

PROCLAMATION AND NOTICE
OF DISSATISFACTION AND DEMAND

JOINTLY TO:

- (a) THE CITIZENS AND VOTERS OF THE U.S.A.
- (b) THE HON. FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT
PRESIDENT OF THE U.S.A. AND COMMANDER IN
CHIEF OF THE ARMY AND NAVY.
- (c) THE HON. HENRY L. STIMSON, SECRETARY OF WAR
- (d) LIEUTENANT GENERAL DELOS C. EMMON
COMMANDING GENERAL, WESTERN DEFENSE COMMAND
- (e) THE WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY
- (f) THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, THE CONGRESS OF
THE UNITED STATES AND ANY AND ALL THE AGENC
OR AGENCIES AND INDIVIDUALS AND GROUPS OF
INDIVIDUALS THAT CONTRIBUTE THEIR VOICES,
INTENTS, PURPOSES AND ACTIONS TOWARD THE
EVACUATION AND CONCENTRATION OF EIGHTY
THOUSAND CITIZENS OF THIS NATION WITHOUT
DUE PROCESS OF LAW.

FROM:

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KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS THAT

This Nation was founded upon the belief of an Omnipotent God. To this is attributed those elements that contribute towards happiness. With this belief as their foundation, the Revolutionary Patriots of this Nation instituted a system of Government for its People ... a Government free from restraints in the pursuit of their happiness.

In the formulae of these Instruments of Government, they feared the granting of excessive power to any individual as repugnant to God and to Man. Thereby, they made certain and definite provisions for the protection of their posterity. Among these was the election of a President from the People and for the People. This proviso was in strong contrast to Dictatorship, Tyrants, Kingship and Imperialism ... all emanating from gangsterism, self interest, monopolies, vested interests and deceitful tactics. The guidance for the President was vested in the Constitution, the Bill of Rights, and a trust in the Individual's honor and integrity to uphold the various instruments of this Government.

In spite of these precepts and guarantees, the Hon. Franklin Delano Roosevelt waived aside the fundamental guarantees that bred confidence and trust in the moulding of a great Democratic Nation. With such disregard did the Third Term President emasculate one hundred and eleven thousand People from their rightful inheritances without due process of Law ... cornerstone that guarantee Life, Liberty, Freedom, Justice and Equity to the Inhabitants of this Land.

To date, after a lapse of more than two years, this flagrant violation still remain uncorrected.

The application of those methods and procedures of Mental and Spiritual cruelties that accompanied the Pauperization, and Evacuation, the Concentration, the Maladministration, the continued uncertainties of our Fats, the silence and inactivity toward the correction of these Evils are not OUR LOSS ALONE. THE VERY SAME UN-CONSTITUTIONAL INFRINGEMENTS AND UNAMERICAN PRACTICES WILL BE VISITED UPON THE OTHER MINORITIES OF THIS NATION AT SOME FUTURE DATE UNLESS THE PRESENT DICTATORIAL AND TYRANNICAL ASSUMPTION OF WILFUL DISPOSITION OF HUMANE DESTINIES IS MADE TO STOP AND RECTIFICATION MADE OF THOSE BREACHES IN THE CONSTITUTION NOW IN EXISTENCE.

Moreover, uncalled for expenditures of the tax payer's money are involved in any denials of these demands hereabout to be made. In addition, the mockery of the President's discovered Freedoms of the Atlantic Charter, the Ideals and Principles of Americanism and Democracy, the Battles and Bloodshed on foreign battlefields, the Preachings and Indoctrination of Missionaries and the efforts of Educators ... all these will be considered as vanity and hypocrisy in the thoughts of millions in Africa, South America, Mexico, India, Polynesia and in Asia unless the Citizens of this great Democratic Nation awaken to the absence of Humanitarian usages, Equity, Justice and Fair Play to its very Citizens confined behind barbed wire fences on account of color, race and creed in the very midst of the Common wealth from which these sacrifices and efforts emanate.

For these reasons the undersigned and his friends ... all legitimate Citizens of this Nation and desirous of pursuing the American ways of Life ... make the following demands in conformity with the intentions of receiving proper and equitable settlement against the injustices inflicted upon eighty thousand Citizens of this Nation through un-Constitutional procedures, i.e.,

RESTORE TO US OUR RIGHTFUL HERITAGES, PRIVILEGES, RIGHTS, FREEDOM AND LIBERTY AS IS INTENDED FOR US BY GOD AND BY NATURE, AND IN CONFORMITY WITH THE GUARANTEES OF THE CONSTITUTION, THE BILL OF RIGHTS, THE VARIOUS AMENDMENTS AND IN CONFORMITY TO THE STANDARDS, IDEALS AND PRINCIPLES OF CIVILIZED USAGES. Among these are our Rights to

- (a) Live wherever we choose without restraint, prohibitions, red tape, regimentations, coercion, persecution, false propaganda and discrimination of any nature of manner whatsoever.
- (b) Pursue our course towards happiness and security in the manner ordained to the individual by God and by Nature.

In view of these attributes intended for Mankind, we ask for judicial and equitable considerations and pronouncements to the following:

- (1) Give us immediate release from Military and WRA custody, and re-entry to those places and environments from which we were pauperized, emasculated and evacuated with proper transportation and other considerations.
- (2) Give us protection against coercion, restraints, intimidations, persecution, threats, false propaganda, prohibitions, red tape, regimentation and discriminations wherever we may be.
- (3) We make these requests because we challenge the Constitutionality of our pauperization, emasculation, evacuation, concentration, removal to foreign environments, denial of Liberty and Freedom, the infliction of Social, Mental and Spiritual cruelties...all these inhumane conduct enforced by threat of bullets, tear gas, internal police, the Dictatorship of the Wra Relocation Authority and other coercive and un-Constitutional methods and procedures.
- (4) Restore to us those conditions, rights, and privileges to free enterprise as is due to free Men and Women who havenot consented to the yokes of slavery, stool pigeoning, or subserviency.
- (5) Make compensation for the loss we incurred through the process and methods of our pauperization, emasculation, evacuation and concentration.
- (6) Give us compensation for losses incurred through denial to us Citizens of this Nation of the Right and Liberty to FREE ENTERPRISE.
- (7) Make us compensation for the losses we suffered through the evacuation and subsequent regimentation of those Social and Economic securities and advantages that were ours through toil, denial, suffering, persecution and legislation during the course of the past forty years. These are elements which enabled us to pursue our livelihood against odds and handicaps such as discrimination, legislation, persecution, denials and ostracism.
- (8) Restore to us those esteem, good will, business connections and economic sufficiencies which were forced to be relinquished through the inconsiderate manners and methods of the evacuation.

