

Notes for Presentation to
Visiting Japanese Teachers
Oxnard Council Chambers
September 21, 1973, 9:00 a.m.

- I. Thank you. It's a real pleasure to welcome all of you to Oxnard. We are very pleased that you are able to spend a few days in our community as part of your tour of cities across the United States.
- II. I understand that you are nearing the end of your three months of intensive study here in this country. We sincerely hope that each of you has found this educational exchange program to be both productive and enjoyable.
- III. During your stay in our country, you have undoubtedly had the opportunity to learn a great

deal about the customs, attitudes and lifestyles of the American people. We certainly hope this increased knowledge of the American culture, along with the additional English skills which you have developed during your participation in this program, will be of benefit to you when you return to your teaching positions in Japan.

- We will all benefit from*
- IV. A great deal has been said and written about the growing interdependence of nations throughout the world. This growing interdependence will most certainly intensify the need for greater communication among nations if mankind is to respond positively to the many complex problems now facing us. The exchange of information and ideas made possible by programs such as the Council on International Educational Exchange will be making an important contribution to this needed

~~expansion of international communication in the
years ahead.~~

- V. We hope the presentations which will be made to you here this morning will give you some insight as to some of the major issues facing our community, and to the response to these issues being undertaken by Oxnard City Government.
- VI. Again, it's an honor to welcome you on behalf of the City Council. One other member of the City Council, Dr. Tsujio Kato, very much wanted to be here this morning to meet all of you; unfortunately, he had to attend a professional meeting today outside the community so he could not be here. However, I would like to extend warmest greetings to you on his behalf. Thank you.