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Personally, I think it is very difficult, especially in times like these to say or plan any thing definite for the future. Before the war, I'm sure there were lots of us, who had big ambition, such as furthering education for a definite career, or perhaps work on an average basis, or perhaps just settle down and raise a family after graduation. But my plans were neither the former or the latter. It was an in between work.

After graduation I had thought of securing an office job. If not, I thought I'd gain a little more experience in domestic work. Incidentally, before I go on, let me remind you that all this was intended if the war hadn't begun. Since I took commercial course in high school, and shorthand as my major, although I like typing lot better, I thought of applying for a secretarial position.

However, a girl must be careful, when she, more or less, becomes independent, not to start off on the wrong foot. She may have high ideals such as becoming an actress, but for me this isn't my type of career. I'd rather start off with a more simple task and gradually build up to my desired ambition. Often through acquaintances when you met casually, you must be especially cautious of them, as they may be going under false pretense as a so-called big shots. If any girl came across with these kind of people, she doesn't know what she's really going in for. Most likely she may meet with discouragement, sufferings, despair and even lose a good reputation, and perhaps finally end up lost in the world with no one to comfort her.

To avoid all this, first analyze yourself and then decide on really what you would like to do or ought to do. Self-analysis more or less constitutes that foundation on which you build your pride, your glory, and your determination and your characteristics. Human beings are more or less are always taking great risks in whatever they are undertaking, so we too, the younger generation, take the risk of undergoing new occupation. Don't hesitate to try something you never did before and the only way you can find out whether or not you are capable of doing anything is to make an attempt to do it. Perhaps you may feel inferior. It is better to overcome this, as you may be surprised at what you can actually do, once you start doing it. Your own hobby, who known may be the key to the success of your future. Build around your hobby and perhaps that my turn out to be the one source of making a living for yourself.

It is really strange how you can find out what you can really do by looking into the past and let your mind take it from there. It will gradually straighten itself to a certain course and find yourself harmonizing with the world as your held back potentialities starts to develop. It's really worth taking the time and trouble to prove to yourself how much you can really do.

At the same time I am writing this composition, I am listening to a Hawaiian music over the radio. You may wonder how I could possibly concentrate on this and at the same time listen to music. I can do that very well as I like music very much and it really does not interfere {unknown three letter word} with my studies. Instead I rather like to listen to music whatever I happened to be doing but some people may not agree with , me either. Of course, certain type of music certainly does not appeal to me such as too jazzy music, and classical music. I think classical music is definitely boring, to me, anyhow I like popular slow music, especially Hawaiian music.

My really one big ambition was to travel, especially to visit Hawaii. This is really my one big ambition I've always anticipated with such earnestness. My only regret is that its beauty and its peace has been shattered by the disastrous catastrophe called war. But someday the war will be over, and once again the islands will restore its natural beauty, and peace will reign again. I've heard and read so much about Hawaii, the more I think about it and hear Hawaiian music, the more I want to go and visit the islands. I envy the people who have had the opportunity to go there before. When they relate the tale of their visit, my determination of going their becomes greater.

Naturally before I even make an attempt to go to Hawaii and to various other places of interest, I would have to have money first. Therefore, I would have to work in an office or secure domestic work. And with the money I earned, it would enable me to fulfill my ambition. At the present time, unfortunately, all I can do is to dream about it like I've been doing all the years. I've never had more urge to go to distant parts of the country as I do about Hawaii. I don't know as I would care to live there forever as I've heard the atmosphere is rather damp. My real purpose, however, is to visit there and stay for about four months or a year. After the war is over and everything becomes normal again, you'll see me make a bee line to the first ship leaving for Hawaii. I really hope this one dream would really come true.

After I've stayed in Hawaii for a considerable reasonable time, I would like to come back to the states, and this time travel eastward, and see the Statue of Liberty . I've heard of this spectacular statue and the thrill one gets in seeing it, related by one of my teachers back home. I believe it quite worth the expense of seeing such an illustrative figure in stone representing the symbol of democracy. It is really quite amazing to me how man, a human being, can erect such a giant structure, and also other huge constructions. This is really something to wonder about, and always I would wonder is it really possible? It must be, as proven by constructions of skyscraper, dams, and bridges and other wonders of science. It shows how one small ambition can build up to such a big climax.

After my one big ambition has been fulfilled, that is if in case it is. If not, I'll go on to my second ambition. Since I mentioned I like music very much I would like to take up piano lessons again. I say again because I've took four and a half years of it until evacuation time. It's been a long time since and I

think I've forgotten quite a bit so I would like to resume my lessons and perhaps become a piano teacher. That is if this ambition ever holds out.

Before I started taking piano lessons, I've wanted to learn how to play the Hawaiian guitar. I like the tone of this instrument and its lilting refrain of the music of Hawaii. However, inasmuch as I wanted to learn how to play the guitar, mother thought I'd gain more if I took piano lessons instead. My piano teacher was a very kind lady and very sweet. She tried to teach me as much as possible, although I may have been a difficult student to teach to. Only trouble was I hated to practice and after she was very wise in detecting if I had practiced or not. She would always remind me how appreciative I should be towards my parents for giving me such an opportunity to learn music. She would say music would always live on, and that it is one of the things people could never forget. I think she is definitely right. Before I started to take piano lessons, I never gave much thought to music as I do now. I've really come to appreciate music very much. So much so that I have to have music whatever I happen to be doing at the moment. I like to sing a lot but unfortunately I have a corny sort of a voice, so to speak. In spite of that and whatever people may say behind my back, I sing now, and then. Singing and listening to music is really an invigorating way to pass the time away. Some day I may get ambitious enough to take singing lessons, who knows? And after that I really would like to settle down. But first I have to look around for a good prospective mate.