- (9) Restore to us the homes, valuables, chattels, and the status of social and economic securities we enjoyed ... assets built and accumulated through years of economy frugalities, sufferings, denials, sacrifices and toil, but lost through the methods and procedures of the evacuation.
- (10) Restore to us the esteem, social and economic arrangements that were at our disposal before the evacuation... family and neighbourly relations, financial (tanomoshi) accesses, recreational facilities and our moral supports which were lost through the Evacuation and Concentration ... all denials of Freedom and Liberty which rightfully belong to us by virtue of inheritance such as honesty, virtue, frugality, loyalty and sincerity. These are moral and spiritual supports and elements of guarantee that enabled us to sustain courage and endurance into the belief of the righteousness of American ideals, principles and institutions in the face of persecutions, handicaps, denials, legislations and discriminations.
- (11) Restore to us those Social and Economic Securities and assets that have been overlooked in these demands but nevertheless inflicted upon us by the Emasculation --- those intangible things pertaining to the building of morale, happiness, good cheer, friendship and neighbourliness.
- (12) Give us compensation for the mental and spiritual torture endured through the process and methods of the Emasculation, Evacuation, Concentration, Removal from our home environments and the uncertainties of the future that is constantly dangled before us by the WRA policies of indecisions and vascillations.
- (13) As an alternative, build for in the Rehabilitation Program or in those of any other procedures or methods for an equitable settlement of our losses, tortures, sufferings and disillusionments, those guarantees, demands, stipulations, restitutions, compensations and dissatisfactions in such manner as to be equitable and satisfactory to the Party of the injured by the un-Constitutional methods and procedures Perpetrated by the Roosevelt Administration upon eighty thousand Citizens born under the American Flag or on American Soil.
- (14) Give us in the Rehabilitation Program such securities, assurances, justices, guarantees and equity that would be in conformity and commensurate to those conditions we would have enjoyed were we not forcibly dispossessed of our rightful inheritances. These are provisos and guarantees as safeguards against any inability or lapse arising from the orientation, rehabilitation or resettlement envisioned for us without our consent, approval or participation in the formulation thereof.

- (15) Give us in the Rehabilitation Program or any other Instrument of similar intentions such conditions and environments that would be of benefit toward the restoration of our Moral and Spiritual values we had enjoyed previous to the Emasculation.
- (16) Give us in the Rehabilitation Program or in any manner of adjustment those conditions of climate, topography, resources, and facilities to which we have been habituated in order to enable us the pursuit of a normal course of existence.

We specifically disclaim any desire for the treatment accorded the American Indians in the fulfillment of promises and obligations. We do not wish to be relegated to desert wastes or mountain fastnesses unless provided for, compensated for and equipped to us by the proper authorities with such resources as would be of benefit to the undertakings of new and untried enterprises. This is in accordance with the boasted American Ways of Life.

We make this provision on the understanding and knowledge that this Government have been negligent and tardy in the fulfillment of their promises and obligations toward the Indian after they were forcibly disinherited, ejected, dispossessed and limited of their rightful possessions and inheritances. Even the payment of blankets to the naked and disappearing Indians have been postponed needlessly long. There is no assurance of a Life hereafter. Thereby, we desire to enjoy the fruit that rightfully belong to us while Life is still within us.

- (17) Establish for us a Community Existence conformable to those we enjoyed before the Emasculation. This condition was evolved naturally and by transition through years of fortitude, trials, struggles, denials and sufferings to fit into the needs evolution transpiring within our ostracized modes of existence. We were enabled by ~~this~~ means to pursue our social and economic objectives in honor, integrity and loyalty. Such Settlements and Community Existence were the cornerstone of our ability to survive in the face of financial and economic denials by the financial institutions, the land owners, the householders and the Legislators of the Land. Because of the destruction of this Social and Economic Fabric, family unity have suffered; ties of friendship and acquaintances, good will and business established through long years of sacrifices, sufferings, toil and frustrations have been eradicated. Thereby, place in any and all the Governmental Guarantees hereinafter to be made those assurances of Social and Economic

- stabilities that we may not be placed in the condition of the African Slaves when they were auctioned as chattels and mortgages.
- (18) Give us living wages commensurate with those prevailing in those areas we were emasculated from for the duration of our enforced detention in these Concentration camps through the wilful necessity of the Roosevelt Administration ... by threats of bullets, tear gas, sentinels, machine guns, internal police, military guard, and other armed or moral forces such as the Dictatorship brought to bear upon us by the WRA Administrative Staffs.
- (19) Fulfill the promises and guarantees made us, and assured the Public at the time of the Emasculation. On these promises and assurances, we placed confidence and trust to such an extent that we hoped consolation, amelioration and compensation for our trials, disillusionments, and sufferings without the necessity of bickerings, accusations and demands as have happened throughout the course of the unethical treatments accorded us. In so doing, we bore in mind the unprecedented nature of this Nation's difficulties. Our acts of compliance, cooperation, and any absence of rebellious acts to hamper this Nations efforts were our contributions to make safety for Democracy, Freedom, Liberty, Justice, Equity and Americanism. Such were our thoughts, and such were our loyalties to the Ideals and Principles that moulded this Democratic Nation. We have complied with the expectations made of us. We expect a great and powerful Government should be able to satisfy our infinitesimal needs, requests and demands.
- (20) Restore to us those Civil and Political Rights that is lawfully our Inheritance and Right, but nevertheless have been frozen. Otherwise, we demand an immediate clarification of the status we have been forced into.
- (21) WE DEMAND RECTIFICATION IN THE CONSTITUTION, THE BILL OF RIGHTS AND THE VARIOUS AMENDMENTS WITH PROVISIONS AND SAFE GUARDS AGAINST ANY AND ALL WEAKNESSES THAT ENABLED THE UNLAWFUL AND UNCONSTITUTIONAL PROCEDURES OF DISINHERITANCE, DISFRANCHISEMENT, PAUPERIZATION, EMASCULATION, EVACUATION, CONCENTRATION, ABDUCTION INTO ANOTHER STATE, OUR FUTURE ILLS AND DISILLUSIONMENTS IN SUCH MANNER THAT FUTURE GENERATIONS OF AMERICANS NEED NOT FEAR AND DREAD LIKE TREATMENTS AT THE HANDS OF ANOTHER DICTATOR SHOULD ONE EVER RISE AGAIN WITHIN THIS LAND OF FREEDOM AND DEMOCRACY. GIVE US SUCH AN INSTRUMENT OF INVIOABILITY AND SACREDNESS THAT WILL COMMAND THE RESPECT OF DICTATORS AND TYRANTS FOR US TO HAVE AND TO HOLD.
- (22) We specifically demand immediate fulfillment of the

forementioned demands, restitutions, provisos, restorations and dissatisfactions.

- (23) All these, the foregoing are requisites for any considerations of Justice, Equity and Fair Play established in the Ideals and Principles of the Constitution, the Bill of Rights and the various Amendments IF IT INTENDED AND DESIRED THAT THIS GREAT NATION SHALL NOT GO TO THE DOGS. The only tie that binds DEMOCRACIES is Justice and Fair Play. The entrance of discriminations and Self Interest are the beginnings of disunity and disintegration. Freedom and equality of opportunities are the salt and the spice that give Life and movement to Civilization and to Progress.
- (24) In the makings of the foregoing presentations, we bear in mind the following conditions:
- (a) We are not responsible ... cause and origin ... for the Evacuation.
 - (b) We did not consent to our removal from the States of our habitations into other portions of the Country.
 - (c) We deny the right of others to mould our Fates and Destinies through Decrees by Agencies, through wilful promulgation, without representation and voice or without consent.
 - (d) We affirm the formulation of any program or like Instruments of Rule, Oppression, Dictatorship or Guidance in our behalf without our consent or representation is unlawful, un-Constitutional and therefore, null and void. We again reiterate ... that we adhere to the concept of Rule by Law, and not to any decrees by Agencies.
 - (e) We hold the President's acts are responsible for the condemnation of eighty thousand Citizens of this Nation into the status of Paupers, Mendicants, Imbeciles, and Citizens without a Country.
 - (f) Thereby, we charge to the acts of President Roosevelt and his Agents the establishment of FIRST CAUSE, or Origin and Cause for all our misfortunes, evils and frustrations. As such, we hold them responsible for anything and all the losses, the miseries, the sufferings, the punishments, the injuries and the disintegration of our moral values that have happened in these Concentration Camps or during the process of the emasculation in the past, and to those that may happen in the future until after such time as an equitable settlement is made in our behalf.
 - (g) We challenge the Right of the President, the Secretary of War, the Commanding General of the

Western Defense Command, the War Relocation Authority or any other Agency or Agencies to maintain us in continued detention, and denial of Freedom and Liberty. Thereby, we demand an immediate release from custody with the addition of the heretofore enumerated requests, demands, conditions and provisions.

