

And all the dissatisfaction and the cynicism of the adults flowers forth bright and definitely in the children's attitude. For instance in the school. Mr. Light may have very progressive ideas in education but he can't work them out (it isn't giving his ideas a fair chance because the children's minds aren't receptive) Classes are overfilled. The children don't care very much if they get absent from school because it rained too much. The parents themselves don't think too much of the school.

Books and a fine building mean so much to most people. They forget that the educational spirit doesn't necessitate all that. Most of the kids don't have any respect for authority neither ~~ff~~ of their parents nor the teachers. They laugh at anything good the teachers may mention about the camp. They want o discuss the canteen prblem the Jacl problem They aren't kids any more. They hardly *show* *believe* anymore in the decent the sincere and the good. I am reminded of the reign of terror going on in New York instttited by a bunch of kids in goot suits and killing and striking teachers. the writer said that there were no parents


to take responsibility for the children
nowadays. Everyone was depending on
social workers and teachers. whereas the
home is still the best and probably only
root of all training. The home is a
precious thing and a dying institution at
present. Without that security of
family life children are twisted into all
sorts of strange and misdirected deeds.
Slum clearance, recreational centers,
child psychologists, social workers are
not the complete answer to this problem.
Something must be done about the American
home.

(Time Magazine)

After all a bunch of toughies who've been earning just as much as the teacher and the parents and working with a much more older group....they aren't going to be obedient and ahing students.

*Students' children every up + down home
they were, Okey's understanding done*

~~Children are the key to the feeling of a people, how successful they are in living or how bad the times are. Everything that reveals itself clear and plainly in the attitude of the children.~~

"They're so cynical and sarcastic about everything.....They wrote compositions about Idaho and they said the weather was especially good for tubercular ~~students~~ patients. They all died." 8th grade students 13 years. 

They wanted to do pantomime and so we gave them about 5 minutes to plan them. Recess and then they filed back in. Everyone one of the boys group with the exception of one put on pantomines like....five of them sat Indian fashion on the floor. They threw out their wallets on the floor in front of them. One of them shook his hands as if they had dice in the hands. He threw it out. One fellow grabbed all the wallets and raised a whoop with his arms.

Another group flipped coins and took bets.
Another group put on a poker session.
There was one angelic group of boys who
put on a wedding ceremony. Everyone thought
that was funny.

One day, said Stella, when I didn't have to
teach I was passing in front of my class just
as it was dismissed. I saw one 13 year old
take out a cigarette, snap a ~~light~~ match on his
trouser and then light it.

He's only 13 year old but then he sees those ~~hi~~
high school kids doing it all the time. That
study hall is simply filled with boys with
their muddy boots on the benches and seats
on the tables and then in the back one can smell
smell cigarette smoke. High school kids ~~say~~ ^{example}
that they're working and don't come setting

Next door
clang of coal stoves
Hawaiian music "Aloha Hawaii"
I'll never smile again
dully while home talk goes on
Japanese music
"Haba Haba Hirohito"

Last night "I'm your wife"
Boy talks and shouts and groans or hums in
his sleep every night.

Compromised? Signs of red age.

*sketches out mental symptoms of youth.
Read a boarder pass through safe & whole, is
strong*

Where shall we go? Where do we
return. We can't run back again.
Where do we belong? What shall we
do.