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To all exchange students from Berkeley.

Since you came to Japan it has passed about three weeks like a dream and you are going to leave for Berkeley within a week.

July and August are the most hot and sultry season in Japan. So you must, I think, have been suffered from it. But it was happy that none of you had loose bowel, stomach ache, poor appetite and other disease until today. It owes, I think, to your severe temperance and young spirits.

Exchange students program is, as you well know, the best way to promote mutual understanding, respect, confidence, and friendship between both cities and countries.

We are all children of the earth, and composing a Schicksalsgemeinschaft — a society of which all mankind is a member who has common destiny. This word is, I believe, not exaggerated one in our days. We must share not only knowledge and technology but also all kind of limited resources on the earth and help each other. Narrow minded nationalism must be swept off. The contradiction between individual morality and international one must be abolished. Sovereignty of each nation must be made relative one in the future.

Of course there will be many difficulties in the future. It will be harder and longer to go this way than going the way of war. Alas! is it rendered impossible by its difficulties?

NO! NO! the more hard and long this way is, the more courageous and enduring we must be, and you will, I'm sure. These are the exercises assigned by God to youths of every country.

As for the Japanese traditional cultures it will be difficult to understand in a short period for you. But they have much values of which peoples of civilized coun-

we have to think again deeply. Before Expo. 70, Dr. George H. Gibson said, "Let affirmation and renunciation combine - we need to marry together, the positive stress of the ~~West~~^{West}, with the negative stress of the East. - East and West can meet and "kiss" in harmony together - if they will. 'Expo' has a unique opportunity to show us all, how. This opportunity should be seized upon; in a remarkable way. Harmony may be achieved through mutual understanding. But it must be sought. Sacrifice will be required. Let us make it. -"

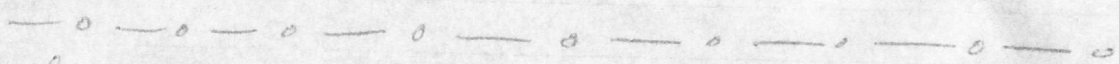
When I made speech at the luncheon meeting of Sakai ~~South~~ South R.C. held at the hall in Expo 70's sites, I quoted above words and said "Let's take this unique opportunity to begin above mentioned movement, otherwise Expo. 70 which was enormously expensive will be closed in vain."

Authorities of Sakai city, all of Rotarians, members of many bodies, and many other citizens in Sakai has devoted themselves to promote mutual understanding and friendship. This is the same with Berkeley, needless to say.

I don't know yet such a long lasting, effective, meaningful and large number students exchange except Sakai and Berkeley.

Thus we have been making firm base of a new history of mankind. Your visiting Japan is, I think, what add one more glorious chapter in the history of making this basis.

I hope your good health and you will enjoy remaining days in Japan.



Please answer the following questions and add any suggestions or opinions if you have. We appreciate your answer and suggestions or opinions for making next time schedule.

1. How did you feel about each program?

- (1) Sightseeing in Sakai City
- (2) Tea Ceremony and Flower arrangement at Mrs. Tsatsui's house.
- (3) Home party at Kohitsugi Kindergarten
- (4) Bon Odori
- (5) Welcome Party at City hall.
- (6) Three days trip to Shigen no il in Wakayama pre.
- (7) Luncheon party on 12th
- (8) Welcome party at City hall under the auspices of Sakai Berkeley friendship society held on 13th.
- (9) Discussion meeting at Y.M.C.A.
- (10) Party at the night of 13th under the auspices of Alumni Club
- (11) Expo land
- (12) Three days trip to Nara and Kyoto elementary
- (13) Sayonara party held at Enoki Elementary School.
- (14) Night party commanding fireworks view.

2. Did you enjoy family days?

3. Would you like more family days?

4. What was the most impressive?

5. What was ~~the~~ your happiest experience?

6. What did you dislike during ~~the~~ ^{your} stay in Sakai?

7. Would you like less or more sight-seeing?

8. What were your problems? — food, customs, communication etc.

9. Your opinions and any suggestions.

Next questions are my personal ones. If you would give me answer I'd be very happy.