We do so as Citizens and members of this Country and Nation entitled to the Rights and Privileges granted to its Inhabitants by the Constitution, the Bill of Rights, the Amendments and the Proclamation for the Emancipation of Slaver.

The following are reasons, doubts and questions supplementing the causes for the foregoing demands.

I

Prior to the Evacuation, the President made intimation that our removal was of temporary duration through the Army of the Western Command. This was implied through the Army order to carry only sufficient change of clothing for two weeks. All other personal effects and necessities were prohibited ... even for babies, pregnant mothers, the old and the sick. Moreover, there were no intimations or offers of suggestion that we were to be removed to other locations. We were given to expect that we would not be removed from the State in which we had made our home. These have given cause for mental and spiritual torture, social, family and economic disintegration.

II

The Government of the United States, under Franklin D. Roosevelt and through its constituted Authorities assured us at the time of the Evacuation, certain obligations and responsibilities. We were promised and the Public was assured that Self Government would be given us. The conditions under which we are victimized is far from the blue prints of propaganda. On the contrary, we are given a form of Communistic Dictatorship. In the hands of such a machinery, we, ... Citizens of this Nation ... have not a chance. We are victims of political appointees, out to make hay while the sun shines. Hellish temptations beset our administrators, and devilish cunning employed to satisfy the avaricious. Graft, gambling, moral purpitude, bootlegging and other anti-social elements are worming themselves into our social and economic structure.

As its result, riots have already occurred; lives have been snapped off by soldier's bullets; innocents have been maliciously mislabeled as disloyal and people have been victimized into jails and isolation penitentiaries in the intolerance of the Arizona Desert. What was the trouble? These victims were

Americans enough to voice their disapproval of the WRA administrative strategies. The cause of all these ... WHO PLACED THEM THERE? We certainly did not come into these Concentration Camps from our choice. The Federal Government assures us obligations and responsibilities. These have not been carried out according to the requisites and demands of Americanism, Justice, Fair Play and Democracy. The negligence is on the shoulders of the Federal Government through its appointees. They must shoulder the obligations and the responsibilities they themselves assumed and be answerable to us, to civilization and to Posterity.

III

Another guarantee made us at the time President Roosevelt caused us to be militarily evacuated without due process of law...contrary to the Rights, Privileges, Liberty and Freedom assured us in the Constitution and the Bill of Rights...is that of proper and adequate health service. These are questionable value. Their fulfillment is left to Nature, to God, to Providence and to promises and empty gestures. (Please take note of accusations and demands already made. Demand #2)

As a consequence of their neglect, we, Citizens of America treated as Men and Women without a status or a Country have deteriorated into a condition of the LIVING DEAD. We claim the following as contributing factors:

- (a) Our drinking water is polluted by sewage disposal at a higher elevation. This necessitates excessive use of disinfectants. In turn, the excessive use of chemicals have brought on epidemics of skin eruptions, itches, boils, stomach ailments and weakening of the digestive organs. The health director...he is so quiet that we do not know of his existence. Why? Even milk for the babies went beyond his ken until forced upon him on two repeated occasions. It was found the dairies from which these supply came from necessitated sanitary changes. This negligence was brought to the health officer's attention by an individual that hold no pretensions to sanitary operations. Yet, upon investigation, revelation has acknowledged the existence of bacterial dangers to human health.
- (b) The elevation of our camp is seven thousand feet, approximately. This contributes to higher blood pressure and increased heart beats.
- (c) Another supplementary cause for our physical deterioration is due to the C ration regimented upon us ... an outmoded formula. The sufficiency of vitamins is lacking. It is wholly out of conformity with the requirements of our metabolic structure and physical requirements. Moreover, we are habituated to climates with plenty of sunshine and fresh air. These are

lacking in this area where clouds obscure sunshine, and snow prevent the daily exercise of physical development. There is too much confinement in ill ventilated rooms. Consequent to these, our eyesight has weakened and the enamel of the teeth is thinning. These are due to the unbalanced diet to which we are subjected. As an illustration ... two immediate acquaintances of this writer went suddenly blind within a space of two months ... no apparent cause. Why? This is important for the undersigned have only a very few speaking acquaintances...about twenty. Two out of twenty is fifty percent. Though this illustration may not apply to the whole center in similar ratio nevertheless, the insidious attack made upon the eyes, the teeth and the physical structure is something that cannot be detected by doctors diagnosis. For this reason, prevention is better than cures. And, for that same reason, greater and better attention to our health would be in accordance with Civilized usage. These mentions pertain to the normally sound. What then of the invalids, the old, the babies and the dependents? Assuredly, they are not being given opportunities to fill their needs and requirements. It is here reiterated...You gave us assurances that provisions for the protection of our health would be made. In this connection may I suggest that many babies born in this Center are not as sound as could be expected ... contrary to hospital claims. How may it be expected that sound babies be born when their mothers are under-nourished? An investigation is in order.

- (d) To be sure, we are given a hospital and a medical staff. (refer to complaint #2) But, what can be expected of physicians when they are paid only nineteen dollars per month? And, what may be expected of the Hospital administrative staff when they are there as political pawns? Efficiency and the tax payer's money is not the prime consideration. Assuredly, the hospital surgeon beaten up during the Tule Lake riots, and the beatings received by our local nurse did not happen because they were efficient and because they took interest in their jobs. The appropriations made for the hospital and supplies... are they sufficient? It is a certainty that supplies desired by some of the doctors are not on the shelves. I have asked for vitamin tablets ... Vitamin A in particular...they are not furnished. Again we ask, who caused us to be placed into this helpless position, confined within barbed wire entanglements, patrolled by military police and internal security police, and ham strung by the WRA Administrative staff against

- the privileges that could be had from freedom and liberty.
- (e) Because of these facts, the sick, the babies, the old, and the handicapped are forced into uncalled hardships and denials. Up to the time of their Evacuation, their relatives and friends were unable to ease their sufferings and wants. They were free then of regimental medical care, purchase of necessities and freedom of movement. As it exist here in this Concentration Camp, the parents, the husbands, the wives and the children are forced into resort to the local canteen to supplement deficiencies. The Commissary Department does not supply them in spite of the existence of diet kitchens in an official form. The diet kitchen itself is a sham. The local canteen are contrary to publicized and insidiously labeled "COMMUNITY ENTERPRISES" is not our enterprise. It is a WRA foisted enterprise for the sake of political plum.....their contentions to the contrary. (The problems presented by the Community Enterprise itself is a source of turmoil in this camp to the extent that suspicions are constantly uppermost as to their designs and procedures. It is a profitable enterprise for those that are interested in it.

