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Special Issue of John Lennon - LETTERS FROM READERS

John Lennon seemed to have been considerably influenced by Yoko, but I think that this had a great influence on him and was a good stimulation for his music. That is why he could get down to his writing his music and give clear intention to us. (Kawanaka)

I think that Yoko wasn't ugly and John wasn't crazy, because they hoped 'peace' from the bottom of their hearts. Also they could share their ideas with each other. (Iijima)

John Lennon is one of the most famous and greatest musicians in history. His life stopped at only forty years, but it was not always a quiet one. I think that he was the father of his children, but he behaved like a child. This was because he spent a sad and lonely childhood. Because of this, he could not decide anything for himself. Therefore he needed an adviser or someone who could take care of him. At last he met Yoko. The meeting with her completely changed his life. I think that he was a lucky person, because he could share what he did not have with her. (Miyashita)

I was surprised when I read Lesson 8, because John and Yoko were criticized by the press, many fans, and the other Beatles. I think that John was not crazy, because John's songs included various kinds of their messages and we were very moved by them. So the press wrote articles that were improper. (Tamai)

I think John is a nice boy. (Mizuno Satoshi)

The Beatles' songs are still popular all over the world. I have some Beatles' CDs and I played 'Yesterday' with a musical instrument when I was a junior high school student. I heard that the Beatles' songs are loved by mentally disabled people in America, so I think the Beatles' disbandment was a terrible shock for not only those people, but a lot of fans as well. Also, I learned from John Lennon that to love is very important. Ono Yoko who got his love is a happy woman in the world. (Name withheld by request)

Instead of accepting criticism from many people, John and Yoko kept on insisting their idea of peace. I think that it is really difficult for us to do the thing that they did. I strongly appreciate what they did.

ジョンレノンと小野洋子は周りの逆風にも拘らず、平和に対する思いを貫きとおして、それはなかなかできることではなく、彼らの勇氣に拍手を送りたいと思った。(Hiyama)

ジョンレノンが現在生きていたら、平和主義者としてとても支持されていたと思う。周囲の目が厳しくてもデモをする強い人たちだと思った。(Kubota Kaho)

確かにジョンレノンに外国人のガールフレンドができたことには、ファンにとってとてもショックだったと思う。しかし、ジョンレノンとヨーコが考えている理想の平和はとても素晴らしいことだと思う。ジョンレノンとヨーコの平和に対する姿勢をもっと評価してください。(Iwase)

<Comments from readers>

- * I think the article of Yoko was terrible. Also I was very impressed by John and Yoko's idea for peace. We have to think peace seriously.
- * I think it is ridiculous that they invited reporters to their hotel room as a demonstration for peace. They are crazy!
- * John Lennon's love for Yoko was so deep that he could put up with the criticisms by the other Beatles and many Beatles' fans.
- * Maybe there is compatibility between the two, so they could stand many criticisms.
- * I don't know why they showed their demonstration, but their doings had an impact on many people.
- * They were very strong willed persons for peace.
- * Their action is a little strange, but it was for peace. So the reporters' reaction was a mistake.
- * I think their action was unusual, but that article was very ill-natured.
- * I think it was awful for Yoko to be commented. She was ugly in public. Were I in her place, I could not stand to be written like that.
- * The writer was terrible man and article is infringing on human rights. Yoko is foreigner for John, but this is no problem.
- * There is the press's mission. And unkind articles made John and Yoko's bond of affection more stronger.
- * It is wrong to invade human rights.
- * This article was radical discrimination.
- * John and Yoko kept appealing for peace. I think such great people should not be killed. I will not permit the criminals.