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Problems of Relocation  
in the light of Problems  
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## — INTRODUCTION —

Life is like one undeterminable country road on which every one must travel. It is not a wide smooth highway on which we could drive leisurely or speededly; but one that has all the bumps and detours that will make a weak-willed driver give up. We are not the only ones on this road. Millions of others are congested on it; one trying to out-drive the other to the destination ahead— success and happiness.

Tomorrow the Neei in Tokyo must be prepared to take this road without fear or hesitation. Up to now we have been living in a community with little responsibility of anything. Now we must go out but as individuals and face problems that may have never occurred to us before. In other words, we are the "youth of tomorrow"— strong and determined to overcome the inevitable challenges that will face us.

In this theme I will try to make a study of problems of the city and state of New York and the possible solutions for them.

## Personality

The challenge to our personality will be the same where ever we go. If we want to be accepted we must have good personality, by that I mean we should be friendly and factful. People like a happy cheerful personality. Be that and you will be accepted. Always too, try and improve your personality. Remember the richer your personality the better liked you are. Remember that your success in life and happiness is dependent upon your personality. Remember <sup>too</sup> always to have a sincere interest in others and to be cheerful. ~~Do that one~~ Remember that and practice it and it will be your pass key to success and happiness.

## Geographic Environment

It is fortunate to one who relocates to New York city - for here is the center of all culture. Here, one may turn any which way and be confronted with museums, parks, zoos, etc. New York is a real gem when it comes to scenery. They have innumeros conservatories, countless parks, botanical gardens, beautiful mountains, the ocean, the farms, and oh! many more equally scenic spots.

It is ~~the~~ conveniently located, facing the Old World. She is the center of exports and imports. All the railroads, ships and air way routes all focus upon this one spot. Truly, New York is the melting pot of the world.

## Social Inheritance -

New York being the melting pot of products is also the melting pot of world culture. The immigrants who land in New York bring with them their traditions and ideals. This is important, for these summed up create the American way of life.

The cultural inheritance makes the citizens respect each other; they also help the individual in their outlook of life. — as the nisei is helped by the traditional "Yama-to-do-mashi". This is the will of determination, the "never to say die" ideal. With this, the nisei can face any opposition — their "Yama to do mashi" will give them new hopes and determination — which is indeed a great gift from my country.

### The Family

Like personality, the family life cannot be generally classified. Each will have its own problems. No two will be the same any where. In a community as Topag, the family has been sort of on loose ends, altho' it shouldn't be for they are obliged to share the same roof and things are done on family basis. Actually what happened was the parents started working thereby neglecting their parental duty. When the family relocates, I believe, it will be drawn closer — for the children will have to keep an eye on their nisei parents that no harm would come over them. There will also be a closer relation between brothers and sisters — each helping the other to make good. In times of stress as those we must undergo in relocating, the family <sup>difficulties</sup> always unifies the members of the family regardless.

### School

The problem of <sup>good</sup> schools is no problem in this great cosmopolitan, for, as I said before, New York is the center of culture. She has any and every kind of school — from pre-nursery right thru college and university. For specialized courses, look to New York — She has fashion

schools, cooking schools, engineering, decorating, art schools, mechanics, business and medical, photographic schools, modeling, radio technicians, and ~~cost~~ countless many more.

The country's most learned assemble in New York resulting in getting the best education here. The only undesirable thing about a New York education is that their tuitions is slightly more than other parts of the U.S. But with the best professors teaching, one can expect such a thing.

Most of New York's school love the socialized way of teaching; that is allowing the student for himself in what is right and wrong. Also, teaching the student to think for himself.

I firmly believe that there is no better place for a good education than New York — where everything is tried first.

### The Church

In the process of assimilation, the greatest aid will be obtained from the church. Here, the people are more broadminded and more sympathetic. When one relocates, they are advised to join a church first thing whether you believe in its beliefs or not. The friends you make at the church's social functions will be helpful to you in making other new friends resulting in a perfect way of starting life anew in a strange community.

### Public Opinion

This is a very important factor in the problem of adjusting yourself in a community. It will either make or break you. Human nature is very strange; it takes about freedom of speech and freedom of this and that but actually it is not free from making up its own mind. They do not think and reason out for themselves; actually they

are dictated into a belief.