In the great majority of our cases, we were already pauperized through the methods and procedures of the curfew law and the evacuation. Consequently, the financing for the sick and the old from out of our own pockets are matters giving worries and concern to many. Others are making sacrifices and denials as contribution toward easing the sufferings of their dependents. One individual of this writer's acquaintance is in bed from a stomach ailment. He does not expect to survive the Winter. He is receiving scant attention from the authorities. Clothing and allowances that should be his from assurances and guarantees made us in the past are denied under one pretense or another. Still, this family was able to give him solace and comfort until their freedom and liberty to pursue their vocations were taken away by their concentration. Humanity and Justice demands that an equitable situation should be evolved for such cases. But, as a matter of fact, there has been no effort to compensate their unequal hardships. Work suited to the wife or son is unavailable under the WRA rulings; the WRA itself does not pay more than twelve, sixteen and nineteen dollars per month for services that renumerate a minimum of a hundred dollars by outside standard. WHY IN THE NAME OF HUMANITY ARE THESE HELPLESS INVALIDS FORCED INTO THESE EXCRUCIATING MENTAL AGONIES? IS DEMOCRACY AND ROOSEVELT WAGING WAR AGAINST THE UNDERDOG?

We repeat again...the majority of us were already apuperized by the methods and procedures of the evācuation...forced sales, sacrifices, abandonment, theft, etc. In view of the assurance

given us at the time of the evacuation, why the deliberate or inconsiderate manner of our physical and moral destruction? In this connection, it must not be forgotten that a promise is a promise; a guarantee is a guarantee. These are moral attributes that binds confidence and trust in the making of agreements. Moreover, we are not here through our choice. The Honorable Franklin Delano Roosevelt, as President of these United States, made to us certain guarantees and assurances through his Agencies. Among these was HEALTH. Also, the intactness of family unity was assured. Are they in existence? Thereby, we call upon those responsible for our condition, and to those that gave us those assurances to maintain their agreements. We are forced to abide by them through threat of armed might.

IV

Another item that was solemnly promised us was that of clothing. They did not, at that time, offer any stipulations. But, after we were in their clutches, red tapes, stipulations and denials have come into existence. We demand that clothing be given us according to the intents and purposes for which sums of money was appropriated from the tax payers of the Nation.

Why is there any need for a Social Agency within our midst? Is it a process of disfranchisement? Why confront us with the disgrace of paupers and mendicants under a Federal sponsored WRA is a matter we would like to have answered.

V

Work was guaranteed us. Only menial labor is their offer. No effort has been made to create or establish avenues or channels of employment whereby we could maintain ourselves according to our profession, ability, training or desire. If we refuse the work offered us...unsuited to our capabilities... we are thereby automatically placed on the BLACK LIST. The compensation for these employments are twelve, sixteen and nineteen dollars per month.

VI

As said, the remuneration given us in these Concentration Camps amount to twelve, sixteen and nineteen dollars per month... slave and peonage standards. To care for the sick, our dependents and to maintain ourselves in self respect and in health, a better and higher payment is requisite in view of the fact that the WRA does not live up to the proper discharge of their responsibilities and obligations. We desire to educate our children, and our health must be maintained.

We thereby make demand that you give us employment commensurate with skills, abilities, desires and establish for us those opportunities that maintain Hope within our breasts. As it exist, we are made helpless at your own volition and force. We are helpless and concentrated within a barbed wire enclosure. Your Military and your appointed administrators hold all the avenues against our desire for free expression and movement in the pursuit of our Happiness, social security and economic independence. You have made of us virtual caged animals.

VII

After all these, we ask ... why the discrimination, the red tape, the provisos and the BUTS AND IFS in the proper distribution of clothes and allowances. Why the denial of proper work? Why denial of proper wages? HUMANITARIAN AND ETHICAL PRINCIPLES DEMAND THAT PROMISES, ASSURANCES AND GUARANTEES BE PROPERLY MAINTAINED.

VIII

In addition, we were given to understand that American standards of living was to prevail during the period of our evacuation and concentration. On the contrary, we find ourselves forced into quarters such as is permissible only to rabbits and poultry...total strangers congested into compartments of twenty feet by twenty four feet; fathers and mothers, sons and daughters, the adolesceng and the babies forced into cohabitation in such restricted areas. There is no privacy for decencies. Living under such promiscuity, denials, and dictates of Humane Rights to privacy...these are not healthy contributions to the mental, moral and spiritual developments of children, the adolesceng, the bachelor, and for the husbands and wives.

Moral degeneration has developed; family unity has been disrupted and people have been punished for conditions placed there by the Roosevelt Administration. A cutting and stabbing affair has taken place; disgrace have visited innocent children through moral turpitude induced in one or other of the parents by the negligence and disregard of the Administrative Authorities.

As outgrowths of these, the WRA authorities have visited punishments on the participants. As such, we ask these questions:

- (a) Who is morally responsible for these temptations and infractions?
- (b) Who caused the condititons and situations to brew these temptations?
- (c) Who is to pay for the moral relaxation?
- (d) Is it fair and just to visit punishment when the causē for the temptations were placed there by the negligence and disregard of Civilized usage and

- Humane decencies on the part of those appointed to perform their duties in honor, sincerity and justice?
- (e) What rectification is there in store for the worries and concerns of parents, relatives, friends and Society caused by the placement of these causes?
 - (f) Is it justice to evade responsibilities through drum courts established in the name of Self Government but which is in reality, nothing but dictatorship?

If these are the so much vaunted "AMERICAN WAYS OF LIFE" then, strange indeed have been our concept of morality and ethics.

Assuredly, we deny the right to the President and his appointees to rectify wrongs with added wrongs, or to white-wash inability, dereliction, or miscarriage of justice by the employment of evasive phrases such as "military necessity," emergency needs, and other coinages habituated so much by this Administration. Thereby, we demand rectification of Evils and not alibis.

IX

Civilization is aware for the necessity of education. America in particular recognize this fact as could be construed from their past efforts to educate the Heathens through their Missionaries into the doctrines of Democracy, Freedom and Christianity. But for us here in these Concentration Camps, no proper measures have been adopted to orientate our altered conditions. A high school building have been given us. But, the intelligence that give guidance is empty...imitators transmitting the imitations they imitated from previous imitators. As its attendant consequence, is college education to be denied our children? This question is reinforced from the fact the wherewithalls...liberty, freedom, initiative, enterprise and resources are denied their parents for to so properly equip their children as already intimated throughout this proclamation. As they exist, High School and College students whose careers were interrupted are forced through no alternative to vegetate in these camps...with what consequence to themselves and to Society? A half baked potato is seldom palatable.

