We Should Mend Our Ways

With a frankness that is almost pathetic some youngsters from minority groups analyze their own faults and suggest that perhaps by mending their ways they could win the favor of the majority. Teachers would find these youngsters more than willing to go half way in working toward better relations among different groups within a school.

- We as the Negro boys and girls should make it a habit to use our manners and intelligence. If we step on someone's feet it would be a habit to say "pardon me" or something cheerful. We would make friends and if others see us trying to be friendly they will act in the same way.

- To make people better toward us, we all should act better on streets, not fight, or use profane language.

- There are times when I become irritated with my friends who like myself are Americans of Spanish descent. The reason? Well, it is because some of the Spanish Americans who are so darn dumb and are running around with these Zoot-suiters are ruining the reputation of the decent Spanish Americans by the way they act.

  Take for instance a Spanish boy in the service, by the name of Joe Garcia who died fighting in the Aleutians, but the Spanish Americans are not judged by boys like Joe but by the deeds of a few senseless bums.

- To create better feeling toward us Negroes when we have an opportunity to go to the show or dances with the white people we should be at our best and be at it all of the time. When we go to the white city or community park once a year we should clean it up and that will create better feeling toward us Negroes.

- If all of us would act as we should act not the way they think you do we would have a better chance at other things.

- The biggest problem that ever existed among us is our self-control and conduct. How can we abolish these habits? by trying very hard: (1) not to let every one hear what you have to say, (2) by not being rude, in your behavior, (3) treat others as you wish them to treat you.

Conduct: Our conduct is the worse of all our bad habits. The majority of us know how to act at home or away, but its just that when you're not home or around your parents you actually don't care what you do.

- If all the Jews were very careful of how they acted and didn't do what they were accused of this might prove to the world that the Jew was not as bad as they thought they were. P.S. I also love my happy home too much to move to Palistine.

- Negroes should learn more about their own race. (I have met whites who know more about Negroes than I do.)

I AM PREJUDICED against the present system of education where nothing is being done to help abolish racial and minority prejudices. The best place for democracy is in the school where children of all religious faiths and all races are brought together. So far nothing has really been done to help the children understand and respect each other.

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