

† I personally feel that all races should live together instead of one or two races living on one side of town and another race on the other side, all of the races should work together to help make our city and the whole world a better place in which to live.

Segregation is not a solution to the negroes versus the whites, because that is what we have now.

Negro Children Say . . .

I think that segregation is such an unfair situation until it hurts to talk about it.

Knowing Each Other Helps

Youngsters point out that often our prejudices are due to a simple cause—we don't know each other. Being friendly, getting acquainted, playing and working together may do much to erase our blind, unreasoning reactions.

† Before I entered high school I disliked the negroes very much. I don't exactly know why. Maybe it was because I never was in school before where there were colored people and I heard so much about them. I got the idea that they were dirty and couldn't be trusted. There are dirty colored people and ones that can't be trusted and so on, but there are white people the same way to. Its just that you have to get to know them and find out that they are like us although many people refuse to believe this.

† But there can be no permanent peace as long as people cannot get along together. If nations are distrustful of each other, they are not likely to cooperate with each other. If people do not understand each other, and if they don't know each other, friction arises. And this sort of friction leads to riots and other disturbances.

† In my opinion, I think the Mexicans do not have a chance to make very good in this country. I think that one way I can improve my relations with the Mexican is by being more friendly; so they will be left with the impression that they are wanted in our community and schools.

† I think that some Jews are very nice. My boss is a Jew, and he's the nicest man I've ever met. He tries to make you happy.

† When I first came to Bigtown I was very much surprised at all the colored people. That is because where I came from there was only a few colored people. They were all very nice to me, and no one called me names. At school most everyone is alright and so I think I will like staying here. (*Japanese-American girl*)

† I think that the people of different races should get along well and have different nice things to do. They should have lots of fun because people that work together are good.

† I know a few people that are all mixed up. I know a boy who is Irish and another who is Russian; a girl who is a Jew and another who is a Chinese. And we all have good times together. They are really nice kids.

† I use to go to a school where there were just white children except my brother and myself. I got along very good with them and never had trouble. Then I moved and come to this school where pupils are different.

Now I can play with white, Colored, Japanese and all kinds of boys and girls and it is lots of fun.

I think all races should be able to get along with one another.

† One day, several months ago I went swimming with a friend. This friend—we'll call her Dorothy—had never before visited a public pool and was eager to know all about it. Among other questions, Dorothy asked, "Colored people aren't allowed in a public pool, are they?"

"Why shouldn't they be?" I asked. "Well," said Dorothy very emphatically, "I certainly don't want to swim with Negroes."

After a while we arrived at the pool and the first thing that met our eyes was two colored heads bobbing up and down in the water. I said nothing and after a while we found ourselves swimming beside the two colored girls. They were very friendly. After they had left us Dorothy said, "You know, they were very nice, I am surprised."

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