

answers on question 28 and 27. WAKAYE indicated an unqualified yes answer for question 28, however, he could not make up his mind as to the answer to question 27.

The following answers and questions pertain to the Fair Play Committee and of course are being quoted from the transcript of the hearing.

"HEARING BOARD FOR LEAVE CLEARANCE

April 3, 1944

"MEMBER OF THE BOARD: Guy Robertson, Project Director
M. O. Anderson, Assistant Project Director

"INTERVIEWEE: Ben Wakaye
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Robertson:I understand you are a member of the Fair Play Committee.

Wakaye: Yes.

Robertson: You are treasurer at the present time?

Wakaye: Only in name. All the money is gone, I don't hold anything.

Robertson: Don't you have any money?

Wakaye: Only \$5.13

Robertson: Where is the money?

Wakaye: It is all gone.

Robertson: How do you pay the money out? Who gives you the authority to spend it?

Wakaye: We haven't a checking account or anything like that.

Robertson: Who tells you to pay the money out?

Wakaye: Well.....there are different ones.....

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Robertson: Could you tell me the group?

Wakaye: That is like being a rat isn't it?

Robertson: Oh I don't know. It isn't an underground organization is it?

Wakaye: I don't think some would like to have their names mentioned.

Robertson: If that is the case why would they be on this committee?

Wakaye: It is a loose organization like every block has someone representing them. They can vote on it.

Robertson: Isn't it necessary that you have someone to tell you what to do with the money?

Wakaye: What do you mean?

Robertson: Yes you do Ben. I know you're smart. They wouldn't let you act as treasurer and let you spend the money as you pleased.

Wakaye: Well, it is the Steering Committee.

Robertson: Who are they?

Wakaye: I guess you know some of them since they tried to go out the gate the other day.

Robertson: I would like for you to tell me.

Wakaye: Those two and Okamoto. He is chairman. Nakadate, he is vice-chairman. Quite a number.

Robertson: How about Frank Emi?

Wakaye: That is the one I mean went through the gate. Emi and Tamesa.

Robertson: Who are some more? How about Horino?

Wakaye: Yes.

Robertson: Okamoto?

Wakaye: Yes.

Robertson: Nakadate?

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Wakaye: Yes.

Robertson: Kubota? *1958?*

Wakaye: I don't know anyone like that. *HORINO?*

Robertson: The fellow who is making all the speeches in Japanese. You know who I mean.

Wakaye: Oh...he isn't a member. I think Horino asked him because nobody could speak Japanese. He is not a member of the 'steering committee.'

Robertson: Did he have to pay any dues?

Wakaye: Why, he is an alien as far as I know.

Robertson: Why was he making speeches for you about Selective Service then?

Wakaye: Nobody in the group could speak fluently in Japanese so he acted as interpreter.

Robertson: Do you mean to tell me that no one spoke fluently in Japanese but they had to have an interpreter.

Wakaye: Oh no. It is that a lot of the parents wanted to know what we are doing. They could not get it from the kids.

Robertson: Go on.

Wakaye: I didn't like bringing in someone who wasn't a citizen. I thought if he ever spoke against the government.....

Robertson: What was the nature of his speeches?

Wakaye: It was mostly about the councilmen. He seemed to have a grudge against the Council. I only went to two of his speeches. *THE MSEI*

Robertson: I heard he also talked about Selective Service.

Wakaye: Naturally. I think the Steering Committee gave him some of this question and answer stuff like in a bulletin.

Robertson: I had one of those bulletins. What did he tell them about Selective Service?

Wakaye: What did he tell?

Robertson: Yes. In these speeches you said he made about Selective Service. What did he tell the people?

Wakaye: He said as far as their sons were concerned, it was up to them. He did not tell the parents to tell their sons not to go. If he did that he would be in an awful fix.

Robertson: Of course he did not have to tell them not to go but he could tell them the reason why he thought they should not.

Wakaye: Not the way I got it.

Robertson: What did he counsel the people to do?

Wakaye: What do you mean?

Robertson: What did he advise them to do?

Wakaye: He told them to think.

Robertson: And after they think what did he tell them to do? Didn't he indicate that they shouldn't go?

Wakaye: Not the way I heard it when I went to the two speeches he made in my mess hall and the neighboring mess hall.

Robertson: Do you mean he didn't have anything to talk about?

