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April 19, 1944

Mr. James H. Omura
1941 Larimer St.
Denver, Colo.

Dear Mr. Omura,

This will acknowledge your letter of the 15th regarding your request for the Fair Play Committee to absolve The Rocky Shampo and your editorship from any guilt attached to the actions taken by the FPC or its members with respect to the draft and also as to the veracity of the articles published in The Rocky Shampo as regards the Fair Play Committee.

Enclosed please find the resolution in letter form as per your request. Also included in the resolution is a clarification of the policy of the FPC. This, to enlighten those opponents of the FPC as to the real aims of this organization, as such people would like nothing better than to brand the FPC as a draft evaders group.

I hope that this will fulfill your request and that it will silence the unfounded charges being made against The Rocky Shampo and yourself.

You may feel free to publish it at any time. I feel though, that it would be wiser to leave out the names of Mr. Tamesa and myself when publishing it because of the WRA policy of removing anyone whom they feel hinders their dictatorial policies. But in any event, should it become necessary to produce our names for court action or otherwise, please feel free to do so. For the purpose of publication at this time, I believe the "Fair Play Committee" name may suffice.

Sincerely yours,

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Resolution in letter form.

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Mr. James M. Omura
English Editor
The Rocky Shampo
Denver, Colorado

Dear Mr. Omura:

In view of the current malicious, slanderous and false accusations directed against you by the bigoted JACL publication, by the spineless, kow-towing Heart Mountain councilmaniacs, by the hypocritical WRA controlled Heart Mountain press, and by some other publications and individuals, the Fair Play Committee hereby request that you publish this letter and resolution in your press at your earliest convenience.

The Fair Play Committee of Heart Mountain, Wyoming, at their Steering Committee meeting on April 17, 1944, passed the following resolution and publicly went on record to refute the false charges hurled against you and to clarify the policy of the FPC. Be it resolved:

That The Rocky Shampo, a Denver newspaper and Mr. James M. Omura, editor of said newspaper, have not and never did have any connection with, or any influence on the policies of the FPC, nor are they in any way whatsoever responsible for the procedure or conduct of the FPC or its member or members toward the present Selective Service program.

That neither Mr. Omura nor his editorials have not in any way or at any time influenced or encouraged the FPC or its members to resist or violate the Selective Service law or any portion thereof, or violate any other existing law or laws of the United States.

That Mr. Omura or the Rocky Shampo have not at any time or in any way distorted or falsified any news, information, or article sent in to the Rocky Shampo for publication by the FPC.

That the policy of the FPC is to protect and uphold the principle and ideals of the Constitution and the Bill of Rights and to oppose all unjust, un-American, and un-Constitutional Acts and practices.

Mr. James M. Omura

That the aim of the FPC is to seek a clarification of our citizenship status and restoration of our Constitutional rights through Judicial pronouncement or by Congressional act.

That it is the desire of the members that such clarification be made prior to reinstatement of Selective Service in these concentration camps.

That the FPC has not at any time or in any way influenced or encouraged the member or members to resist or in any way violate the Selective Service law or any other existing law or laws of the United States.

That any action which a member or any other individual has taken or may take in respect to the Selective Service law, or any other law is done so by his own free will and discretion.

That the FPC is definitely not and never has been an organization to evade the draft or to advocate evasion of the draft.

FAIR PLAY COMMITTEE

Minoru Tamesa, Acting Chairman

Frank Eni, Corresponding
Secretary