X

Not alone have promises and guarantees been placed in contempt as methods of humiliation to seventy thousand Citizens of this Nation. To cap the insults, Constitutional Rights and Privileges have been tossed to the winds by the employment of flamboyant adjectives. The acts of military detention behind barbed wire fences, and reinforced by military guards with their bayonets, tear gas, bullets and machine guns are un-American measures in spite of the hypocritical formulas such as

"to save democracy, the fight for freedom, the various freedoms of the Atlantic Charter, military necessity, emergency measures, etc." These alibis of wilful convenience are not sufficient to disguise the dastardly acts against the Constitution, the Bill of Rights, the various Amendments, to the People in the concentration camps, to the Rights of Humanity and Civilized usage, and to the sacrifices of mother's sons on foreign and strange battlefields in the eyes of History and Posterity. Their hypocrisy and insincerity are found in the living proofs right here in the very heart of these United States of North America, where Freedom, Liberty, Humane Rights and Democracy are guaranteed by the Instruments of Government established as a result of the Revolutionary War. WE DEMAND OF THIS ADMINISTRATION THAT IT SPEND LESS TIME IN THE COINAGE OF EVASIVE AND ANONYMOUS DEVILTRY. GIVE US INSTEAD, A GREATER SINCERITY IN UPHOLDING THE SACRED TRUST IMPOSED UPON A PRESIDENT.

XI

The application of the word "disloyal Japanese" and their segregation to Tule Lake is a gross distortion of certainties... venality of responsibilities and evasions.

As a matter of fact, the causes for our dissatisfaction were not of our making. They accrued from Presidential weakness to political pressure brought to bear by an infinitesimal minority of this Nation's Citizenry.

This so labeled "disloyalty" is simply a manifestation of disgust and disapproval at the tyrannical manner of disposing our fate without our consent, representation, or through due process of Law. Certainly, one of the privileges granted us in the Bill of Rights as Citizens of this Nation is the unhampered right of thought and expression, and the right to live wherever we please in the manner of our abilities and requirements. For that purpose has been established the various Courts of Law.. This process has been denied us. What alternative have we then? Slaves must of necessity fawn and lick the boot that kicks them. But we, as free born Americans refuse such servitude and assert our right to express our resentment at the treatment accorded us.

We thereby declare that loyalty is a matter of sentiment. It is a covenant of good faith between two parties. We react thereto in accordance to the manner of fulfillment of the contract. With such an interpretation, the President's methods and procedures, through his appointees in the handling of our affairs...all without due process of Law as mandated by the Constitution, the Bill of Rights and the various Amendments... have been of such a nature as to invite resentment and differences of opinion. The President himself, through his acts, initiated the breaking of faith. As its reaction, no effort has been made for proper mediation or understanding to adjust

the difference of opinions. Only a Hearing Board has been established. In this process, the accused were not educated to their charges or given opportunities for advisors. Such acts should be foreign to American practices. They pertain to the Dictatorship of Stalin.

In the making of these charges against the President and his appointees, we have granted obedience during the hardest periods of our confinement. This does not imply allegiance to him as an Individual. He forfeited our respect and confidence when he became Third Time President in defiance of precedent. On the contrary, our allegiance and loyalty belong to the Nation, the Ideals and the Principles inculcated in the fundamentals that built the heterogeneity of these United States into a great Democratic Nation. Thus, when the Honorable Franklin D. Roosevelt scrapped the Constitutional procedures in the process of our pauperization, evacuation and concentration, the said President should have expected free expressions of disapproval and have provided for proper and Constitutional measures to air the grievances through just and impartial procedures. This was lacking. But, to justify his disorderly acts against the Principles and Fundamentals established by the Blood and the Lives of the Revolutionary Heroes for the guidance of this Nation's Destinies, the said Roosevelt resorted to violence and duplicities...immolating children, the sick, the invalid, the old, the adolescents, women, the pregnant and wives in a mass exodus without regard to Humane Decencies, Humane Rights, Civilized Ethics or Christian Teachings. His acts in reference to our threatment has rivaled the atrocities of Communistic Stalin in the mass murder of millions. Decidedly, these acts consented to by the President are un-American, un-Democratic and un-Christian.

It must be conceded that a Citizen remains a Citizen until after such time as the individual's choice of Government is decided under fair considerations...himself knowing his acts after removal of the causes for complaint and resentment. We maintain this consideration has not been accorded them. They were railroaded into the category of disloyal Citizens from fear of a Minority voices howling their un-Democratic, un-Christian and un-Constitutional hallucinations. Such weakness in an Administration steering the destiny of a great Nation is bound to loosen the joints of Democracy and Freedom with its attendant consequence of throwing the efforts, sacrifices and heroic struggles of the past three hundred years to the WONGREL DOGS. In the heat of controversies placed before us by interested and designing forces, we should not be unmindful of the fact that THE INDIVIDUAL'S RIGHT OF BRITH, RIGHT OF INHERITANCE, RIGHT TO CITIZENSHIP AND RIGHT TO HUMANE CONSIDERATIONS EMANATE FROM A HIGHER POWER THAN THAT OF MERE PRESIDENTIAL ACQUIESCENCE.

In spite of the universal judicial admonition that the accused should know the Law, nevertheless we represent the fact that we have been Law abiding Citizens, and not practitioners of Law. The educational system of the Nation have not inculcated into us the intricacies of Rights and Wrongs. We accepted our teaching of Americanism from our instructors and higher

Authorities such as the Ward Healers, the ten cent Politicians and the Demagogues in good faith. Thereby, we disclaim the onus of responsibility when we were deceived into acceptance of the promises, assurances and guarantees as provisions for our consent to the evacuation. We gave this, our consent to the emasculation of our rightful inheritances out of loyalty to the Nation in expectation of honor, integrity, justice and equity as compensation for our self denial, sacrifices, disillusionment, mental and spiritual torture and, moral disintegration. In effect, the Teachings, the Ideals and the Principles we have gathered as Americans of Oriental Ancestry is in strong contrast to the practices of the Roosevelt Administration. The discriminations against us in favor of other Minorities such as those descended of German and Italian racials indicates an absolute disregard of the principles of Liberty and Equality. Is such a practice an interpolation of Hilter's superiority of the Nordic Race... meaning the Colored Races of the American Commonwealth is inferior to the White Element composing the homogeneity of the United States of North America? And of course, such charges and utterances will be called disloyal?

It is here reminded of the President's own utterances, i. e., "No Loyal Citizen of the United States should be denied the Democratic right to exercise the responsibility of his Citizenship regardless of his ancestry." Now, thereby, what did he mean when he made that statement? Did it apply only for that period when the Secretary of War was bedding his every efforts to draft a battalion of volunteers from among us to be massacred on foreign battlefields for the benefit of Monopolies? Or, does it apply to our enforced condition? If so, then that statement is a diabolical paradox to the facts of our condition for, how may we exercise the responsibility of Citizenship when we are throttled by soldiers and bayonets, their machine guns and poison gas and the Dictatorship of the WRA? And, THIS IS THE LAND OF THE FREE WHERE THE SCRAPPED CONSTITUTION AND THE BILL OF RIGHTS PROMISES ITS CITIZENS " JUSTICE AND THE BLESSINGS OF LIBERTY AND EQUALITY."

For these reasons, we maintain the application of the word "disloyal" as applied to those Citizens segregated to Tule Lake because of their refusal to acknowledge his un-Constitutional Acts as justice under emergency measures is without good and sufficient cause. It simply indicates venality of his subordinates ... an evasion of responsibility to justify a wrong. SUCH COWARDICE IS UNJUSTIFIABLE WHEN EMANATING FROM A GOVERNMENT IN WHICH SHOULD BE SECURED CONFIDENCE, TRUST, SANCTITY AND JUSTICE.

