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LOVERS OF DEMOCRACY

In a recent issue of Current Religious thought, Herbert H. Lehman presented ten axioms for lovers of democracy. These are important in that the same line of thought is passing through the minds of many people, particularly those whose skin is of a darker hue.

"1) Democracy as a political system is an effective expression of the moral and religious principle that all men are alike--the children and creatures of the living God; and that an infringement of the fundamental rights or duties of men is a violation of the law of God.

"2) We give aid and comfort to the enemies of democracy when we harbor or spread unjust suspicion against our neighbors, founded on differences in religion, in color, in social standing, or ethnic origin.

"3) We give aid and comfort to the enemies of democracy when either as individuals or an organized groups we prevent our fellow-citizens of different backgrounds from enjoying the rights of Americans to labor, to equal economic opportunity in every field, to decent living

conditions, to adequate provision for the moral and spiritual development of their children, and to free association with their fellow men as equals under the law and as equals in the sight of God."

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Today, there are many factors in this complex world situation which lead us to believe that a true world democratic society will not be realized, that this terrific sacrifice which humanity is making will be in vain. Be this as it may, let us keep striving toward that higher goal—a world of free men!

"With Liberty And Justice for All"

GOOD NEWS FOR RELOCATION CENTERS

By reporting that 53% of the people polled in Washington, Oregon, Arizona, Nevada, and California, favor the return of citizens of Japanese ancestry to their former homes, the Gallup Poll (American Institute of Public Opinion) induced extensive editorial comment in the West Coast journals.

The Seattle Times on December 30 noted... "preponderant opinion indicated by this first poll is exonerative, not to say lenient; certainly less harsh than might have been expected." However, the writer proceeded with reservations as he said... "It was unlikely that

the people of this area will reach final conclusions until the war is ended."

Though surveys of the Gallup Poll variety leave many questions unanswered, they nevertheless do indicate trends in the country's public opinion. One wonders if voters were aware of the implications of their "Ayes" when they said they were in "Favor" of the return of citizens but opposed to "hiring those of Japanese ancestry and opposed to their operating stores."

Following are percentages as tabulated...

Results of Poll in Five Western States

Would permit <u>all</u> of Japanese ancestry to return	- 29%
Would allow <u>only</u> citizens to return	- - - - - 24%
Would allow <u>none</u> to return	- - - - - 31%
Undecided on question	- - - - - 16%

Would <u>hire</u> those of Japanese ancestry	- - - - - 24%
Opposed to hiring those of Japanese ancestry	- - - - - 60%

Would trade at stores operated by Japanese	- - - - - 38%
Opposed to trading at such stores	- - - - - 58%

Nation Wide Verdict

Would permit <u>all</u> to return	- - - - - 35%
Would allow <u>only</u> citizens to return	- - - - - 26%
Would allow <u>none</u> to return	- - - - - 17%
Undecided on question	- - - - - 22%

"A soul made for big things can never reap joy by running away."

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"AND A JAP? AT THAT"

This is a story of a Japanese gentleman, J. Y. Shimoda, a U. S. citizen and Pedro Rosales, a Filipino bus boy.

Soon after Pearl Harbor, when sentiment was running particularly high, Mr. Shimoda was accosted and attacked from behind by Pedro Rosales. With his scalp split open and blood running down his face, Mr. Shimoda quietly turned to the Filipino boy and calmly said, "Ah, I understand. You are a Filipino. Because my people wickedly attack Manila, you hate all Japanese. You want to kill me. So sorry. I sympathize with your people, but you ought to keep cool. I am an American citizen. I love my country more than you do--and more wisely. I am not afraid of you. I could knock you

down. But I must not do so. I am a Christian. I must maintain a Christian attitude. But I must have you arrested to teach you a lesson in self-control.

The evening edition of one of Detroit's leading newspapers fixed up the incident so as to make it appear that the Filipino boy was showing a high degree of patriotism. Incensed with this interpretation, Mr. Shimoda, upon the advice of a minister friend, went to see the editor of the newspaper.

The next day the minister received a call from the editor who asked, "Did you send this man Shimoda down to see me?" Acknowledging that he had, the editor continued, "Well, is he really on the level?"

"What do you think?" parried the minister.

"My gosh, is that the way Christians are supposed to act?" queried the editor, incredulously.

"Have you seen any Christians around here lately setting such an example?" asked the preacher.

"No, to tell you the truth, I haven't. But say, it really seems wonderful to see it really put to work, doesn't it? And a Jap at that. Man that IS news!"

"Think so?" said the minister innocently. "Then why don't you give it the spread that it deserves?"

"Believe me, I will! And say, if you come across another Christian like that send him to see me."
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ABOUT PEOPLE

FRANK WATANABE will study at Columbia U. (he was Former tennis varsity star at the Univ. of Wash.

GEORGE INOUE and RITSUKO INOUE were married at Hunt.

FLORENCE TATEOKA, U. OF Wash. '41, is teaching Japanese at Boulder, Colorado.

AYAKO SAKAMOTO & TSUYOSHI HARIKE were married at Hunt, Dec. 30 and are now living in Salt Lake City.

YURI TASHIMA, now attending Wash. State College, visited her family at Hunt over the Christmas holiday.

SACHIKO HAKNUCHIS' niece Christmas present was a permit to go to Chicago.

Staff Sergeant PAUL SAKAI, formerly of Seattle and a U. of Wash. graduate, is now fighting in North Africa in the forces of General D. Eisenhower.

KENJI OKUDA, formerly of Seattle, is now attending Oberlin College, Ohio.

PHILOSOPHERS' CORNER

Euripides defined the slave as a man who has lost his liberty of thought or opinion. No man is free who cannot command himself. Pythagoras

FACTS OF INTEREST

What Really Caused The Evacuation?

California Joint Immigration Committee which is composed of American Legion of State of California, State Federation of Labor, Native Sons of the Golden West, California State Grange, were largely instrumental in passing the 1913 Alien Land Act, and the 1924 Immigration Law which excludes any Asiatics from a quota.

The Pearl Harbor incident gave them the opportunity to accomplish what they had been unable to achieve in peace time, for according to Chairman Tolson, "The reason for that Executive Order (President's Proclamation) is that the representatives of California, Oregon, and Washington met almost daily back there and we finally evolved this recommendation that the President outlined in his executive order. The Executive Order is in almost the same words of the Pacific Coast Delegation."

"AND A JAP, AT THAT"

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The next edition showed Mr.

Shimoda and Mr. Reesles smilingly shaking hands. A true statement of the incident followed the picture.

NOTE: The sub-caption under the picture reads "Everything's All Right Now, But If There Had Been A Gun Handy..." Christian Century 12/23/42