Wakaye: He talked a lot about that petition I remember. He also talked about Selective Service a little and.....

Robertson: He must have said one thing or the other because your stand on Selective Service is that you will not appear for induction.

Wakaye: He was just going to explain to the issei.....

Robertson: Didn't he talk about not going and give reasons for it?

Wakaye: Let's see.... He went on that very lightly.

Robertson: I don't see how he could be very light about it if it was a decision of the Fair Play Committee and he had to explain the decision of the Fair Play Committee to the issei so he must have had to have something to talk about.

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Wakaye: To the best of my knowledge he did not try to tell the people what you are implying.

Robertson: Didn't he tell them reasons without telling them not to go?

Wakaye: He was telling them the purpose of the Fair Play Committee.

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Robertson: That is the statement I am making. He told the issei what the Fair Play Committee had decided and he must have given them also the reasons you had decided that.

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Wakaye: I can't quite.....

TIME RUNNING OUT

Robertson: What I am getting at is if he was acting as interpreter for you to the issei that he would have to tell the issei what you have decided and he had to go into the reasons for your declining to go. Isn't that true?

Wakaye: It is a pretty hard decision. I don't like to get into a jam or anything like that for what I say.

Robertson: The truth isn't ever going to get anyone into trouble. It is the other thing that gets them into trouble. What I am trying to say is that in order for him to talk to the issei he had to give them your reasons for not appearing for pre-induction physical and induction. The Constitution says we should obey the law and appoint an enforcement officer to enforce the laws:

Wakaye: It is like I say. Our belief is that this Selective Service would not seem to apply to us.

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NOW LINE OF ATTACK

Robertson:What is the object of the Fair Play Committee:

Wakaye: I am pretty much muddled up now. I wish I had that thing, that paper, because I am not much of a speaker. One of those bulletins had all of those things stated.

Robertson: The bulletin stated lots of things and some of them were pretty bad. One of those bulletins said, 'We, the members of the Fair Play Committee, refuse to appear for preinduction physical examination or induction into the United States Army.'

Wakaye: They also said they would contest the issue.

Robertson: You don't have to refuse to appear to contest the issue. You are slapping the United States government in the face when you say you won't obey the law. I can't do it and I won't allow you to do it if I can help it.

Anderson: Did you have anything to do with the writing of any of those pamphlets?

Wakaye: No.

Anderson: Did you have anything to do with the pamphlets that came out as issued by the Fair Play Committee?

Wakaye: No.

Anderson: Who did it?

Wakaye: I don't know.

Anderson: Did you ever try to induce any other person not to report for the draft when ordered?

Wakaye: No.

Robertson: Did you ever ask anyone to subscribe to a membership?

Wakaye: No. That is why we had those meetings....for people to come and listen.

Robertson: In other words you held the meetings so people would know about the committee and come in and subscribe? The meetings were held primarily with the idea of getting members?

Wakaye: We had some requests from young people from the blocks to hold meetings at different mess halls. They didn't have to join though. We weren't trying to get members.

Robertson: You said people could come in. Is that the way you solicited them?

Wakaye: I don't call it solicit. The Fair Play Committee wasn't organized in the beginning for this purpose at all. In the beginning it was then headed by Mr. Okamoto. When I joined up there was about fifty members. It was pretty loose. That

was about the latter part of last year. All of a sudden this Selective Service came and some got the idea that if you join the Fair Play Committee you would be firm and strong in case that they resist or something of that nature. I was nobody. I wasn't the treasurer.

TRACING THE MONEY

Robertson: When did you join?

Wakaye: Sometime in December.

Robertson: The big membership came after the 20th of January? You didn't have a very large membership until then did you?

Wakaye: After the 20th of January we had quite a lot join. They came in bunches. Why I remember when they elected me treasurer and I got that paper with all the names on it, I was sure surprised.

Robertson: Who has a membership roster?

Wakaye: I had it. That was when Mr. Okamoto got taken out. The whole thing went in the ditch or in the stove or someplace.

Robertson: How do you expect to account for that money now?

Wakaye: We just got a few donations from the members.

Robertson: What is the most money you had at one time?

Wakaye: I had...oh...I would say about seven hundred bucks. *700*

Robertson: Close to seven hundred dollars?

Wakaye: Yes.

Robertson: To whom did you pay that money?