A prominent commentator can twist the public round his fingers. If a well known public figure makes a statement, whether true or ~~true~~ untrue, he will carry the crowd with him. Because of a few economic crazed ~~or~~ some race must suffer. So it is with the Nigger - because of a few crazed like that or with extreme patriots (?) we must suffer.

luckily tho', in New York, there is very little prejudice. Each is too busy in keeping up with the other to allow a senseless thing as prejudice bother them.

### Recreation

No other community can truth fully say, 'We have the most varied recreation'. New York has nationally known play grounds as: Coney Island, Beach page's golf links, Jones Beach, Belmont Lake Park, Arion decks Mountains, etc...

From kite flying to foot ball - to horseback riding to skating - all are found in one vicinity. Those seeking for Bowling spots, fishing grounds, boating, hunting, both roller & ice skating will find New York their paradise.

Such entertaining places as: "Radio City, 400 club, Carnegie Hall, Stork club, etc have won international recognition.

### Public Welfare

New York is doing her bit of public welfare. She, like other states in the Union, have many special institutions for the unfortunate handicapped. She has her C.C. group caring for her forests and fisheries. New York is being progressive in caring for the busy working mother's children thereby protecting

the nation's future welfare. She has much more to improve in ~~the~~ public welfare yet. For one thing, she must ~~of~~ clean up her slum areas, ~~mother~~, to issue out wisely her reliefs, and help.

### Production and Income

New York being the center of all things is equally the center of production. She has all sorts of products to manufacture - from babies' ~~the~~ teething toys to ~~some~~ steel parts of a ship. Her annual income from her goods are uncountable, it being over billions of dollars.

Her income are brought in generally from the import and



## Commerce

No other place in the world is as congested with commerce as New York — especially the Boroughs of Manhattan and Brooklyn. Manhattan being almost entirely surrounded by water presents unusual docking facilities. — The largest ship had its docks located only one mile from the very center of midtown!!! Brooklyn has 34 miles of developed water fronts and from here — 40% of foreign commerce moves out, served by 70 steamships and freight lines, 14 trunk railways, and a series of huge shipping terminals including the enormous Brooklyn Terminal and Eric Bakin.

In times of peace, every fourth person sailing for Europe embarked from here and every 20<sup>th</sup> person arriving from foreign places arrives in the great metropolis. Each year freight cars ~~and~~ that enter and leave this great city could fill eight tracks across the continent from coast to coast.

## Financing Exchange

There is no need to worry about keeping money in circulation in New York. Here there is much money in motion as it is the center of trade and business.

The purchasing power will be embursed to most citizens of New York City — altho' there will be a very small per cent who will not have enough. — as people who live in the slum area. Even to these the purchasing power will increase lets only if they had a more consistent occupation. On the ~~at~~ whole tho', New York keeps money in good circulation.

## Labor

Jobs in New York are abundant. Especially right now during war times. The Nisei, in most cases, can enter any field he chooses and get a job altho' in few instances they will be denied, not because they lack ability, but because their skin is tinted sort of yellow. There will not be very many cases of these tho', for as I said before, they are too busy minding their own business.

In the great cosmopolitan Nisei's are accepted quite readily in vertical unions and others, which encourage the essence to relocate and be assured of fair treatment. Almost always, as in any place - if a Nisei meet the world with an idea that he is equal to his neighbor, he will be treated as such.

## Consumption

The problem of consumption in New York goes both ways - that is, it consumes great quantities from other communities as well as distribute some of its products. Since good business is dependent upon consumption, one assumes that New York's problem of consumption is ideal.

## Political Control

I believe that New York is politically under control. It had its flaws with "Big Bosses" and its gigantic monopolies but the Supreme Court has curbed the latter successfully; Mayor La Guardia and Governor Dewey, the former.

## Trends in Government

The state of New York is rapidly becoming more progressive politically. Several months ago it passed the Fair Employment Practice Law which deals against racial discrimination. This is indeed a great factor in the eyes of Negro workers as well as other race minorities. This is an outward guarantee that the state is backing up the minorities and will be that each group be well protected.

The city of New York too is waking up to the fact that well trained workers are needed to fill in vital positions rather than "friends." At present the New York's City Planning Committee are studying Architect Hermann Hervey's plan on rebuilding a ~~more~~ less congested and beautiful city plan. They ~~to~~ have intentions of removing Robert Moses's, Park Commissioner, idea of rebuilding it piece by piece at a time — a totally waste of time and money project.