1. How do you think about Japanese constitution which declares to use no military powers to resolve international disputes?
2. How do you think about possibility of making the world Federation by the end of this century?
3. Do you think without making the World Federation we can avoid any kind of war?
4. Is it possible or not for us to abolish the contradiction between individual morality and international one?
5. H. G. Wells, famous civic critic, has ever said, "Human history becomes more and more the race between catastrophe and education."
 - (1) Do you agree with his thought or not?
 - (2) Why?
 - (3) Do you think school education, on the whole, is in a race or not?
 - (4) Do you think politics and economy can prevent catastrophe of human beings?

6. The following sentences ~~is~~ are extracted ones from "A Report of the National Commission on the Reform of Secondary Education"

"Our large city school systems are on the verge of complete collapse. Two decades ago, the cities operated the best school systems in the United States. Today, these schools are at the bottom in academic accomplishment. The coercion of compulsory school attendance is no longer working. Attendance reports from urban school systems show that in many of the large city high schools, fewer

than half the enrolled students attend regularly. ~~At~~ Average daily attendance as a percentage of enrollment runs as low as 75 percent in some urban schools. Among those who do come to school, tardiness and class cutting are common.

----- Poor attendance is symptomatic of other trouble within the schools. During the last five years, crime has become part of normal experience in many high schools. Surveys indicate that 64 percent of the nation's school systems now employ people to perform sep specific police functions."

Though I have begun to hesitate, ^{to believe as it is,} since I met you, I do not think these are the false statements. How do you think about causes of such collapse?

7. Charles A. Reich, says in his book as following.

"We think of ourselves as an incredibly rich country, but we are beginning to realize that we are also a desperately poor country—poor in most of the things that throughout the history of mankind have been cherished as riches."

Q. Are you ^{also} beginning to realize that you are desperately poor as he says?

He continues as following.
"There is a revolution coming. It will not be like revolutions of the past. It will originate with the individual and with culture, and it will change the political structure only as its final act. It will not require violence to succeed, and it can not be successfully resisted by violence. It is now spreading with amazing rapidity, and already our laws, institutions and social structures are changing in consequence. It promises a higher reason, a more human community, and a new liberated individual. Its ultimate creation will

be a new and enduring wholeness and beauty - a renewed relationship of man to himself, to other men, to society, to nature, and to the land."

- (2) Do you feel such a revolution for yourselves?
- (3) How do you think about such a revolution?

Please send me your answer to the following Address.

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Aug. 18th. 1975.

At last the day on which we must depart has come. We were very anxious about being attacked by typhoon during your stay in Kyoto, so we heard many times weather forecast. But it was lucky for you that typhoon hesitated and avoided straight attack on our district in honour of you.

During your stay in Sakai, you have participated in every program and made a unforgettable good impressions on us by your cheerful, carefree, friendly, generous, and inquiring attitude. The people who love you and your country, and have begun to have an interest in exchange students program, were, I'm sure, rapidly increased.

Mayor, Warren Widner's visiting Sakai during your stay is, I believe, what add lustre to glorious one chapter you made in the history of Berkeley-Sakai students exchange. And joining with you in Sakai is far more meaningful than the link-up of Apollo with Soyuz in space, which was taken place

about one month ago.

Leader, Mr. Bales performed his duty with deep affection, witty humour, and high sense of duty. Mrs. Bales, notwithstanding her pain of left arm, participated in every program with Mr. Bales watching with affectionate, tender smiles. By these two leaders exchange students were, I believe, protected and encouraged and they were free from anxiety.

I hope your good health, everlasting friendship, and safety on your way home.

Please remember me to Mr. and Mrs. Morie N. Gilchrist, Chairman Berkeley-Japan Sistercity Ass. former leader Mrs. Harger, ^{Mr. and Mrs.} Gus Moore, Shigemi Jiv, former Mayor Wallace Johnson, and other person who concerned this program.

Yours sincerely,
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