The charge of disloyalty should not be made against us. On the contrary, the odium of disloyalty should be placed on the shoulders of those political appointees who have distorted the meaning of democracy, justice, freedom, liberty and equality into arrogance, discrimination, dictatorship and tyranny. By their acts have they set back the growth of this Nation from Freedom and Democracy into the chaos of bewildered subserviency? To what avail all the bloodshed and mother's sacrifices in Africa, in Italy, in the Aleutians, in the Solomons? By his

acts, the President destroyed within us those very fundamentals that mould loyalty. Justice and Fair Play are attributes of Humane Rights that direct loyalty or contempt. Thereby, honor demand that the word disloyal be placed where it properly belong...on the shoulders of those who placed the cause at our feet as stumbling blocks.

XII

As a corollary to the foregoing whitewash, the President caused to be instituted a "Hearing Board" intended as a belated due process of Law for clearance and leave from these Concentration Camps...a process of whitewashing the stain against Civilization and Humane Rights as evidenced in the un-Constitutional and un-Christian procedures of our Pauperization, Evacuation, Concentration and continued denial of liberty and freedom unless they be under stipulations, conditions, regimentation and red tape. Is it expected to rectify the Satanic cruelties inflicted upon us such triflings? In the making of this question we affirm to the existence of the following facts and suppositions:

- (a) The President and his Agents have consistently denied us the Constitutional Right of legal advice or representation for the clarification of our side of the controversy. This has been made effective through the WRA denial to us of egress from these Concentration Camps through armed force unless it be under their terms. On the other hand, those friends on the outside desirous of giving us friendly counsel have been deterred from their desires through political and moral pressures.
- (b) We have been unable to transact correspondence through the mails with confidence. The WRA itself function in the capacity of jailors and inquisitorial body, and not as a staff appointed to administer the needs of American Citizens unproven of guilt. In so doing, they have discouraged educational facilities in matters pertaining to our Civil and political Rights. All efforts to solicit same have been frowned upon...WRA rulings and instructions for the government of the various Camps, or evasive issues raised to discard the point at issue. As an illustration, they have refused access to the WRA rulings and instructions. To be sure, a project attorney is appointed. But, for our protection they are of little worth. They are placed there to protect the WRA itself. Thus, we are held virtual prisoners...Citizens without a Country through the wilful application of the WRA bottleneck. As a further precaution of a denial to us of educational facilities and counsel for the protection of our Civil Rights, they have erected barbed wire entanglements; towers stationing sentinels with communication lines and arms; military

guards posted at all points of ingress or egress. As a further precaution, a battalion of soldiers are stationed in the vicinity with tear guns, machine guns, bayonets, etc. Indeed, we are held virtual prisoners without National Status in spite of our Rights as Citizens of this Nation. THUS IS THE PROCESS OF WHITE WASH BEING APPLIED...IMPOSING THE WILL AND DESIGNS OF THE ROOSEVELT ADMINISTRATION UPON A MINORITY GROUP OF AMERICAN CITIZENS AFTER DIVESTING THEM OF ANY AND ALL MEANS OF STRUGGLE OR RESISTANCE.

XIII

With such coercive, tyrannical and dictatorial procedures of one way traffic, we are now given the Rehabilitation Program. There are no assurances, guarantees or equity contained in it. From the standpoint of moral, social, and economical wellbeing, this Instrument is devastating. To reiterate and for the sake of memory, we have already been pauperized, our moral concept have been made into stricutres, methods for reorientation lacking and means of adjustments are absent in that program. In substance, we are asked to relocate in the nudism after our equipments accumulated through forty years of toil, denials, sacrifices and hopes have been emasculated through the process of our pauperization and evacuation.

Any individual possessed of thought and understanding will concede the fact that years are required to build good will or the establishment of sound business relations in any new community. Added to this is the need of finance and capital as subsistence during the interval. Even in the redimentary pursuits such as that of farming and agriculture, a period of adjustment is mandatory...the purchase or rental of land; its gradation into production; acquirement of implements and tools and the requirements of subsistence during the interval. All these require years of patience, effort, toil, sacrifices, denials, and capital for investment. The majority of us still left in these Camps are unable to face such undertakings. The best portion of our years have been devoted to the building of the Pacific Coast areas agricultural and economic wealth; we have dependents and families upon whom responsibilities demand equipment of essentials to cope with the strides of Civilization. These means have been deprived from us through the often repeated methods of our pauperization and evacuation. We are pauperized; any and all the rights and privileges that should be our normal possessions as Citizens of this Nation are denied; the means of social and economic security we built through forty years against persecution, discrimination and legislation...where are they and who possess them? Is there any rectification for these diabolical dispossessions? Certainly not through the Rehabilitation Program as it now constitute.

XIV

After such nudation of our material possessions, we are offered the lump sum of fifty dollars per individual as relocation alimony. If ever there existed a Shylock then, this transaction is that usurer's pound of flesh...confiscatory, prejudiced, unjust and illegitimate, and contrary to all the basic principles of Civilized usage.

This statement is reinforced from the fact that the reception of the fifty dollars from the hands of our Social Agency necessitate the pauper's oath. Those that already have relocated was not given to be aware of the significance of that oath. This oath is tantamount to disfranchisement and disinheritance...veritable Issau's pot or porridge. This in turn prevents us from seeking redress, justice and equity in the Courts and Tribunals of the Land as established for our protection by the Constitution and the Bill of Rights. **IT MUST BE REMEMBERED THESE PROTECTIVE RIGHTS WERE ESTABLISHED BY THE BLOOD, LIFE AND SACRIFICES OF THE REVOLUTIONARY HEROES FOR AMERICA AND ITS POSTERITY.** In view of these desecrations against Humane Rights, what avail the shedding of blood; Mother's sacrifices on foreign battlefields and the acts of bewildering the American Public into hatreds to save Democracy, to fight for the Freedom.

XV

As another item of complaint against the Rehabilitation Program is the false impression created among the American Public to the effect that eighty thousand Citizens now impounded in the various Concentration Camps are to be given their freedom through the gristmill of the Hearing Board. This impression is not only false but maliciously concocted to evade responsibility of giving justice and equity in our final settlement. There exist in the present form of the Rehabilitation Program no such a thing as FREEDOM in the sense intended by God and Nature; the Heroes that died for Liberty, equality, freedom and justice and the shedding of blood and Life for the emancipation of Slavery.

It must be argued that freedom does not mean regimentation which is now imposed upon those who have relocated. Freedom is the absence of restraint from Bureaucratic Agencies. The Rehabilitation Program is full of red tape, provisos and conditions that binds the relocatee to the central authority of the WRA. It is regimentation on the sly.

Again, in the formula of the Rehabilitation Program, there exist no ethical procedures of representation by us either through elected members from among the Internees themselves, or through delegated powers to People of their choice. The prerogative of Voice in the formulation of any business transaction... in the moulding of our future and destinies...is the absolute

Right of the Individual as guaranteed in the basic structures of our Government. Thereby, THE HUMANE RIGHTS OF EVEN THE SMALLEST MINORITIES MUST BE PROTECTED IF THIS DEMOCRACY IS TO CONTINUE. On the contrary however, there exist among us in these Concentration Camps such instruments as "PLANNED SECURITY" which is acceptable only to felons and criminals. This in turn has been transformed into CONTROLLED SELF GOVERNMENT that is of profit to the Bureaucracy, and a loss to the tax payers of the Nation...\$40,000,000.00 this year of 1943. Thus, Communistic Dictatorship is in the very heart of these U.S.A. Thereby, we demand the concept and execution of Rule by Law, and not to any Decrees by Agencies.

