it is better to be dressed neatly and make others comfortable than to wear dirty clothes. But I suppose, women should keep their clothes clean, but it is not necessary to wear gay-coloured dresses as they do. These days, almost all of young girls in Japan are crazy to follow the fashion of design: They are thinking only of their dresses, there are nothing but dresses in their minds, in order to make them beautiful in looking.

It is no use to make one up with fine dresses, it is only to satisfy their vanity. Is it useful for improving our society? In stead of spending their precious energies for their looking, just surface, they had better use it for brushing up their knowledge. If they are well-educated, they seem so beautiful without fine dress. A little wiser and cultured women are needed for the rebuilding of Japan.

I am not going to tell girl students of this university, this is nothing but my opinion.

STUDENT'S ARTICLE ON DESTIN OF JAPAN

· by Mr. H. Sumitani, 2nd year` student of pedagogic dept.

The seventh new year after the war has come and at the beginning of this year I hope it will be the happiest and most prosperous to us all on the earth, Last year was a epoch-making year for Japan because Japan went over to the Western Democratic Bloc by ratifying the peace treaty and the U.S .- Japan security treaty signed at San Francisco and chose the way to Freedom and Democracy as its own course of destiny. Therefore it is true that Japan has been faced with new threats of aggression by Communistic Blac. In this situation Japan is now going to be a sover-eign nation and to have right of self defense. With Japan independent and turned to its place in the family of nations, Japan should have the new aspect in its history and take part in finding ways to settle other problems in the Pacific which threaten the world peace. I think, with respect to Japan, the most important matter in this year will be 'Independence'. A urgent matter for Japan is to pay reparations to the Allied Powers for the damage and suffering during the war. According as the course of it is proper or not, economical self-independence of Japan comes to be threatened. And without economical self-independence, how could Japan be An ideal of reindependent? nunciation of war and world peace advocated in the new constitution of Japan is now changing into a taboo among Japanese. But I should say we must keep up the new constitution of peace as far as possible.

VIEWPOINT (T. Nezu)

We know the Chinese sentence "Ashita ni reishi yübe mi aratamu" ("choreibokai") which means 'establishment of orders at morm, revision at even. We are sure that the wise readers to whom a word is enough (so-called ichi o shitte ju o shiru) can conjecture what we are going to say. Yes, it is the reorganization of the E.S.S. which has been done so often that the members are apt to think it to be an everyday experience. One reorganization leads another. Of course there is no denying the courage and quickness in dicision with which the authority reorganize the society. And it is also natural that if the shortcoming of the system is found we should seek and follow the surest

FREE SPEECH

Mono No Mikata Ni Tsuite"

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Socrates stressed "to know yourself as the most important thing to do. And we Japanese must minutely know ourselves as a nation not to repeat such a miserable day by us during the last war. Concerning this important problem, it is one of the best ways for us to read "Mono no Mikatani Tsuite" (How to look objects) by Sintaro Ryu, one of the best sellers last year. It is a good inclination that such a book sells widely. One of the main reasons for this phenomenon, I think, is the fact that we can read it very easily for its containing many practical instances and shortly-divided chapters. I think it to be the most emphasized point of this book to let the Japanese know how stupid and being behind in thinking the Japanese have been comparing with the European nations and learn merits of them.

We can find many severe critical sentences with the Japanese in it. One of them is that the Japanese lack rationality asked for modern life, in other words, modern sence in economy. That reminds me of the crazy fashion of pin-ball game. Seeing people earnestly playing, I cannot but think them to be 12 years old. Why can't they save the money they are spending only for foolish amusement? They lack the common sence, the book says so, that an overage Englishman is said to have. And the only way to solve this serious problem is due to quite a new education. I think of very important mission of educating future generations at the same time, I recommend the book to anyone who has not . yet read it.

and safest way which will carry us through all difficulties to our final goal. But it takes a long time for us to judge whether the existing system is good or not, we think. It takes a comparatively long time for a system to be started along the right lines. It is regrettable that the authority should come to a hasty conclusion to reorganize the society before it gets in action. We should say that very few systems are free from imperfection. The problem of reorganization needs a great deal of consideration, for the organ or system which is inferior theoretically but works rather smoothly is supposed to be better than that which will be superior theoretically but works less smoothly;