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FAIR PLAY COMMITTEE

"one for all---all for one"

The ideals of democracy have never been dream pictures but goals,
The way forward toward our goals we will find only through our own exertions,
Through tireless, patient, and courageous exertions.

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It is not the policy of the Fair Play Committee to engage in any political disputes with individuals or publications, but the editorial that appeared in the March 11th, issue of the Heart Mountain Sentinel was so un-American and unsound in the light of a democratic country, that we take this opportunity to straighten out some things for the benefit of the Sentinel's editors.

The Sentinel editorial publicly announced that the FPC was being investigated and would soon be broken up on the rocks of law and reason. They hopefully look forward to such an event. The FPC would welcome such an investigation, for we are on the side of LAW AND REASON. Furthermore, we are on the side of JUSTICE, HUMANITY, AND FAIR PLAY, but above all, we are on the side from which emanates justice, freedom, and liberty. THE CONSTITUTION AND BILL OF RIGHTS OF THE UNITED STATES.

What manner of persons have we in the Sentinel editorial staff who would ~~destroy~~ express such un-American, undemocratic, bigoted words? Who are these people who would destroy anything that stands for justice, Constitutionalism, and humanity? Why would they like to intimidate, threaten, suppress, those who have the fortitude to stand up for justice, constitutionalism, and the very fundamentals which this nation was built upon? What makes them try to present a artificial, apple polished front to the public, while trying to stifle the truth of how we loyal American citizens of Japanese ancestry feel towards all the injustices, the discriminations, and the suppressing of our rights which are our rightful heritage? Is it because certain evacuee editors want to curry the favor of their superiors? Is it because of selfish interests which exist in the hearts of certain individuals? Or is it because of certain designing motives of some persons, that they would carry on against anything or anyone that raises its voice for justice, equity, and inherent rights.

Why do these editors want to blame the parents for the indecision of the niseis to respond to the present draft program? These parents who have suffered untold hardships, have suffered extreme self-denial, and have made every kind of sacrifice, who literally sweated blood so that they, the niseis, may never know want, may never experience insecurity, who although are ineligible for citizenship, nevertheless are loyal, upright examples of good citizens, who would never think of doing anything to jeopardize the future welfare of their children. These parents, who, if their sons had been treated as any other loyal American citizens, would gladly send them to the army with their blessings. Why do they want to cast off their parents like an old discarded shoe, once their dependence on them is not needed any longer, just so they can further their misconceived and twisted ideas and motives. Why these editors would brusquely shove the blame on to the parents is beyond human comprehension. These persons must have parents, or at least had parents. They did not grow up ^{like} weeds or insects. They did not grow up by themselves, nor received their education through their own efforts from infancy up. Why they accuse the parents ~~of~~ in such a cowardly way is beyond the imagination of any normal, intelligent person. The above questions, the FPC would like to ask of our editors and the so called apple-polishing "leaders" of our community. Especially of a certain J.A.C.L. follower, a Nobu Kawai, who spoke at the Buddhist church last Sunday morning.

A number of FPC who were present to hear his address on Democracy, took down in shorthand the text of the speech, therefore the following quotes are entirely accurate. He said, quote, "The only true democracy is of one mind: the rule of the majority. If the minority raises the ire of the majority, the majority can rule. The majority can change the Constitution itself. The rights and privileges of the minority can be held up---cannot fight against democracy. I believe today that the Japanese are the minority and behind the eightball. We have to use public relations to secure our future. Let us remember that the majority can change the Constitution and make this a dictatorship if they so desire. I am trying to put the right type of thinking into the minds of those persons." Unquote. Those are some of the high lights of his address last Sunday.

The FPC would like Nobu Kawai to read the Constitution very carefully, especially the Preamble, also we would like to have him study the causes and underlying principles that motivated the American Revolution, the Declaration of Independence, the Boston Tea Party, and Proclamation for the Emancipation of Slavery, before making such a distorted, misleading, disgraceful speech in front of intelligent people. If some high public official were to utter those same words to the American public, we dare not think of the consequences which would follow him. After all, we are still living in a democratic country. What he says is or would be in complete harmony with the concepts of a Hitler or Stalin type of dictatorship government, but to apply such an interpretation to our democratic form of government is due, either to his inability to correctly interpret the Constitution, or his misconception of a free and democratic country, or to a gross refusal to believe in the instruments of our government, or to a stupid blunder on his part in making such public utterances. It seems like he made a mistake and read the doctrines of Hitlerism instead of reading the Constitution of his own country. The Constitution can be interpreted in many ways, but ~~it~~ how long would his interpretation stand up in the eyes of the American public? It seem that he should not underestimate the intelligence of his fellow citizens, or at least spare them the insult of comparing theirs with the level of his own.

The Fair Play Committee nevertheless respects his right to express his own opinions, whatever they are, but it is against the principles of this organization to let any such misconcepted ideas of Democracy and of our Constitution go by unopposed. To that end the Fair Play Committee has dedicated their every effort and resources.

"one on Gods side is a majority"----Wendell Phillips