



Heart Mountain Fair Play Committee

The Heart Mountain Fair Play Committee (FPC), the only organized World War II draft resistance movement from within the 10 U.S. War Relocation Authority camps, fought for democracy in a court of law. They were willing to serve in the military if the government restored their rights as U.S. citizens and released their families from U.S. concentration camps. Seven FPC leaders were convicted of conspiracy to violate the 1940 Selective Service Act and counseling others to resist the draft. While serving their three year sentences at Leavenworth Federal Correctional Institute in Kansas, the leaders' convictions were overturned on appeal in December 1945. In addition, a total of 85 Heart Mountain Nisei resisted the draft. They were sentenced to between two to three years, and sent to Leavenworth or McNeil Island Federal Correctional Institute, off the coast of Washington. Pictured are former Heart Mountain men before a photograph of 63 resisters in the U.S. District Court, Cheyenne, Wyoming on May 10, 1944. From l-r: Akira Matsumoto (standing), Teizo Matsumoto, Kei Yoshida, Tom Oki, Frank Emi, Tooru Ino, Mitsuru Koshiyama, James Kado, Yoshito Kuromiya (standing).

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