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AMERICANS - ALL

As Applied to All GIRL SCOUTS and Their Activities.

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THE WAR AGAINST PREJUDICE IS STILL TO BE WON;
WITH WORDS AND DEEDS, YOU CAN HELP WIN IT!

The greatest lesson we have learned in the past ten years is that a man like Hitler could create the world's greatest war out of one human weakness -- INTOLERANCE.

His only formula was: Build upon prejudice, divide and conquer. Now ponder this: Given the breaks, he might easily have won the war.

It is quite obvious, therefore, just how deadly a poison is prejudice -- the breeder of hate, atrocities, death. The war against it still goes on, is still to be won.

It can be waged most successfully by kind words, kind deeds -- tolerance toward all others, regardless of race, creed or color.

GIRL SCOUTS possess all the necessary weapons. Right, which is might, is on your side. In your search for new members, remember your fighting fathers and brothers, who learned the hard way -- shoulder to shoulder in fox-holes -- that there was no such thing as a racial or religious line of discrimination.

We are AMERICANS-ALL!

AS JUST ONE EXAMPLE OF HOW YOU CAN HELP,
MEET THE NISEI GIRL SCOUT PROSPECT . . .

Recently returned from the evacuation centers, where they were confined behind barbed wire, approximately 5,350 young Nisei girls (born in America of Japanese ancestry) are "home again" on the West Coast. ("Nisei" is pronounced "Nee-say".)

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Neither they nor their parents had committed any wrong; had done anyone any harm; were in any way responsible for the war. But it happened they resembled one of our enemies in facial likeness and skin color.

All of these girls want to be good Americans. They deserve every possible help in that direction. Their becoming members of the GIRL SCOUTS is the surest way that can be brought about.

Search out these Nisei in your neighborhood. Strike up a personal acquaintance. You'll be both surprised and delighted to find what nice girls they are. You'll also note they are excellent prospects as members. Invite them to join.

They, too, are AMERICANS-ALL!

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In the important field of race relationships, public thinking has taken a new and hopeful direction. Today no true American wishes to admit "race prejudice." We face a new era.

Science, democracy, and two devastating wars have thoroughly discredited the racial myths of yesterday.

You will note that this bulletin has taken its name from the truism that Americanism is not, and never was, a matter of race or ancestry. If we are to lead this crusade of tolerance, we must live and be, in fact, AMERICANS-ALL.

World war and research laboratory have proved the chemical composition of all human blood to be the same. Skin pigments may be black, white, or yellow, but blood is universally of one color only -- red.

Individuals may possess differing capacities, it is true; but not races. Moreover, religion and the social sciences support the natural sciences. Christianity accepts nothing less than the universal brotherhood of man.

Any discrimination, therefore, is the blood brother of intolerance. Both thrive on fear and ignorance. The barest ground work for a United Nations has been laid -- to banish these mental outlaws.

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You, who are tomorrow's leaders,
must make it live . . . by this creed:

WHEREFORE, as Girl Scouts . . .

WE KNOW that any race prejudices we may
have are based upon ignorance and not upon
intelligence;

AND WE REGRET that this causes suffering
to people of other races where there is not a
true appreciation of all racial cultures;

AND BECAUSE WE FEEL that by meeting,
knowing and being friends with girls of other
races, we can help better community and world-
wide understanding;

THEREFORE WE PLEDGE that we will treat
girls of all races with complete equality and
sympathy at all times, encourage them to join
us and, as Americans, be democratic in thought
and action regardless of race, color, religion
or social and financial status.

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SLUM SITUATIONS HAVE NO BASIS IN FACT FOR DISCRIMINATION

People shouldn't be hasty in laying the blame for sub-standard neighborhoods upon the racial minorities living in them.

Perhaps these darker-skinned folks can find no other place to live! They don't like the "other side of the tracks" any more than the rest of us.

These run-down parts of town are the problem of the whole community. And Girl Scouts, being a rather courageous part of the community, have power, in their way, to draw attention to the need of doing something about it. . . for people fall into the careless habit of taking social wrongs for granted. . . only youth sees them in their proper light!

You know that we seldom are prejudiced against the people of South America -- but we do have some strange ideas about the Mexican Americans who live in our midst! It's probably because they don't live in the better neighborhoods; and similar prejudices apply to the Americans of Japanese, Negro and Filipino extraction. We restrict them -- and then blame them because they are restricted.

"Nature knows no racial discrimination -- nor do death and disease," said Dr. Ruth Temple recently to the California Congress of Parents and Teachers. "The germ that invades the slum may also invade the privileged district."