## Financing the Government

New York carries a large part in financing the government thru its colossal trade. Yearly a single manufacturing plant will produce goods costing \$4,108,725,275. In the last census report, it was estimated there were 36,651 of these great plants. In 1939 there were 24,042 wholesale establishments with sales of \$12,954,252,000 for the year with 241,405 employees and a payroll of \$545,796,000. So — with such tremendous prosperity, one is assured of a rich source of revenue and income. Also with the less important fact that fourteen couples marry every hour of a twelve hour day in the city of New York, one can assume that this helps somewhat in financing a small part of the government.

## Political Reform

Tommy Hall - Tweed and Crocker -  
Boss Murphy - Frank Costello - Jimmy Hines -  
Clarence Neal - Al Marinelli - Christy Sullivan -  
Boss Platt - Ed, Dan, and Patrick O'Connell -  
all of these names are familiar in New  
York as the "once" Big Bosses.

These characters have swindled the  
government at one time or another. They were  
powerful enough to sway gov't and municipal  
action in their favor. One of their methods of  
their control is thru the tax assessments - to  
reward property owners who voted right and  
punish those who registered as Republicans.

For many years the number of vote  
casters in Albany has been the highest in the  
country. The explanation does not lie in the  
political awareness or civic mindedness of its  
inhabitants but chiefly thru heavily padded  
registration lists and ballot-box stuffing -  
especially by the O'Connell gang.

They have used government money and  
means to reward themselves and their party -  
namely the Democratic party. Most big bosses are  
supported by big businesses which do transactions  
with the municipal government.

Then - along came Mayor La Guardia  
and District Attorney Thomas E. Dewey.

Mayor La Guardia was the fellow who cleaned  
up the city of Frank Costello's slot machine  
and personally attended to smashing hundreds  
of them. He also publicly discredited against  
the big bosses as Costello and Clarence Neal  
so that petitions of removal were circulating  
the city of New York; it resulted with no  
great improvement.

Dewey is the man who successfully  
attempted to encourage honest voting by

getting the tax assessment figures to remain stable. He placed one hundred state troopers to registration booths and later at polling places on election day to ~~prevent~~ see that stuffing of ballots, padded registration, etc will not take shape in the 1943 election.

He also sent Boss Jimmy Hines, the political protector and financial beneficiary of a ring of gamblers to Sing Sing. So - with the touch of Thomas E. Dewey and Mayor Fiorello H. La Guardia to lead both the city and state of New York, one can be assured that there will be a more democratic way of life.

### War and Peace -

Every nation in the world is affected by the war and each have some ideas how to prolong the after peace. New York is the same. At present she is "all out" for victory by producing not civilian products, but war material. She has offered her men and women to help hasten victory. She has contributed billions of dollars for this worthy cause. Now she is thinking of post war. The Dumbarton Oaks Conference was held here. ~~She~~ Here industrial plants have mostly planned upon post war products and employment. Every one every place is doing the same. We are not alone on this subject.

The only ~~thing~~ way New York has failed the Peace is their treatment of wounded veterans already in Veterans Hospitals. In the late "Cosmopolitan Magazine" and "Reader's Digest" articles are some brutal ways they are treated by fellow Americans. New York must ~~be~~ walk up to these pressing facts and in a hurry too!

## Racial Population

The city of New York is densely populated. ~~with~~ the five boroughs combined, New York ranks only second to London's population, having a population of 7,573,000. Manhattan having the ~~most~~ ~~with~~ 1,595,000; Bronx ~~third~~ with 1,424,000; ~~followed by~~ <sup>first by</sup> Brooklyn - 2,729,000; Queens 1,347,000; and lastly Richmond with 178,000 people. The population has increased leaps and bounds. In 1628 there were only four huts totaling 270 people, now, 7,573,000. The city is continuing to increase each day with a baby being born every four minutes and six seconds.

I believe there will never be "too much" people so that jobs are insufficient. No - New York is too great for that.

## Racial Cooperation.

In a city that speaks eighty-three different languages, there is not much prejudice. People do not care about anything 'cept their own lives and they do not want to stop to find out. I'm sure when I relocate to New York, there will be little opposition. There are many instances where people do not know even what a Japanese looks like. They do not care.

The Fair Employment Practice too, keeps the minorities not to be run down. altho' sometimes it's no use as the exclusion of a negro ball player to enter one of the big baseball league. It is only sometimes that people in New York runs across things, as that.

Truly, New York is the least prejudiced city. - Thanks to the many nationalities that composes it.