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1. As a tax paying citizen, do not feel that it is necessary to seek out a 'special' building for the Asian elderly but rather that we find facilities and funds through community agencies already set up to serve people. Additional funds may be added from our sector, and should benefit all elderly rather than be insulated as a separately financed group.
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2. I think a Community Center for the old and young Japanese Americans has been a great need in New York for a long time. Hope it will come to fruition soon.
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3. Unlike other ethnic or nationality groups, the Japanese American have never had a meeting place other than a church where they could meet without a religious coloration. It is costly to maintain but it would be a boon to have such a place for residents and visitors -- something like a community center.
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4. I have been working with senior citizens in Resting Homes, because I have been interested in this problem and had at one time decided to make it my profession after I retired from my present job. Also do more advanced work (studies) for a degree in geriatrics. Please keep me posted on progress made on this big and unavoidable problem facing us.
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5. Recommend program of immediate housing for eligible senior citizens.
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6. Personally, I am more concerned about the Education of the younger generation, whether it be Sansel, Yonsei or children of Japanese families living temporarily in the U.S.A , or other Oriental-Americans or residents. I would like to see "group action" in establishing a "Private English Teaching Institution that will give the younger generation to learn the languages of their parents, at the same time." I would like to see an Institution established through joint action of Oriental Groups - perhaps headed by an educator like Dr. Reischauer of Harvard University. This should benefit both the U.S.A. and the people concerned!
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7. I would like to see a social service center for all age groups, especially for the aged, and bilingual. Help especially for the ill in all phases, as home care, transportation, visitation, etc. ID 755
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8. Good luck. (in Japanese) ID 226
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9. Gokuro san. (in Japanese) ID 227
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10. Thanks and good luck! ID 287
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11. I would think the prime interest should be for those who are without family and who have to live in apartments and houses where they are fearful of living because they are robbed. Many older people too who are without friends and relatives cannot shop easily should have available some people nearby who could help them in emergency. It would be interesting to know the results of this questionnaire. If there is a follow-up of this would you please send to me. ID 485
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12. Many answers will be different from the above after a short time since I am very sick at the present time. Your concern about our senior citizens is commendable. Do hope some kind of program will be worked out for them soon. ID 451
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13. I believe that Issei would appreciate closer contacts with other Japanese both socially and living proximity but Nisei do not. A Community Center would be desirable to bring the Japanese together for those not attending churches and for cultural pursuits. However, I feel banding together draws attention to any minority group and become more of a disadvantage. ID 544
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14. We should act as soon as is possible for the older issei who are and have been waiting for some form of center and/or housing. ID 938
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15. I am in favor of this organization for the further advancement of the Japanese American in New York, to be able to meet and converse and exchange their view of points, also to cooperate to help those that need assistance. Where one can go for help. ID 10
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16. The present Japanese Church on 7th Avenue and 24th was dedicated for the Japanese community. The Issei have gradually diminished; the Nisei have moved to other communities and the church (which was dedicated for the use the the Japanese community) is not being utilized adequately. The building is apparently used on Sundays and special occasions - to the best of my knowledge. I wonder why a new center is necessary? Why not utilize what we have? There is so much duplication and in order that more chiefs are created. Where are the INDIANS? ID 1088
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17. I am healthy and enjoy my life, so do not feel I am so old, but sometimes suddenly think as follows: It is better to think of building a community center (in New York City or using an already existing building) in not large terms and also not in terms of "letting old people," but rather in terms of extending a hand and becoming closer to old people. I would want warmth and sensitivity. Establish clubs according to geographic differences. Of course, we would need a club fee (about \$10/month) and have programs -- magazines, newspapers, books should be available.
- In Hawaii, Japan TV has got together with NET and established KIKU Television, which presents programs that are a source of entertainment to the Japanese. I don't know if the laws would permit this, but these programs could be videotaped and could be shown at the club. (In Japanese) ID 839
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18. (In Japanese) In relation to this apartment --
. Are the rooms just for sleeping?
. About meals -- does everybody eat together?
. Can everybody cook for themselves?
. If I join, how many rooms will there be? ID 0856
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19. Living with son. No expenses. In Seattle, people are enjoying life paying low rents in government housing. Was impressed with it. (In Japanese) ID 948
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20. (In Japanese) I am here on the invitation of my two daughters. Having been convinced to achieve permanent residency status, I am visiting my daughters' houses in turn and am needed, and find helping them gives meaning to my life. Therefore, I am ignorant of the society of Japanese in eastern US and can only answer the questions superficially. ID 109,
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21. I am so unaccustomed to travelling by myself. I lose my way easily. Of course, most of the elderly women are not like me. I lost my way back from church (Japanese United), have never gone there since. My type may be in the minority. May you have success. ID 503
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22. 53-57 (sic) I do not spend any money at all. They say, "Mama, it's all right," and do not take any money. I spend about \$500 a year for Christmas and birthdays. ID 472
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- Thank you for your concern. (In Japanese)
23. (In Japanese) This is an extremely good plan. Do not get bogged down in ideals, and develop the base in a realistic way. ID 845
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24. (In Japanese) /This respondent made a long comment in Japanese about having been robbed.7 ID 1004
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25. Most of questions do not apply to elderly who do not live close to Manhattan as they could not use Manhattan facilities. Very old people would appreciate visits by Japanese-speaking friendly people still able to travel by car or public transportation. Most have children or relatives but sorely miss speaking with people of their generation and interests. Loneliness could be eased. Friendships are difficult in the elderly. (In Japanese) ID 515,
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26. Old people should defend truth and peace, as indicated in the Bible, Isaiah, Chpt. 11, 9th verse. (In Japanese) ID 710
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27. It is necessary to find ways in which to meet the needs of old people who are facing difficulties (high prices, illnesses, mental health) at the present time. (In Japanese) ID 953
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28. Is it free, or will there be a charge? If you come and explain, and about nursing home, we would like to talk directly. (In Japanese)