Dr. W. Ballentine Henley said at the same meeting:

"We must learn not only to tolerate but to understand other races, and help them to our level through tolerant understanding."

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From a Recent Issue of LOOK Magazine . . .

Our everyday conversation is full of prejudices against minority groups, whose nationality, skin, color or religion is quite different from ours. And these same minority groups are quite likely to hit back at us with equal intolerance!

The psychological formula behind all these accusations is the same. It is fear of the unknown or the different. This "fear" usually makes us take one of three steps: (1) We are understanding and try to see behind the superficial difference; (2) We draw back, our attitude blankly skeptical; or (3) We strike out blindly with verbal or physical violence.

The last reaction is one of intolerance, showing either ignorance or narrow-mindedness. . .

T R Y T H E S E S T E P S
To Defeat Intolerance

- (1) INVESTIGATE the "psychological race" of the people you meet. Instead of classifying a person as doctor, Chinese, rich, married -- and letting it go at that -- try to see behind the label, recognize basic values such as kindness and understanding. These qualities, or their lack, matter much more than do variations of skin color, religion, or social customs.
- (2) TRAIN yourself systematically. Spend some time with members of groups other than your own. Go to their religious services, participate in their festivals, taste their foods. See foreign movies. Go to museums. Read translations of foreign books.
- (3) LEARN the reasons for peculiarities of your own group, and compare them with those of other groups. You will discover similarities, and you will find that many customs of other groups are merely different ways of expressing the same ideas.

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AND HERE'S HOW

YOU CAN REALLY HELP . . .

1. HELP OTHERS KNOW THE FACTS. Many false rumors and erroneous impressions are in circulation. Meet prejudice with accurate information. Stop rumors, halt

discrimination. Recognize the "professional patriots" for what they are. Speak out for the minority-Americans if opportunity arises.

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2. PLAN FORUMS FOR YOUR GROUP. Our world has become a neighborhood! A knowledge of minority problems and race relations is essential if our democracy is to go forward. Replace disinterest with understanding. Work with your neighbors.
3. BE ON THE ALERT FOR SITUATIONS OR TENSIONS THAT MAY LEAD TO UNFORTUNATE EVENTS. Enlist the interest and help of your leaders, your newspapers. Use your bulletin boards, your church and club publications, for favorable publicity.
4. PLAN THINGS TOGETHER. Remember minority groups may feel they are strangers. Invite them to your homes, your churches, your clubs, your lodges. Become acquainted.
5. BE FAIR AT ALL TIMES. "Incidents" may begin with some slight act of race antagonism. "Americanism is not and never was a matter of race or ancestry. Americanism is a matter of mind and heart." Lead by example.

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B O O K S

(ask at your public library for these and others)

YOU CAN READ:

"The Governing of Men" -- by Alexander Leighton.

"Prejudice" and "Brothers under the Skin" -- by Carey McWilliams.

"Our Social and National Minorities" -- by Brown and Roucek.

MAGAZINES: "Common Ground", quarterly published by Common Council for American Unity, 222 Fourth Ave., New York 4, N. Y.

"Now", semi-monthly published at 1899 W. Jefferson Blvd., Los Angeles 7, Calif.

SPECIAL ARTICLES: "Square Deal for the Japanese" (Time, 11-29-43).

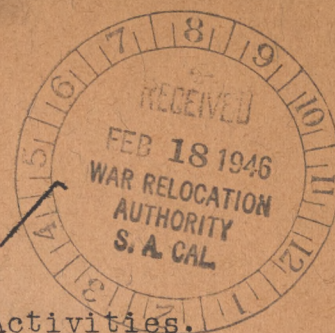
"Poison in the Comics" (W. Hadley in Christian Century, 1-19-44). "What Makes an American?" (W. W. Beatty, National Education Association, Jan., 1945.) "Victory in Pasadena" (New Republic, 10-30-44). "Challenge to American Sportsmanship" (Mrs. F. D. Roosevelt in Colliers, 10-16-45). (The WRA, 1031 S. Broadway, Los Angeles 15, Calif., attention Reports Office, Room 957, has a number of booklets and pamphlets, gratis, on the subject of the American Japanese, which will be sent on request; phone PROspect 4711, Ext. 740.)

S P E A K E R S B U R E A U

Phone PROspect 4711, Ext. 748, for competent speakers, with or without 16-mm. sound motion pictures, on subject of the American Japanese; all gratis. (WRA, 1031 S. Broadway, Los Angeles 15.)

Other speakers available from Intercultural Committees, Community Chest, School Supts., YWCA, Ministerial Alliance, Chamber of Commerce -- according to circumstances in community.

