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SENIOR PROBLEM

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To start off with I have no plan for my future and I am not sure of it.

Before the war started and we were evacuated, my plan for the future was a fisherman or a Grocery Store Owner. I wanted to be a fisherman most of all, because everyone in Terminal Island were a fisherman and thats what my parents wanted me to become so that I could follow my father and Uncles step. As a Grocery Store Owner I wasn't so sure because my parents wouldn't agree with me, but the reason why was because my brother was working in a grocery store so long that he was ready to start a store, by himself so I thought about it and was undecideable.

When this war started, I did not have any plans for my future because I did not have any idea how long it would last, but I thought that during this war, if it last any longer I would like to become a gym instructor. During ^{my} school years, I have met many gym instructor and asked them many questions in becoming a gym instructor and they all explained to me

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that, in becoming a gym instructor, I would have to take a gym course, get teachers degree and practice keeping the boys in order. I know a friend who is now a gym instructor in Chicago, Illinois, who went to L. A. C. C. and graduated so that he may be qualified as a instructor, and by following his step I think it can be done. As a gym instructor, I would mostly like to teach baseball and basketball. In baseball, the position I would like to coach is catchers spot because in my three years at experience, I have learned many things which a catcher should learn and know. For instance, a catcher should always find out the batters weak spot in batting and always warn the pitcher if a base-runner is taking too much lead or not and try to outsmart the apponents. In basketball, I would like to coach the forwards spot at the guard spot because during my 3 years of experience, I have found out that the basketball team should work together like a machinery and work smoothly. In order to do that, the forward and the guard with the center should know what their assignment is and practice everyday until they have a electric machine shifting

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back and forth. In basketball, I was coached by three different coaches in the forward and the guard spot and all of the three coaches had the same idea about when to use a zone defense and when to use a man to man defense. Of course, the main thing in basketball is to try to outscore your apponent as in any types of game or sports. In making points, as a coach always says, "practice makes perfect," and I think that is one of the best slogan I ever heard in sports.

In this relocation center, it is hard to take a gym class and try to teach them any thing because in this center, the boys have other ideas in sports and they do not care much, as if it was in the city or different school, they would practice much harder and thats about all they would concentrate on try their very best to make the first team. I have seen many boys in this camp, taking gym as one of their subjects do not practice hard on basketball at even when they play football. Example, one day many boys were practicing free throws and were just throwing it as it they didn't care much about competing with the

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other relocation center gym classes.

So much of gym instruction, but for now as it stands I don't think I will be able to go to a Junior College and take the course so the best I can do is to finish my last high school term and hope for the best.

When March comes, I will be graduating from Manzanar High School and this class will be the first ones to graduate in this camp. After I graduate, I have no plans for the future, but intending to work in the warehouse as long as possible, and wait patiently for the war to end so I may be able to go back to the City which we left that was so gay and join our friends again. When I was in the City so gay, I was ready to make a plan for the coming years by imagining for myself what I would do when I graduate from Senior High School. I was planning to become a fisherman, there is no need of experience because, all the peoples who was a fishermen before, the war started, they all started from a scratch at a young age and gradually learn how to tie fisherman knots, fix the holes in the net, use a fisherman needle in which to tie the nets and corks together, and learn how to steer

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a boat, also began to know where all the fishes are in many different season such as: tuna season, sardine season, mackerel season, and yellowfin season. So you could imagine by yourself that any one willing to become a fisherman has nothing to worry about until they own a boat by themselves as they would have to take all the responsibility all to themselves, but if the boat is owned by the cannery, the cannery will take care of all the trouble that comes up, about the boat and naturally the cannery receives a share of the profit according to the contract, also the captain, if he owns the net, also he will get a captains share and the net share and then the cook and then comes the engineer then the crews.

As it looks now, I don't think I will be able to become a fisherman, store owner, or a gym instructor because, if the war ends I think we will be sent to Japan and start a new life from a scratch. According to my parents, I think we will live a farmers like at a different types of fishermen's life compare to American because, they go after many different types of fishes then California, Astoria, and Seattle.

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By the way, according to the "Weeje man", the war is going to end in next year and I am trying my best to look forward and take all the consequences that comes up until the day in which the war will end. If we are not sent to Japan, I am thinking of going to Seattle, or Mexico and become a fisherman and live a typical life with my family. In Seattle, it is most the sardines that is popular with the fisherman and in Mexico, tuna is about the only fish in which the typical fisherman goes after. When we were back home, I remembered very well, when the tuna clippers came home from their long trip, with hatches loaded with tuna weighing from one hundred to one thousand pounds, each. Of course when the clippers come home, they all used to celebrate with a big party. During those days, all I thought was to go on a trip and see for myself how they could haul a thousand pounds tuna in. After coming back from the trip to Mexico, I had the best dream of my life time imagining, that I was a captain of a tuna clipper and came home with three hundred tons of tuna and was welcomed home by my one and only wife, but now them days is gone forever but not forgotten.

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if the "Weeje man", is correct and if the war ends in a year, the only thing I want to do is become a captain of a tuna clipper and then become a gym instructor because in becoming a captain, I will have to have self-confidence and learn how to keep the crew or boys under control with best of my ability.

Oh yes! on February the 24th, 1943, the Bainbridge group from Washington left today for Minidoka Relocation Center and I am looking forward for the days to come when I can see or meet them again. Though it was, only for a short times in which I knew them it was like saying good-bye to brothers and sister not knowing when I will meet them again. This is about the only day in which I am really gunning for it to come. My plan for the future is to meet all of them once more before I settle down like a real business man or become a fisherman because I may not see all of my Bainbridge friends who have left me with a sad good-bye and I am hoping that the day we'll meet again, come soon and so that I may be able to smile again. Also, receiving letters and cards reminds me that we are just about in the same camp. Though we

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are apart, I am just planning to go out on a furlough again, if possible and then go to Minidoka to rejoin my family again. The only reason why I want to do my share in helping the country by topping beets and picking spuds. After that is done I am planning to get a pass to Minidoka to rejoin, my friends who have left us with sorrow and then come back to Manzanar. Another thing is that I want to see how the other camp life is and see how their activities in sports are and compare them with this camp. As I received a letter from Arkansas and Minidoka from a friend of mine, they explained that in Arkansas, they can go from one camp to another camp to see their friends. Have activities such as: baseball, football, volleyballs, basketball, and etc, against each other so you could imagine how I would like to go to Arkansas's relocation center and meet my old friends and make new friends. As in Minidoka, they can go to town once a week to buy materials which they need for the winter, spring, autumn, and summer. Also, they can go to town and see many different movies, and meet and make friends.

As I went on furlough last year I have met and made new friends who are in Rexburg, Idaho, Falls, Shelly, Sugar City, and Pocatello, Idaho.