No man or group of men as the right of moulding the destinies of others without their consent or approval. We have not been consulted in the framing of the Relocation Program. We were not consulted about our wholesale pauperization, evacuation, concentration, or the disposal of our Fate. Against the occurrence of such absolutism over the Lives and Liberties of the People of this Nation were conceived the Constitution and the Bill of Rights.

XVI

Fitness cannot survive under regimentation within a democratic structure. This, we are saddled with. The more tolerant among the WRA officials themselves admit of this Evil. In view of such, then, why the denial of unconditional restitution of our Rights to Liberty, Freedom and Justice as fit to Americans and as defined in the Declaration of Independence, the Constitution, the Bill of Rights, and as cause for the Revolutionary War and the War for the emancipation of Slavery? Why the need of the Rehabilitation Program in its hock shop form?

XVII

A great deal of Civilized sensitivities are bestowed on the rescue of cats and dogs from miseries. The Society for the prevention of cruelty to animals have outlawed the twisting of animals tails or people may not outrage the feelings of animals by cutting their ears or tails. Stern legislation has placed fear in the callous or the cruel so intended. And yet, the perpetuation of mental and spiritual cruelties are permitted to ravage the happiness of many ... persecution, discrimination, legislation, ostracism, segregation or concentration.

After all, Humanity with all its weaknesses ... what is its equation? Cats and dogs fetch their price. Are we then, of lower worth and value as compared to the price of hogs and steers fattened for the slaughter? And yet, we are asked by the appointees of a Civilized Government to go out in to the

pasture of miseries, sufferings and disillusionments to start life anew ... after the best portion of our physical strength have been devoted toward the welfare of this Nation, and our humble securities destroyed ... in new environments with no assurances, with no guarantees, with no securities but the fifty dollars that spell disinheritance and disfranchisement through its pauper's oath. Yes, fifty dollars is all that is offered to go out on relocation with the ultimate result of tracing our wearied forms into the categories of social and economic outcasts ... into penitentiaries, insane asylums and institutions of charity ... a nucleus of paupers and mendicants from a people dedicated to industry, frugality, patience and honor. What is the basis for such foreboding charges? It is simply this... the planners of the Rehabilitation Program have not been able to forget planned security, which is fit only for felons and criminals; they have been unable to forget regimentation which is suited only to slaves and chattels for mass production, and they are certainly devoted to the task of white washing the desecrations committed against the Constitution, the Bill of Rights, Humanitarian usages and the decent conception of education and civilization. All toward what objective? Bureaucracy and a job for themselves in perpetuity...tenure of office. That is the REHABILITATION PROGRAM AS IT IS NOW CONSTITUTED.

The imperfections of moral, spiritual, and mental considerations bestowed upon us through the Rehabilitation Program and in these Concentration Camps is ghoulish enough. Any consideration of Humanitarian principles and usages would have removed any and all the indecencies of self interest by giving judicial considerations to justice and equity in the hands of competent, fair minded individuals dedicated to the preservation of the ideals and principles that motivated this heterogeneity of Minorities into the cosmopolitanism and democracy of these U.S.A. Indeed, the stability of a Social Structure is dependent upon the dominant characteristics of the People. In the confinement of eighty thousand of us Citizens of this Country without due process of Law, is a deliberate attempt at the destruction of our moral and spiritual worth. Toward what objective? Is it worth the effort, and the one hundred and twenty millions of dollars of the tax payers money already expended in our confinement and more in store next year unless the errors of judgement are rectified in time?

In the meanwhile, what voice have Christianity, American Ideals, Democracy, Freedom, Liberty, Justice, Equity or the coined phrases of the various Freedoms uttered by our President in the disposition of our future and fate? The efforts of the Missionaries, the efforts of our Educators...have they all been nothing but cat's paws to pull the chestnuts out of the fires for Monopolies and selfish designs?

XVIII

Democracy is fighting for Freedom and the American Ways of Life...so assures the President to us. In spite of this Presi-

dential assurance, we cannot conceive the honesty or sincerity of that utterance by any stretch of our imaginations for WE, IN THESE CONCENTRATION CAMPS ARE NOT PERMITTED ANY CHOICE FOR OUR WAY OF LIFE. Thereby, should not the preacher practice what he preach? THE RESTORATION OF OUR STATUS AS CITIZENS OF THIS NATION AND THE RIGHTS AND PRIVILEGES PERTAINING THERETO WOULD PLACE A SEMBLANCE OF SINCERITY TO THAT UTTERANCE. UNTIL SUCH TIME, WE CANNOT BELIEVE IN THE FORMULATION OF THE FREEDOMS IN THE ATLANTIC CHARTER AS ENUNCIATED BY THE PRESIDENT. THE SUBJUGATED AND HELPLESS PEOPLE OF THE WORLD UNDER THE HEELS OF DOMINATION WILL CONTINUE THEIR INTERROGATION OF "WHERE IS THE JUSTICE OF THE WHITE MAN'S PROMISE? WHEN? TO WHAT AVAIL THE EFFORTS OF MISSIONARIES AND EDUCATORS TO ELEVATE THE MORAL CONCEPTS OF THE HEATHERN RACES? Are they also gratuitous contributors to the Power of Monopoly that has changed the aspet of modern Civilization?

XIX

What is fair as compensation in such situations as that which confront us? Can they, as a matter of social and economic justice, be measured in terms of so much per individual to soften the injured feelings or mental and spiritual anguish? In the making of this question, it must be remembered that the situation, the conditions, the methods and procedures of our pauperization, evacuation, concentration and the uncertainties of our futures are not of our making. THE CAUSE OF OUR CONDITIC ...CONDEMNATION OF EIGHTY THOUSAND CITIZENS OF THIS NATION WITHOUT DUE PROCESS OF LAW...LEADS DIRECTLY TO THE ACTS OF FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT AND HIS POLITICAL APPOINTAES.

In all fairness to the injured, should not the People of this United Stated of North America consider their equitable adjustment in terms of social, economic, mental, spiritual and moral contributions toward the wealth of this Nation? A close acquaintance of their characteristics will reveal the fact that the Laws of the land forbid acceptance of them as Citizens thrc naturalization; that they have been discriminated against both by legi&lation and moral persecution. In the face of these odds they nevertheless indicated strong tendencies toward this Country as a land of their adoption; many have built their hopes and invested their all with the fond intention of finding a grave yard on these Soils; they denied, sacrificed and toiled to bring up their children in the ways of America to the exclu-tion of their own inherited sentiments; they have abided by the Laws of this land in a manner that need not shame anyone; their frugality and toil have been used by their detractors as instruments of prejudicebut from the sense of sanity such attributes should be credited to them as tangible moral worth inasmuch as these denials were the foundations for their contribution toward the economic wealth of this Nation and towar

the elevation of the social and moral structure of their Communities in the light they were permitted to evolve against the handicaps of denials, legislations and persecution. Indeed, though denied naturalization they nevertheless acted and behaved through intention and through their acts, in such manner that condemnation cannot be aimed at them. Their living proof lies in their children. There are many fathers and mothers whose hearts bled with divided emotions at the time of the draft into Army service. Their Sons were needed and they gave their consent from an acknowledgement of gratitude for the privileges they were niggardly permitted to enjoy during their sojourn in this Country. After all, they could have made conscientious denial for such sacrifices. And, what is their reward? These papas and mamas are given scant considerations as Humans, while their sons are spilling their blood, or leaving their carcass on the bleak stretches of the Aleutians, the Torrid heat of the South West Pacific Island, the burning sands of Northern Africa and at the heel of the Italian Boot. Indeed, these old People brought up their children in such ways that they never need be a burden upon the society and tax payers of this Country.