Wakaye: First we wanted to find out just what was what. The Steering Committee decided that they needed legal advice. The money was given so this person could come up here.

Robertson: I know. I talked to him.

Wakaye: What?

Robertson: Yes. You sent to Denver and got Samuel D. Menin. How much

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did you pay him? I would like to know if he was telling me the right amount.

Wakaye: One hundred dollars I think it was.

Robertson: How much more did you pay?

Wakaye: Part of it was..... Okamoto and Nakadate they were more or less the big shots.

Robertson: Did they account to you for any of that money?

Wakaye: They were honest.

Anderson: Did you accept receipt for all payments made?

Wakaye: I had it in a book.

Robertson: But Ben, you are treasurer. Did they just trust you with all their money? Didn't you have to keep any sort of record for them?

Wakaye: We got the receipts and all of those things.

Robertson: Do you still have them?

Wakaye: Not all of them.

Robertson: If you would have to go to court and were charged with receiving money under false pretenses do you think you could produce any records?

Wakaye: Yes, I think so.

Robertson: Would you mind giving them to me?

Wakaye: That would be up to the Steering Committee.

Robertson: That Steering Committee—two of them are in Tule Lake so that leaves you and Frank and Min and Paul; are you the only ones left on that Steering Committee?

Wakaye: No.

Robertson: Who are the rest of them?

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Wakaye: This is what I don't like.

Robertson: You are not an underground organization are you?

Wakaye: No, but don't you think they may feel hurt?

Robertson: I don't know why they would. Who was secretary for them?

Wakaye: Okamoto was more or less everything.

Robertson: As a treasurer you are supposed to have authority to pay out the money. Who will be the authority now?

Wakaye: The Steering Committee. You see, the same persons are not always on the Steering Committee. They go in and out.

Robertson: When they ask you for money, who's authority do you take?

Wakaye: Nakadate or Okamoto. One was chairman and one was vice-chairman.

Anderson: Who named the chairman and vice-chairman?

Wakaye: That was at the meeting. They had a vote on it.

Anderson: Who voted? Just those who paid dues?

Wakaye: No sir. Not in the first couple of meetings. In fact, a lot of those that signed up didn't pay up at all.

Robertson: How much were your dues?

Wakaye: Two dollars per head.

Robertson: What is the biggest contribution you got?

Wakaye: Oh, about five bucks.

Robertson: You didn't receive two hundred dollars from anyone did you?

Wakaye: Two hundred dollars!! Oh no sir. Not from one person. You are driving at something else.....

Robertson: I am just asking you if you received a donation of two hundred dollars from any one person.

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Wakaye: We received a loan of two hundred dollars. We borrowed it from one member.

Robertson: We have pretty good information that an alien gave two hundred dollars to keep his son out of the Army.

Wakaye: Two hundred dollars? No sir.

Robertson: He has done a lot of squawking about it hasn't he?

Wakaye: Not that I know of.

Robertson: Ben, when you receive your induction call, are you going to take your examination or not?

Wakaye: Do I have to say now?

Robertson: I would kind of like to know. I know you are going to jail if you don't and I don't like to see you go to jail. *OKY AGAIN*

Wakaye: Could I leave that answer out for the present?

Robertson: Surely. You don't have to answer anything you don't want to.

Wakaye: It is one thing after another. I don't know anything about it.

Robertson: You understand it is not my concern whether you answer it or whether you don't answer except that I do have a concern for the welfare of the people in this camp. I have a concern not only for the nisei that are subject to induction but I also have a great concern for the people who reside at Heart Mountain. It is my duty to see that they get fair and just treatment. I think that the Fair Play Committee, by taking the stand it has taken, has jeopardized the future of the people of this community. I think it has done a great deal of harm to those outside who have worked so hard to build up a good feeling and you are destroying that faith they had by not abiding by the laws as they are written and by doing this you are liable to be classified as disloyal Japs. It will be hard for the public to distinguish between the members of the Fair Play Committee and the rest of the citizens at Heart Mountain. In my estimation you are going to undo a great deal of good work the people outside have done. I know the WRA people have been working so hard out on the Pacific Coast that they will feel that they have received a stab in the back. It is pretty hard for us to understand why a citizen

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of the United States would refuse to obey a law and it is a law as long as it is on the book as such.

Wakaye: It doesn't seem reasonable.

