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encouraged to participate But participation means more than just winning or losing a contest or receiving a superior rating in music. It means learning about life on the athletic field, in the gym, and in the classroom, special learning takes place.

Cocurricular extracurricular events are not only special to the schools but are an integral part of the educational process. The teachers, the coaches, and advisors with their skill and dedication, teach many concepts and put into practive activities not found in our regular academic program. So, the next time we have an opportunity to view a tennis match, or musical performance, we might be cognizant of the fact that these are student athletes and competitors learning about life in a different setting, but nevertheless achieving at the same high rate.

Cocurricular extracurricular events are as important to many students as the excellent academic preparation we offer. setting may be different, but the objectives are the same. These learning activities are not artificial and cannot be duplicated in the other segments of one curriculum. This learning is essential to the total educational system and programs that we should support.

Thousands of young people will participate in sponsored events this year. As parents and community members, let us encourage them in their endeavors, and watch with pride as they succeed.

CCSD To Distribute Federal Survey Cards

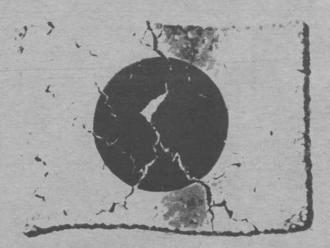
The Clark County School District advises parents that federal survey cards will be distributed to students on Oct. 20 and to Quad D yearround students on Oct. 17.

Federal survey cards received on Oct. 20 must be returned to schools on Oct. 21. The card distributed to year-round students on Oct. 17 also will have a postagepaid return envelope for parents to return by mail.

The school district assures parents that information provided on the cards is confidential and is only used to determine how much impact aid money the district will receive from Washington D.C

It is vital that every card be completed, signed returned on time.

The Black Community Responds to Japanese Prime Minister Yasuhiro Nakasone



ARROGANCE OR IGNORAN

Black America is outraged. Out-raged and insulted by the negative reference to minorities quoted in major newspapers around the world and attributed to Japan's Prime Minister Yasuhiro Nakasone, stating that the presence of Black Americans, Puerto Rican Americans and Mexican Americans makes our country "intellectually" inferior to Japan, a society

HEIGHT OF ARROGANCE

Other Japanese officials have also been guilty recently of making equally self-serving, insensitive, and in this instance, racist, remarks for which Mr. Nakasone has been called upon to

And apologize he has. But rhetoric aside, we believe that greater issues need to be addressed.

LEST YOU FORGET

Inmediately after World War II. it was the Black Gls. segregated in the US Army, stationed in Yokohama. Kobe. Nara. Gifu, and many, many other cities who adopted hospitals, orphanages, schools, and the homeless. We fed your people and clothed them. by whatever means possible. We hired and trained Japanese civilians so as to give them some income. Many Japanese survived—because of us.

THE DEPTHS OF IGNORANCE

Mr. Nakasone's remarks attack the very fiber that makes America great. To imply—in any way—that a nation comprised of one people is somehow "better" than one comprised of many smacks of the worst kind of "master

The world has heard this before. We will not tolerate it again.

A NATION OF MINORITIES AND PROUD OF IT

AND PROUD OF IT
The people of the United States
have just spent a summer celebrating
the restoration of the Statue of Liberty,
the symbol of our uniqueness as a
nation whose citizens, including millions of Japanese Americans, all
contribute to the cultural, political,
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WE'RE \$200 BILLION STRONG

Black Americans have often been portrayed negatively in Japan, with the use of the crudest stereotypes. And Japan's primary experience with us has been as consumers. For despite the tired, poor and homeless among us, we 27 million Black men, women and children command a disposable income of over \$200 billion annually. Looked at in terms of a Gross National Product, that makes us the ninth largest country in the world. Compa-rable to Brazil, larger than Australia. Czechoslovakia. East Germany. India and Mexico.

AND SPEAKING OF ECONOMICS

Approximately \$7 billion of that income goes for the purchase of Japa nese-made goods and services, from leading manufacturers, from cars to clothes. However, little, if any, of that patronage has been the result of a direct invitation from Japanese manu-

Little profit from those sales has benefited either Black distributors, sales representatives, media, educa-tional institutions, communities, or

This must stop. As a result of a new. economic reciprocity between the Black community and Japanese manufacturers. Or by more selective, discretionary buying by Black consumers.

A CHANGE IS IN THE MAKING

A CHANGE IS IN THE MAKING Japan and the Japanese people must reach out for greater understanding of Black people and institutions in America. It is commonly believed that the Japanese intolerance for differences is rooted in that nations isolation from people of different backgrounds or cultures.

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This isolation leads to misperception and erroneous conclusions. And yes, perhaps America's own historical view of minorities has added to those misperceptions. Indeed, during World War II, our own Japanese Americans suffered from this kind of thinking.

Changing that thinking and those attitudes has been crucial to the growth and development of America. Black America seeks new opportuni-

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cultural exchanges, educational pro grams, partnerships between Black institutions of higher education and Japanese universities. Economic parity and under

We shall not settle for less

LET'S SPEAK OUT AS ONE

If you, too, share this same sense of outrage, send this ad or your own letter to each of the following:

Ambassador Nobuo Matsunaga Embassy of Japan, Washington, DC 2420 Massachusetts Avenue, NW Washington, DC 20008 Japanese Chamber of Commerce 145 West 57th Street New York, New York 10019

Chairman Congressional Black Caucus House Annex, Number 2 Wasnington, DC 20515 Your Congressperson or Senator