As consideration then should not the REHABILITATION PROGRAM be built in such ways as to satisfy their emasculation in a Humanitarian manner backed up by the American ideals and principles of fair play, justice and equity? THE REHABILITATION PROGRAM IN ITS PRESENT FORM IS INADEQUATE TO SATISFY OUR PAUPERIZATION, OUR EVACUATION, OUR CONCENTRATION, DENIAL TO US OF FREEDOM, LIBERTY, JUSTICE AND EQUITY AND THE PROPER MOLDING OF OUR FUTURE AND DESTINY. MORAL OBLIGATIONS CARRY WITH IT A SENSE OF RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE LOSS INFLICTED ON OTHERS THROUGH NEGLIGENCE AND DERELICTION OF DUTIES WHEN AS A MATTER OF FACT THE DUE PROCESS OF LAW WAS ESTABLISHED FOR PROPER GUIDANCE OF THE PRESIDENT AND HIS CABINET.

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Finally, we are led into a belief by the President that Democracy is threatened with extinction by the Axis Powers. On the contrary, we adhere to the belief that Democracy is threatened from within this Nation itself. The agitations carried on by organized and selfish minorities on the Pacific Coast Areas are, by their very acts, destructive of those elements for which the Revolutionary Heroes shed their blood, and sacrificed their Lives. They are uprooting Americanism through abuse of Liberty. In justice and fairness to all, these are the elements of disloyalty to the State and to the Nation in contradistinction to the so-labeled disloyalty of those Americans confined in Tule Lake for causes made justifiable through the President's acts of delegated powers. Indeed, if confinement behind barbed wire fences are considered humanitarian, then these individuals or organizations should be in our place. Certainly if it is they were not delegated by Nature or by God to deny us

those privileges and prerogatives that belong to us by Right of Inheritance as Citizens of this Nation. The acts of the President himself are denials of those guarantees established by the Boston Tea Party, the Declaration of Independence, the framing of the Constitution and the Bill of Rights and the Proclamation for the Emancipation of Slavery. The President himself have been giving Democracy too many beatings for her safety and security.

XXI

Thus, as loyal Citizens of this Country...adhering to the Principles, Ethics and Ideals contained in the Constitution, the Bill of Rights, the Constitutional Amendments and Lincoln's Proclamation for the Emancipation of Slavery...we are unable to give conscientious adherence to the Third Term President's policies and interpretations through his political appointees such as the War Relocation Authority and its Rehabilitation Program in the moulding of our Destinies and Fate. WE CERTAINLY DID NOT AND THE NATION DID NOT SANCTION ANY RIGHT TO THE PRESIDENT FOR THE EMASCULATION OF THE INSTRUMENTS OF OUR GOVERNMENT TO EVACUATE EIGHTY THOUSAND CITIZENS OR TO MOULD THEIR DESTINIES WITHOUT THEIR CONSENT. TO HARNESS INDIVIDUALS OR GROUPS OF MINORITIES AS IT CONTAINED IN THE VARIOUS INFRINGEMENTS UPON THE CONSTITUTION BY THIS ADMINISTRATION NULLIFIES THE PROCLAMATION FOR THE EMANCIPATION OF SLAVERY. THE REHABILITATION PROGRAM IS THAT VERY INSTRUMENT. Such despotic disregard of the basic principles of our Government are the acts of a Hitler, Mussolini and Stalin.

In conclusion therefore, we make the following provisions and declarations:

- (a) In none of the Acts and procedures of the Evacuation, Concentration, apuperization, Emasculation and the moulding of our Destinies have there existed any semblance of equity, justice, democratic practices, fair play or due process of Law that have made this Country into a great Democratic Nation.
- (b) The WRA have not discharged its responsibilities and obligations as given us in the assurances and promises at the time of the evacuation.
- (c) The whole Administration have flagrantly violated the principles of fair play by reducing us into a helpless condition first and then making an effort to unload the responsibilities upon us.
- (d) The responsibilities of satisfying the obligations imposed upon themselves by their wilful and forceful methods and procedures of the evacuation, our pauperization, Emasculation, Concentration and the moulding of our Destinies without our consent or through our representation is strictly and wholly within the

- keeping of the Roosevelt Administration to perform.
- (e) We maintain any and all the consequences that have happened through the evacuation, concentration and our pauperization ahhopened through the causes placed there by the negligence and impotency of the various Governmental Agencies handling the same. THE ORIGIN OF ALL THESE CAUSES IS THE MAKINGS OF THE ROOSEVELT ADMINISTRATION. The same charge hold true in any future developments until such time as an equitable settlement is made in our behalf.

XXII

We maintain the removal of our Person and Body from the places of our habitation were not of our volition; and is in direct conflict with the principles and ideals set forth in the Constitution and the Bill of Rights.

XXIII

After all, a promise is a promise, guarantees are guarantees, and obligations are obligations. And, this is America. It is supposed to be the land of the FREE. Justice and Democracy are supposed to dwell in this U.S.A. But, where are they today? A sight of them would give assurance to the sincerity of the Presidents utterances on the various Freedoms of the Atlantic Charter, the fight for freedom or the war to save Democracy to the World's enslaved Peoples. A little application of sincerity and Humanitarian aspets toward those eighty thousand Citizens confined behind barbed wire fences for no Sins of the own, and a better fulfillment of his Presidential vows, would be more seemly in the Eyes of the Unbelieving, to History and to Posterity.

Thereby, has Justice, Democracy, and the Ideals and Principles of Americanism fallen so low as to necessitate the making of these accusations for any rectification of mangled Rights and Privileges?

We repeat again ... the pauperization, the emasculation, the evacuation, the concentration, the denial of Liberty and Freedom and the Mental tortures that now inflect us may be visited upon other Minorites tomorrow unless America awakens to the sacrileges made upon the inalienable Rights of American Citizens through false interpretations of the Instruments of our Government, and by the use of vain and beguiling words. Rectification should be immediate and complete.

In view of these charges, we refer you back to our claims and demands, and pray that America, through its elected Representatives in Congress, take immediate steps to rectify the cruelties and injustices now un-Constitutionally visited upon eighty thousand Citizens of this Nation without cause or proof.

XXIV

The acts of our pauperization, emasculation, evacuation, concentration, and the moulding of our Destinies without our

consent or representation are several of these infringements upon Humane Rights guaranteed by the Constitution and the Bill of Rights. Our Instruments of Government were established with judicial thought as guidance for the destiny of the Nation and its people, and was not established for the purpose of a cloak to disguise unholy ambition.

Thereby, the further submission by us to these un-Constitutional acts and procedures is not only demoralizing to our mental, physical and moral structures, but on the contrary, a further submission will contribute toward the sabotaging of the social political, and economic fabric built by the sacrifices of past Americans...a retrogression of the efforts conceived in Liberty, Justice, Freedom and Democracy into the Age of Tyrants and Dictators.

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