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29. I believe something should be done to help needy Asian senior citizens but think that it should be done in conjunction or cooperation with the programs of the general community. I believe racial minorities should endeavor to become an integrated part of the American people.

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30. Thank you for the questionnaire. Last year we were sent to an old people's home run by "hakujin," and we are enduring many inconveniences there. We hope we can live out our lives with satisfaction. After the survey is completed, "yoroshiku onegai shimasu." (In Japanese)

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31. I agree with your suggestions. I would like it to include friends and all others of Asian descent. I think there is a great need.

The other day I wrote to Kitayama-san. My age is 86 and I have been a dishwasher for a long time. Of course, I go to the doctor and the pharmacy but I do not have ills that need a great amount of attention. As I wrote to Kitayama-san, I do not have any money. I think my wife has saved a little to take care of my sickness, but that is her business. In May I was told my pension (social security?) came to \$200 (\$203), but it is still \$190. My residence is not permanent -- around 90th Street.

86 is not young. I do not think of tomorrow. As one gets older, it is natural that hanging onto life grows less. Young people do not understand this, naturally.

I am now a dishwasher, but I am a trained artist and have good artistic abilities. As an immigrant who has not shirked labor, I have achieved the trust of Americans, but I can't fight against old age. I am busy with hobbies but do not like horses, liquor, tobacco and politics. I hate sly people, so am not very human, but I like to talk about the good old times. Because of my deafness, I cannot do whatever I would like to and I feel discouraged, so would like to support your proposals. I think about the Japanese in Vancouver and the Asians in Chicago and I do not like it but it seems as if this might happen. I hope it doesn't. (In Japanese)

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38 Living Alone
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38 Persons live by themselves (see Q. 39). The following breakdown by age, sex, monthly income, percentage of income spent for rent, where they live, whether they own or rent living quarters, and whether or not they need help in getting around pertain only to these 38 persons living alone.

				I N C O M E						
	Male	Female	Sex not indi- cated	Less than \$100	\$100- \$199	\$200- \$299	\$300- \$399	\$400- \$499	\$500 and more	No Reply
50-55	4	5	1	0	0	1	2	0	5	1
56-60	1	0	2	0	1	1	0	0	1	-
61-65	3	1	-	0	0	0	0	0	4	-
66-70	0	5	-	0	1	1	1	1	0	1
71-75	2	5	-	0	2	1	0	2	0	3
76-80	1	1	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	1
81 plus	2	2	1	1	2	1	1	0	0	0
	13	20	5	2	6	5	5	3	11	5

What percentage of their income do these 38 persons spend on rent?

	Less than 20%	21- 40%	41- 50%	51- 80%	No Reply
50-55	1	5	1	1	1
56-60	0	2	1	0	0
61-65	2	1	0	0	1
66-70	2	1	0	0	2
71-75	1	2	1	0	4
76-80	0	0	0	1	2
81 plus	1	0	1	1	2
	7	12	4	3	12