with an elevation of 3,849 feet. The best residential sections are situated upon the foothills and slopes of these mountains. The photograph is somewhat deceptive in its portrayal of topography, as the terrain is not nearly so level as it might lead one to suppose. In fact, a large part of the territory is characterized by steep slopes and bluffs. Those sections immediately adjacent to the bay, with the exception of a part of the City of Alameda, are largely given over to industry or are zoned for such use.

In the Exhibit Section of this report will be found three booklets descriptive of the cities covered by the survey. A brief perusal of these booklets will do much to reveal the type of these communities. On the back of the one entitled "The Natural Industrial Center of the West" is a splendid bird's eye view of the city's business district, showing the large apartment houses around Lake Merritt and the residential districts beyond. The cover of the booklet entitled "The Voice of Metropolitan Oakland" clearly depicts the far-flung residential districts and the nature of the terrain. The illustrations scattered throughout these booklets depict the types of homes, churches, schools, public buildings, business blocks, and industrial development and will help to give a clearer understanding of this report and the Security Area Map.

As has been indicated, the several cities under survey are predominantly residential in character, and their educational systems are outstanding. Upward of 100,000 children are enrolled in its schools, which are housed in modern buildings conveniently located to every part of the area. Two of the outstanding educational institutions of the United States are located here—the University of California, with an enrollment of fourteen thousand students is said to be the largest institution of its kind in the country; Mills College also has a nation-wide reputation. There are many handsome church edifices in an area representing every known denomination.

As will be noted upon the Security Area Map, innumerable parks and playgrounds have been provided throughout the cities, and there is at present under development a series of regional parks in the highlands to the north and east which, when completed, will extend from Berkeley on the north to San Leandro in the southeast section.