

Before I proceed I wish to make a quotation as nearly as I can remember it, which was, I believe, uttered by Colonel Charles Lindbergh sometime ago. He said, "Whatever I may say today may change with time because unending happenings cause it to do so." I believe it well that I should write this theme with that understanding.

What bitter fruits this discrimination bears--this discrimination of not only us, but the Jews and Negroes as well.

What is really the derivation of discrimination? Is it because of superiority complex as many claim? I cannot answer this question with complacency because I have never experienced any occasion in which I have discriminated anyone. Perhaps it is because I haven't been around Jews or Negroes.

All during my life I have lived and played and gone to school with my American friends. I have been to parties and banquets with them and many was the time I was the only Japanese present. Yet I was never discriminated. They have never felt superior to me nor I inferior not superior to them. We were all on an equal footing.

Even today many of my Americans--Never in my life did I realize what discrimination can mean--even in a country where democracy theoretically flourishes. In schools we were taught about the American ways of life, what freedom and democracy mean, what our forefathers fought for. I believed in it as any American would--Yes, I believed in it until it was all shattered to a thousand pieces. Not until I was forced away from my home, not until my heart broke in two because I had to separate from my life long friends, not until this discrimination did I begin to lose hope in what I learned about democracy, the U.S. Constitution.

We were American citizens with full rights as indicated and guaranteed by the Constitution and the Bill of Rights, but it did us no good. We were forced out of our homes without reasons, and without a fair trial. We could bring our cases to the highest court in the land, but it does us no good for it seems to me that the Constitution applies only to the selected mass of Americans and not minorities as us.

We were American citizens, but we had less rights than the German and Italian Aliens!

-----I wonder if discrimination will ever end. Not just us, but for the Negroes and the Jews as well. It seems so unlikely to do so. People seem to think that by means of education discrimination of racial minorities will end. I can believe that only half-heartedly for I also hear that even men with high education, even those in the educational field itself are said to discriminate certain minorities. There are an interminable number of reasons why a person can think that discrimination will continue.

Yet, when I think a little deeper the only possible avenue of escape from discrimination is education and perhaps religion.

A few ways in which -----Of course, usually during war discriminations are a common thing and an error. People are easily swept off their feet by politicians who play up this hatred to their advantage, etc.

For those reasons and also so that the thousands of men will not be killed to save the greedy capitalists of many nations it is imperative that war must stop!

I hope that this war between the many countries will end without complete defeat of either. Rather I'd like to see them come to peace soon for it really isn't too late yet.

Someday in the near future I hope to see the U.S. and Japan at peace and friendly as before--for everything can be gained by peace and friendship, everything lost by war. I would like to play a part toward that end some day.

Because I have written this theme in the manner as is written--does not imply that I am bitter about the discrimination or evacuation nor do I feel bitter towards any nation. There are always good and bad about all nations--they are alike in many ways.

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