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What My Future Holds

"What do you expect to do upon graduation?" or "What are you planning to do when you are out on your own?" are to me, two of the most popular questions which are asked during your senior term. But, in Morgona, there is also another question, which is, "Are you planning to relocate?" that is the most commonly heard of the three.

Since my dad is interested in the interment camp in Louisiana, our family did not give a second thought to the word, "relocation"; because it was his request that we stay settled in a relocation camp until he may be released. But now it seems as though he being

released would be out of the question. Then too, my brother and sister have been hearing such fine good reports from other evacuees who have already relocated themselves and also the various reports from different Japanese and Caucasian social workers who encourage relocation have made us stop and think over this question of relocating out towards the east.

One advantage that I think relocating has is that it would be a splendid opportunity for our young people to go out and face the world and learn about real life, instead of staying cooped up in such a rigged camp as this center and bring down your morale when instead you should be building them up. I think

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it would especially be good for me because, since being baby of the family, I have had no responsibility of any kind to hold and therefore have always relied upon my parents, brother, and sister. If ever do happen to relocate, it would be quite certain that mother or brother would not go along with us. So, in that way, I would learn to take care of myself and really learn what hardships mean and the value of money.

The plan for which we worked out resulted in, for myself to continue my studying in a designing school which I had dreamed of going ever since I was in 9th junior high school. My eldest sister would try to ~~find~~ find some kind of a domestic or a Y. W. C. A.

work and my other sister
in secretarial work.

The only two person from
which we had to get our
consent from was, of course,
our parents. The one whom
we thought would ob-
ject the most was mother
because she has always
been afraid of taking chances
and never ever thought
that relocating was a step
toward the good. But,
after explaining all the good
points and especially
stressing the point of me
furthering my education,
^{in the contrary,} she surprised us by telling
us that she thought it was
a very good idea for us
to go out regardless of the
fact that our family would
be split up. After getting
the consent of mother,
we knew getting the
approval of our father

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would be simple because usually whatever my mother thinks is right is all right with father. We then telegraphed him the next day and sure enough, we received his consent. The following week.

So as far as relocating towards the east is concerned, I think that is one factor that is certain for my future.

Two years ago, when the world was not so indefinite as it is now, my future was planned out by my parents. Which meant that I was to go to Japan upon high school graduation for at least two years to study the Japanese culture. Although I never was enthusiastic about this plan, I had agreed upon it on the basis of

fulfilling my parents desire.
But unfortunately, or should
I say fortunately for me, the
present conditions of today
has forced me to stay in
this country.

Therefore, my imaginary
future consisted of my going
to a designing school and
learn all I can about
costume designing and
tailoring and really gain
all the knowledge that is
needed for a good designer.

Graduating from this
school, I have to get a
job in a dress factory in
order to gain experience and
reference. By this time,
probably the world would
be more settled which
would probably mean
that most likely my sisters
and brothers would be
married. Therefore it
would be my duty to

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work and support my parents. I shall then call them to the east or else send them some of my salary.

After getting various experiences from different jobs, I think I would like to establish a little, quaint, smart dress shop with the aid of my sister who is also interested in designing. Of course, at first the shop would be a small one and would probably be a partnership proprietorship. The partner would of course be my sister. If the business is satisfactory, I would then like to specialize in just one line of dressmaking which I believe I would choose tailoring. But also, of course going by the human wants of the bow of variety, there would

of course be better opportunity and popularity by offering anything in line of dressmaking. So putting this in mind I would then try to hire different skilled workers that specialize in one kind of thing such as a millinery girl, play clothes worker, a girl that specializes in gowns and etc. This shop would still be a small shop on the outskirts of the city. The workers would be paid by definite monthly salary. Of course I do not expect to make very much profit this way but just enough so I could give myself a start to a small swanky dress shop, perhaps that would be located in the heart of town where all the classy people shop. Of course in order to

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Carry on this fantastic idea,
I must get some financial
help from big business men
who would become silent
partners or stock holders.
This shop would be di-
vided into small departments
with one skilled or professional
worker to head it with
apprentices to help her or him.
Models would be need-
ed in this shop to show
the latest styles of fashion
in order to draw my cust-
omers every season. The
models would not have
to be experts, but just nice
figured high school girls
would serve the purpose.
In this way the expense
would not go so high.
Then, if business is
still going on well, I
would then like to
print catalogues to be
sent to all parts of

the world to have mail orders. We would advise them on clothes on how to wear them.

I know, times will come when the business does not run smoothly and may go bankrupt, but of course since this is all imaginary and my mind, I have not brought in the bad points of business. This is all, I think as you can tell by reading it, quite a fantastic idea or should I say a dream, but nevertheless I believe in it and wish and pray that it might come out just as I have planned it.