Robertson: The law can be pretty mean at times but you still have to obey it whether you want to or not. It is the duty of every citizen to obey the law while it is in effect. If it is a just law or if it is not. If it does not seem Constitutional there are ways and means of finding out if it is Constitutional and certainly those ways and means are not to violate it. When the case comes to trial it will not be a number of people; it will be one case. Why incriminate ten thousand people to test the law?

Wakaye: That statement seems pretty severe.

Robertson: Is it severe if it has that effect outside?

Wakaye: I doubt it has.

Robertson: I am talking about the one hundred and ten thousand people that were evacuated from the west coast. They are what I am interested in. We can fight better if we have law-abiding citizens than if we have people who violate the laws. Would the Fair Play Committee submit a roster of membership to me?

Wakaye: Since Mr. Okamoto is gone at this time would you like to have me bring it up?

Robertson: I would appreciate it if you would. If the Fair Play Committee is a good honest organization that is on the up and up they shouldn't mind.

Wakaye: Some of the members have gone to take their physicals.

Robertson: I don't want it for any purpose in particular. I just wondered who belongs.

Anderson: What was the Committee's attitude toward the Community Council?

Wakaye: They were disgusted about some of the members. We have a councilman and he always makes promises of what he is

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going to do, this and that, going to persuade Mr. Robertson to do so many things and he never does it.

Anderson: Did the Fair Play Committee ever ask the Community Council to take up anything they would like to discuss with the administration:

Wakaye: The only thing I know of is the petition. Perhaps Mr. Okamoto or some of the other members did. I don't know. The main reason is that most of the councilmen didn't like Mr. Okamoto I guess.

Anderson: Is the Committee still having meetings?

Wakaye: No, not to my knowledge.

Anderson: Who determines when and there a meeting shall be?

Wakaye: It is always up to both chairmen.

Anderson: Who had charge of publishing the pamphlets that were distributed in the Center?

Wakaye: That I don't know. I know that Mr. Nakadate must have been one of them because..... The second one, I saw them make the announcement that this was going to come out.

Anderson: Were you a member of the Steering Committee:

Wakaye: Yes.

Anderson: Were these pamphlets taken up by the Steering Committee before they were mimeographed and distributed?

Wakaye: No, that is why it was sort of a shock to me.

Anderson: Did you know about the last one?

Wakaye: They put it up at the meeting and they voted for it.

Anderson: Did you vote for it?

Wakaye: No.

Anderson: Did you hear it and was it read at a meeting?

Robertson: Did anyone object to it Ben?

Wakaye: No, not to my knowledge.

Robertson: Then the Fair Play Committee in session had this read and then agreed to its publication?

Wakaye: I don't know whose idea it was.

Robertson: Regardless of whose idea it was, it was signed by the Fair Play Committee.

Anderson: Does that pamphlet represent your stand on Selective Service?

Wakaye: No, but I have to go with the majority of the committee. Just because I feel that way, I can't rat on the others.

Anderson: Have you ever taken any steps to make a written announcement of any kind that you are opposed to the stand of the committee?

Wakaye: No. Many who have gone to that meeting have passed their physicals. We have never asked people not to go. It was always up to the individual. You can't tell people to do a thing like that.

Anderson: You admit you are a member of the committee.

Wakaye: Yes.

Anderson: That bulletin represents the stand of the Fair Play Committee. It has been mimeographed and distributed. The pamphlet says that 'We, the members of the Fair Play Committee will refuse to report for induction into the army when and if called.' It violates the law of the United States. Does that represent your opinion?

Wakaye: You mean intend to violate.

Anderson: The pamphlet says that the members of the Fair Play Committee, when and if they are called into the Army, they will refuse to go. That means that they have publicly announced that they refuse to obey the law.

Wakaye: I don't believe that was intended as such though. You see Mr. Anderson, nobody believes that if they don't go to this physical they are violating the law.

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Anderson: Is that the way you feel?

Wakaye: Yes.

Anderson: After our discussion do you understand it any differently?

Wakaye: I am a citizen of the United States. I believe I am.....

Anderson: You understand that there is a law on the statute books, passed by Congress which requires you to report to the Army if called?

Wakaye: As a citizen.....

Robertson: As a citizen regardless of where you are. It boils down to this; that when and if you are called by the draft you either go or you don't go. If you don't go you violate the law. You understand that don't you?

