

Plans for the Future by Mitsuko Mitsui

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"Girls should do this." "Girls should do that," people are forever debating as to where a girls future lies. Should they have a career? Cutting that down, a career girl may lose all possibilities of happiness of a home. Which, I believe, is the most essential thing in life. But this is strictly my opinion. True, there are many secretary jobs, for women, and that may be just perfect when a person is single, but don't you agree that if she tried to continue her career, that she will probably let her marriage go? So, after careful thinking before choosing my career in High School, my personal opinion is, plan for your future, and know what you definitely want to do, then set out and conquer your aim!

True, this war has alternated many a persons mind. All this uncertainty and changes are making it all rather difficult to plan ahead. This registration of deciding whether to go to Japan or staying here in America, is one of the gravest decision ever made, so some people say, but if a person makes up his own mind, and not listen to what other people thinks, the answer would be much easier. This is one of the greatest propaganda ever. Many peoples mind have been swayed by other peoples big mouth. Those people who are easily swayed by others opinion, have no mind of their own, therefore, their future are planned by others. Your own decisions is the very best.

My plans are to stay here in America. I have no intention of ever going to Japan. I'm an American citizen and I intend to stay thus. My goal is to have as many adventures as possible and in later years, settle down. If this war keeps on, I don't know what I'll do. I'm the youngest of the family, so I'm treated as a baby to my parents, and I'm afraid they shall always treat me so. To them who are relocating now, I envy them from the bottom of my heart. I would like to be on my own too, but people are always saying that girls get wild and are unable to take care of themselves. But who I become of a reasonable age, and know my right mind, and if this war keeps up, I simply can't stay in camp. There's no future in staying in a place like (like) this. A persons mental and physical ability will simply rot! When I think back to the good ole' days of back home, my heart simply cries. To continue our normal days of living, in camp {unclear – six letter word, arasan?} in staying in a place like this, this life just isn't normal.

My sister is leaving tomorrow to join her husband who is in the army. He joined the army last year because he couldn't stand this camp life. He went out on furlough, but when he returned, he itched to get out again. He made his own decision to join the army and he's happy. To me, that's living. Its real life in itself, to be able to make ones own decision. Their future, my sister and her husband, was broken by their present day situation, and still is happy as to where it really lies, but because of what has happened, they'll letting nature take its course, and in the meantime, be happy! Especially in times of

war, when everything is so uncertain, a different plan cannot be planned or firmed. Just hope for the best is all we can do.

The best time of my life is now. Graduation coming on soon and we would be on our own. I keep wondering what other peoples plans are. My classmates back home are working in defense plants. Their future plans have also been shattered. But I guess everyone has to keep a stiff upper lip.

If we were presuming our normal days of living, and not have anything crashing our plans, I would probably continue my major, (whether) which is sewing, and go to sewing school or work in a sewing factory. Then perhaps settle down, if the right one comes along. I would try to have all my fun instead of tying myself down to my work. However, I believe strongly in having a lot of fun and not be too ambitious and too engrossed in work. That is not the art of living, for life can be and is full of fun and merry makes. If one is not taught the art of real fun, I believe he is missing out of the brighter side of life. Perhaps he doesn't see this as I do, (but) and may have his fun in his ambition and work. But as I said before, a person has a right to his own opinion, and that opinion is always the right one to that certain individual.

If in case, for some reason unknown, or for reason beyond my or any bodies control, I have to go to Japan to live, I know I would (la) be lost and uncertain as a new born baby coming to see what life is all about. Knowing that life is so complex and full of uncertainty and full of both pleasant and hateful surprises. Instead of ever facing that, I would rather set my goal and see how straight I can follow the road to happiness. I know its difficult and has many ups and downs, but I think that's whats going to be fun, to see how straight you can go, before you are called to heaven.

Religion plays a great part in this world today. Religion has brought about many divorce cases. Religion has brought about many cases of happy couples. If you come right down to it, religion can be the bases of happiness. Those who believe in Him, and believe (it) in it full heartedly, can be, and generally is happy because he has Him, to talk to, to lean against, and, or the most part, believing in fate and security. This person, probably, has no special plans for his future but will leave it up to God to lead the way. If a couple (he) does not (have) believe in the same religion, and if worse comes to worse, a divorce may come. One would have to yield to the other way of thinking. Now comes the question of who should yield. Since the woman is the weaker sex, or rather supposed to be, the woman should yield. But if neither one yields, and they believe strangely to their own religion, their shall never be happiness. Religion may bring couples closer in that they have the same fate and ideals, and may plan their future together, thus.

In conclusion, plan your future and plan it to suit yourself and not others. After this careful planning, lead it in the straightest path and never to wander into pastures which seems nice with green grasses, but only a camouflage to evils. Set your goal, and if you conquer it, you've done your duty to life. Do it with always a smile on your face, and conquer it with all the fun you can get out of it. Because of this interruption, I haven't yet planned but I hope to in the near future. To set you goal and conquer it in the best way you know how, and go out and conquer it yourself! Be happy! Be happy to live and live to be

happy! Happiness is the most essential thing in life, and your life will be happy if you plan it to be so. My future and my aim is to conquer that happiness!!