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I am not a typical nigger - nor a typical American
Some people may even doubt my being a typical
human being - I am only typical of myself - There may
be others like me but ~~not~~ none like me in all respects -

~~Some people~~ I disclaim alliance with racial groups - but not so naive
as to say such a thing doesn't exist because it does exist, but
only by definition

Race problem can be solved in only two ways - One
way is to segregate all races & keep the racial groups
apart from one another - This involves an atom is also. There
is the difficulty of determining race involved here among
other things & even assuming that this difficulty
is ironed out, it will only be a minor improvement because
there will undoubtedly be greater problems within
racial groups than ~~between~~ racial groups that of
race ~~at~~ many of which will trace directly to
segregation -

The other solution is the antithesis of ~~at~~ the
above - decentralization - No banding together of any
racial group is going to ~~do~~ for economic purposes or
otherwise is going to alleviate any friction between
that group & others... The only way is to dissolve
the group & reduce those within it to individual
initiative. Of course many will say this is
~~suicidal~~ race suicide - Exactly! If we want to
get rid of the concept of race we want to get
rid of race itself - ! ~~The Man~~ Individuals as individual
maybe groups will get shored around ~~but~~ but then

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children would — Nor will their grandchildren
etc — The other without dissolution of racial
groups voluntarily (the impetus & initiative
must come from those within the group) friction
due to race will continue indefinitely —

Why should too many so-called broad-minded
people do things for nisei & negroes merely because
their beneficiaries are members of oppressed minorities.
But those who are all out to help the Negro seldom
do anything for the poor white trash who are
as much ~~social~~ victims of society as are the negroes
altho' perhaps less ~~guilty~~ innocent victims.

I have perhaps 5 to 10 friends whom
I love above all else — friends for whom I would
willingly give my life — And who ~~would~~ for me
would do the same — Among them is only one
nisei — And he is my friend ^{only coincidentally} not because he is
a nisei but only coincidentally because he is a
nisei — Of this group there is ~~an~~ an Army officer
who constantly stationed in the So. Pacific constantly
refers to Japs as Japs and says what he pleases
about them without apologizing to me a for
me a blushing about it — ~~His~~ His sentiments
are a thousand times more welcome to me than
the sentiments of those stony-eyed idealistic

In final
analysis, in-
dividual is what
counts — & race
is only a minor
part of that
individual

fools who go out of the way to say "Japanese" to
me & only me - thus calling attention to the fact
of their awareness of my being of Japanese descent.
But this one friend's sentiments mean more to me
than the opinions of fifty million others who
don't know me —