Wakaye: Well, that isn't confusing. It's pretty clear.

Anderson: It is just that simple.

Robertson: You have no authority to say whether the law is Constitutional or not.

Wakaye: I would like to have the Army....,well, go and ask their opinion.

Robertson: They don't ask anybody's opinion about the army. That is a law.

Anderson: Congress has passed the law and it has been signed by the President and it is now a law.

Wakaye: I am sure up a creek.

Robertson: You spoke a while ago about a councilman going to tell me what to do.

Wakaye: No, I didn't say what to do. He was going to ask you to do lots of things.

Robertson: Do you know of any grievances the Fair Play Committee has?

- Wakaye: I don't know. This thing has me all ^{belled} bewled up.
- Robertson: If they have a grievance have they ever tried to bring it up with anyone?
- Wakaye: Not to my knowledge.
- Robertson: How is anybody going to know about the grievance or correct it if they don't know it exists?
- Wakaye: They want to have the cooperation of the Council.
- Robertson: Do you have a reason to believe that they don't have the cooperation of the Council?
- Wakaye: Mr. Nakadate at a meeting said that they won't recognize the Fair Play Committee. That's about all I know.
- Robertson: You certainly can't recognize any committee that doesn't say what they subscribe to, put out a list of its members, and account for the money. If you have obtained money under false pretenses that is in violation of the law. If they have any grievances why don't they come in like men and discuss them?
- Wakaye: I brought that up once but it seems that a lot of people said it was useless to do that. I don't know how they came to that conclusion but they did. I guess that impression came from the Councilmen.
- Robertson: Have you ever heard of an instance where they came here and didn't receive consideration?
- Wakaye: I don't know.
- Robertson: Did any of them ever site any instances? It is true that they ask for some things that I don't give them because I am governed by the laws and regulations the same as anybody else.
- Wakaye: As far as that article goes, I assure you it was really a shock because that was never taken up.
- Anderson: Did some individual of the Fair Play Committee issue any pamphlets?
- Wakaye: They could but I am pretty sure they would need someone else's help on it.

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Anderson: Do you mean that occasionally members of the Committee do and say things in the name of the Fair Play Committee that the other members do not know about?

Wakaye: I don't know about it.

Robertson: Did the Committee ever petition the Secretary of the Interior for the dismissal of the Project Director?

Wakaye: I didn't know about it. I missed three meetings. I think at one of those meetings it must have come up.

Robertson: There was one thing in the statement that concerned me and me only. It was a statement at the bottom of the article published in the 'Rocky Shimpo' saying that the Project Director had been encouraging and contributing to immoral delinquency.

Wakaye: I don't see how they ever said that. I missed a few of the meetings and some Steering Committee meetings too. There were quite a number of things going on. There were so many meetings that I missed a few to get to go to a movie or a basketball game now and then.

Anderson: How do you feel about the Committee? Do you have confidence in it now?

Wakaye: Well.....I don't know what to think.

Anderson: Are you willing to continue as a member of an organization where an individual can issue pamphlets in the name of the Committee?

Wakaye: I talked to a lot of the members of the Steering Committee and they said never again would such a thing happen.

Anderson: Are you still a member of the Steering Committee?

Wakaye: My tenure of office runs up until June I think it is. It is only for six months. That was agreed upon in January.

Anderson: Who is the Chairman now?

Wakaye: As far as I know it is Mr. Nakadate.

Robertson: When was he elected?

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Wakaye: I think right after Mr. Okamoto was taken. He asked for a vote of confidence. He asked to be temporary chairman.

Robertson: Okamoto was chairman before that?

Wakaye: Yes. One reason why I don't like to.....

Robertson: Was Okamoto president at the time he was sent to Tule Lake?

Wakaye: Yes, I think so.

Anderson: Was Nakadate elected after Okamoto left?

Wakaye: He sort of put himself in.

Anderson: Did you actually vote for him?

Wakaye: No.

Anderson: Was he voted in by other members?

Wakaye: Yes.

Anderson: Did you vote for him Ben?

Wakaye: No, I personally did not.

Robertson: How many members do you think you have?

Wakaye: You mean including those that have gone to the induction?

Robertson: Yes.

Wakaye: About two hundred and fifty.

Robertson: You started to tell me what you spent that money for.

Wakaye: Well I think we gave that lawyer about three hundred and twenty-five bucks. 325

Robertson: That's more that I thought it was.