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YOUTH'S RESPONSIBILITY FOR A LASTING PEACE...

GILDA ZANINI last month came forth in the "Carpinteria Herald" with a message that should mean much to all those working in behalf of the Girl Scouts. It had to do with PEACE, and aptly illustrates how closely within their grasp is one of the most important weapons against big and little wars.

"Peace gives the young their joyous smile;

Peace lightens manhood's daily toil;

Peace gives the old man longed-for rest;

Peace, the happiness of the blest."

With that poetic premise, Miss Zanini spotlights the forces of fear, hate and revenge as the chief causes of war. "Into history there has been written through the ages the drama of permanent peace," she recalls, and now "modern history records the constant recurrence of the theme.

"Permanent peace -- in the name of religion, in the name of humanity, in the name of commerce, industrialism and social progress -- ever the cry Permanent Peace.

"Always has the cry been loudest after some gigantic clash of arms. Today, after the greatest of all conflicts, we are deafened by the uproar -- No more war! -- Outlaw war!

"The essentials of world peace can be secured by wisdom, by foresight, and by an understanding of the people . . .

"The average American youth of today is fairly well educated, but in most cases . . he is too concerned with the Saturday football game or the new movie down at the theatre to give much thought to world peace."

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The responsibility of each and every youth of today -- and that means primarily every Girl Scout -- is to understand that "the foundations of peace lie in the human heart; then the relation between peace and religion is clear.

"The enemies of peace are: greed, ignorance, prejudice and false pride. None of these enemies can be killed by guns. All the machinery of war is powerless against them."

Every Girl Scout should also remember that all the great religions of the world may differ in many ways, but that they all recognize the unity of mankind. They believe in the possibility of transforming the heart from bad to good. They are all engaged in the teachings of love, faith, hope and trust -- and the putting of these virtues uppermost in men's minds.

Other elements along this line well worth remembering are good-will and the spirit of service through cooperation.

The old saying that an ounce of good-will can destroy a ton of force commands prompt consideration.

The spirit of service is best voiced by that famous presidential declaration: "With malice toward none; with charity for all; with firmness in the right . . . to do all which may achieve and cherish a just and lasting peace among ourselves, and with all nations."

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H O U S I N G F O R T H E M I N O R I T I E S . . .

A WORTH-WHILE THOUGHT OF ENDEAVOR

There is practically no man, woman or child who is unaware of the tragic side of the critical housing shortage. The shocking situation of the thousands who are suffering through temporary shelter, aimlessly and almost hopelessly seeking something akin to a permanent home, is too plainly visible on every side.

Primarily, the first consideration is being given to the returning veteran and his family, and rightfully so. But many of those veterans who fought and risked their lives for us are representatives of the various minorities.

The returning soldier of this group -- be he Nisei, Mexican, Negro, Filipino or what -- not only faces the same tragic problem of housing, but his approach to a solution is far tougher than that of the Caucasian veteran.

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He faces race restriction in housing -- zones or localities of short limitations where he can buy, build or rent a home, and nowhere else.

Veteran or not, these Americans of foreign ancestry must find a place to live within certain confines allotted them in what are termed unrestricted zones. Anywhere else, the sign reads: Stay Out!

It is rather incredible that such a situation could and does exist. Since it does, there remains but the single question: What to do about it? And, directly to you: What can the Girl Scouts do about it?

By right thinking and right understanding -- and the spreading of right thinking and understanding -- you possess the power of some day eradicating such an insidious condition whereby the location of any American's home can be restricted.

Defeat discrimination of race, creed and color and you defeat most of the elements barricading the path to peace -- and the unity of mankind.

Meantime you might well go out of your ordinary paths to help those discriminated against in this manner by aiding them in securing some type of permanent housing in those districts open to them.

They do not crave special quarters, luxury appurtenances, or elaborate touches -- you know that. Not even a "house with a view" -- just a house of any kind they can call home!

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"A QUARTER CENTURY OF GIRL SCOUTING"

That was the title of a page article in "The Hartford Courant" Sunday magazine section, January 13, 1946. A few quotes from it:

! "So universal was the response of the Hartford public to this appeal (for a fund of \$30,000 in 1923 to finance a new camp) that two small boys of 8 and 12 were moved to contribute, 'because they thought the organization was developing a better type of wives!'" !

! "Today Girl Scout troops are found in schools and churches, in the new housing projects made necessary by the great influx of war workers to Hartford, and in the crowded Negro section of the North End." !

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B R O T H E R H O O D

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16th to 24th.

"Brotherhood Week," as you know, will be nationally observed to "obliterate religious and racial prejudice."

