

FAIR PLAY COMMITTEE
"One for all - All for one"

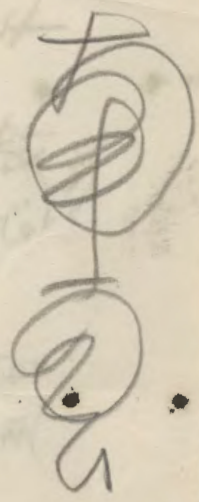
The Fair Play Committee was organized for the purpose of opposing all unfair practises that violates the Constitutional rights of the people as guaranteed and set forth in our United States Constitution regardless if such practices occur within our present concentration camp, the state, territory or Union. It ha come out strongly in recent weeks in regaris to the discriminatory features of the new selective service program as it applæes to the Japanese American nationals despite the loud and idealistic claims of nisei editors.

The Committee calls to your attention to the Community Council of Topaz and Rowher which is genuinely interested in clarifying the draft issue to its people. WHAT HAS YOUR COMMUNITY CO UNCIL DONE? When asked by the army or through the WRA of what we as a camp thought of the draft issue--refused to answer the army, neglected to ask how each block felt and instead decided among themselves not to reply nor follow up the matter. To a large extent the problem of the camp is also the peoples' fault. The people have failed to attend their own block meetings and take a genuine interest in its activities, but this does not necessarily excuse the council for not conveying messages to the people. We are not condemning the council. It is composed of all upright and respected men and whatever has been done is a mistake and done is a mistake and done unintentionally. Hereafter the people owes to the block council the interest in its own civic affairs and the council must reciprocate out of the same genuine interest. How much of this type of business has gone by is for the civic minded member to seek.

The Community Council man has been prodded by Fair Play Members and attention was drawn to the importance of the issue. Last week they have given the assignment after several sessions of finding out facts pertaining to draft. The Fair Play Committee appreciates this gesture on the part of the Community Council belated as it is. However it remains to be seen what the Council Committee can actually do whether it remains as a "save face" gesture of creation or not.

In any issue there are two or more sides to a question and the Fair Players believes in the right that all sides of an issue should be given in the formation formulation of opinion as long as what is said does not obstruct the law. Hitherto the peoile have not been told of the other side of the picture. The Fair Play is out to give you that side which the Assistant Project Director and the JACL have not presented. The Fair Play does not believe with many nisei writers, however, believes that they have the freedom and right to express their opinion. The Fair Play will fight for them for that right and privilege of expression despite the fact that some of the writers would want some people to shut up. In unfair practices of anti-groups they would like the Fair Players to shut up by employing moral intimidations via propoganda, the FBI, etc. Those methods do not obstruct the ideals of this group. In this instance we take Confucius' saying: do not do unto others as you would not want others do unto you.

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一般同胞一書諸氏の同情に訴ふ

吾等のお父さんお母さん方私共は自由の米國に生
を享け人類の最も尊しとす自由教育と限りなき
父母の慈愛のもとに生長してキマシタ。

皆様が吾等オニ母の將來に大きな機待をもつてゐて
下さるやうに私共も父母の絶大なる田心義に必ず報
へなけ水ばならぬ事は申すまでありません

然るに今回皆様の祖國(日本)と吾等の米國と干
戈を交へねばならぬ事は何たる神のいたづらであり
皮憎であります

勿論皆様が祖國を愛する心と同様私共米國を
愛する心持は切なるものがあります

お父さんお母さん方申すまでもなく私共は眞の米國
市民であります然るに今は敵國人としての比白と
共にこうした強制ヤルた生活と環境を餘儀なく

ヤルておるのであります
比白様が尊い世界無比の大和精神があるやうに私共
にも誇るべき自由の保證があるはずであります

しかし乍ら果して現在の私共には眞の自由が興へら
ておりませうか市民としての誇りは全く無視ヤルてお
ります一日の安全な保證すらないのであります
少数民族の市民たるが故にあらゆる侮辱と壓迫
の例は枚擧げに遑がありません

再び私共は整肅かに考へたのです正しい権利の主張こそ
眞の市民の抹るべき道でないかここに吾等オニ志
を同じうする者一イが民族の將來のためたつたので
あります宜敷く皆様の教身技を懇願いたします