Anderson: Does he still represent you?

Wakaye: I believe so. The immediate members of the families of those twelve boys in Cheyenne he is representing I think.

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Robertson: I understand you have some more attorneys in Denver.

Wakaye: Not that I know of.

Robertson: I understand that Mr. Menin was supposed to get another fee to fight this.

Wakaye: As far as the Fair Play Committee goes, it is in the hole financially.

Robertson: You say you spent all of that money except \$5.13. You say you had around seven hundred dollars to start with. What else did you spend money for?

Wakaye: The printing supplies. Almost everything I gave to Okamoto and he and Nakadate got together.

Robertson: Do you think you are loyal to the United States?

Wakaye: I hate to think the United States won't be loyal to me. Thanks to Mr. Anderson it is all cleared up for me.....

Robertson: I am asking you a simple question for information and that certainly is a simple question. Do you think you are loyal to the United States?

Wakaye: Yes, sir. I don't have anything against it.

Robertson: Do you want to continue to be loyal to the United States?

Wakaye: Yes.

Robertson: Do you think you should abide by the laws of the United States?

Wakaye: Yes, as long as all my rights are not infringed upon.

Robertson: If they are infringed upon, then you won't be loyal. I would like to have it clear to you that what I am talking about now is the present condition. Are you still loyal to the United States?

Wakaye: Yes.

Robertson: Do you intend to continue to be?

Wakaye: Yes.

Robertson: Don't you think it is up to you as a citizen of the United States to obey the laws of the United States?

Wakaye: Yes sir.

Robertson: You don't regard it the individual right to determine whether a law is Constitutional or not do you?

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Wakaye: No.

Robertson: I think that is all the questions I have to ask you. You are going to ask for that list of members for me are you?

Wakaye: I will try to get Emi and Nakadate together about it. As I told you before Mr. Okamoto is in Tule Lake and a lot of the people are sort of upset. I have told them we are on the up and up.

Robertson: The name of your Committee is 'Fair Play.' Do you think you have been fair in your play? Don't you think you could be a more healthy organization if you would come out and lay your cards on the table?

Wakaye: I am not much of a speaker.....

Robertson: I understand Mr. Kubota is quite an orator.

Wakaye: In Japanese, yes. I just heard him twice. I just heard about the end. He talked about conditions in Denver. I believe he was outside.

Robertson: I didn't know he had been to Denver.

Wakaye: He had been on the railroad and had been working on a farm.

Anderson: I am wondering whether Ben has a clear picture of his position in this thing. You say you are not an orator. If you are a member of an organization, a participating and active member, do you realize Ben that you have to take equal responsibility with the other members for action and position the organization takes?

Wakaye: Yes, sir.

Anderson: Either you do that or you disassociate yourself with the organization publicly.

WAKAYE IS SCARED
TRAPPED
IN BETWEEN

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Wakaye: I think most of it is about disconnected.

Anderson: The organization has publicly taken a stand. They have indicated they have various purposes. They have published the fact that all members of the organization are going to disobey the law when and if they are called for induction.

Wakaye: Who knows? Maybe they will change. I cannot come out and publicly say I have done it; it was the whole group. I can't be more or less of a 'welcher.' I am in a bad position I know.

Anderson: If the organization has done something or said something or taken a position that you don't believe in, that you think is wrong, don't you think you ought to sever your connections with them?

Robertson: If you are a good loyal citizen of the United States you should want to and if you don't want to we will have to make you obey the laws anyway.

Wakaye: I hope this won't be held against me.

Anderson: That published position of the Fair Play Committee.....If you are a member of the committee you believe that. The only way you could repudiate that would be.....

Wakaye: To come out right in the Sentinel would be a little too much. I am pretty sure the end will come pretty soon.

Robertson: Do you think the conditions are as bad here as was indicated by that letter published by the 'Rocky Shimpo' and in which they demand the resignation of the Project Director? They talked about strikes but I haven't heard of any such trouble have you?

Wakaye: I wish more of the members of the Fair Play Committee could come in and talk to you.

Robertson: I wish they would too. Sometimes I am busy and they will have to take their turn but they are free to discuss anything with me they wish.

Wakaye: The leaders seem to say things in front of you and when they go out they spread a lot of rumors.

Robertson: I think that is true.

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