A 3-minute film, "THE AMERICAN CREED", will be shown in theatres throughout the week.

Starring in this short film are:
Ingrid Bergman, Van Johnson, Shirley
Temple, James Stewart, Jennifer Jones,
Walter Pidgeon, Edward G. Robinson,
Eddie Cantor and Katherine Hepburn.

- * Ten thousand prints -- the most ever made of any film -- are being distributed to picture houses throughout the nation. Universities and colleges in So. Calif. will also get prints.
- * "Brotherhood Week" is sponsored by the National Conference of Christians and Jews to convey an American spirit of tolerance toward all races. It's a major step, in which all Hollywood is helping, to promote an intelligent approach to a problem that has come down the ages.
- * If you can use a 35-mm. print (no 16-mm. available) one will be loaned you free of charge, on request, by the National Screen Service, film distributors, 2018 S. Vermont Ave., Los Angeles 7. Or phone their Miss Lamkin at REpublic 4166, L. A.

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* "IF YOU LIKE everything about me except the fact that my ancestors were Irish and for this reason alone shut the door in my face, I shall charge you with injustice. In such an event, however, I shall not desire your friendship, because your attitude reveals a shallowness of mind that is distasteful to me. Only the snob is anxious for the friendship of snobs."

--George H. Dunne
in "The Sin of Segregation"

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SOME CHINESE-AMERICAN Girl Scouts sent several packets of scouting materials to a group of Japanese-American Girl Scouts who were a part of the evacuees sent to the Heart-Mountain (Wyo.) Relocation Center before its recent close.

YES --

AMERICANS

"WE THOUGHT that in this way we could best express our conviction that in Girl Scouting there are no racial barriers," explained Troop Leader Julia Chung.

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L A S T I S S U E

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The War Relocation Authority of the U. S. Dept. of Interior will soon close its books, for Congress decreed some time ago that its job was to finish before the new fiscal year of July 1, 1946.

Hence now is the time to say goodbye to you Girl Scout leaders, regional directors, and the Girls themselves. We'd like to leave this little thought as a reminder of our creed of Americans-All:

"HOW MUCH I hate that man!" Charles Lamb once exclaimed.

"Hate him?" asked his friend. "You don't even know him."

"Of course I don't know him," said Lamb. "If I knew him how could I hate him?"

You'll find Lamb's philosophy in this month's Reader's Digest. Put it to the test -- you can make it a powerful instrument in bringing a fuller, friendlier life to millions of people tomorrow.

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DURING THE WAR hate of our enemies was
accepted as "part of the war effort."

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H A T E . . .

NOW with war in the background, our part
of the peace effort is not to prolong hate.

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WRA's job has been to help Americans to know the difference between the "Japs" of Japan -- and the American Japanese of the U. S. A., who were loyal to Uncle Sam before, during and after the war.

Thousands of these American Japanese -- the Nisei -- fought the enemy both in Europe and in the Pacific. Many gave all they had -- their lives. They believed in Americanism and in the American way of life.

They always were and today definitely ARE as much a definite part of our cosmopolitan population as are the Americans of Hebrew, Chinese, Filipino and other ancestries. Americans -- All!

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ONE RACE
HELPS ANOTHER

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In Chicago a monthly Nisei newspaper has just made its appearance -- the "Chicago Nisei News." It is, the editor explains, primarily a venture in promoting social solidarity among the Nisei. But it also hopes to reduce all racial tensions.

It is interesting therefore to note that a Jewish-American organization recently contributed financially to launch this new paper. They appreciate the fact that acceptance of one racial minority helps acceptance of all.

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Frank Sinatra recently took the part of a moderator at a youth round-table discussion on discrimination. He said:

TOLERANCE
NEED NOT
BE FORCED

"There is no need for gushy tributes from race to race. All that we need is real working cooperation.

"The war was won by soldiers of many races, and blood donors and defense workers of many races -- united because they all believe in democracy. The peace has to be won that way, too."

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And so the time has come for W.R.A. to say goodbye to all of you in the Girl Scout movement.

May GOD bless you and guide you all to the proper understanding -- and therefore practice -- of Tolerance.

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Sincere good wishes,
Paul, that your position with the State
of California may be as restful as your
several positions with W.R.A. have been
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On second thought I doubt that anyone who
has been with W.R.A. for four years, as
have you, will ever be able to relax
again; so comparable success I wish you,
and thanks greatly for your helpfulness
to me.

--- JAMES L. SHELLY.

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MY ASSOCIATION WITH YOU has been most pleasant.

I wish you all of the good luck you so well deserve
in your new endeavor.

--- JOHN C. McCLENDON.