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To whom it may concern

Part I

The undersigned, Kiyoshi Okamoto, formerly a resident of 22-8-B of Heart Mountain Concentration Camp, in the State of Wyoming and, now transferred to the Tulle Lake Segregation Camp, Medec County, California make the following statements in behalf of James M. Omura who have been removed from the editorial staff of the Rocky Shinspe of Denver, Colorado...English Section.

(a) This affiant was a member from Block # 22 to study and investigate the so-called Community Enterprise of Heart Mountain Camp. As such, he was unable to reconcile the legitimacy of WRA sponsorship to establish a cooperative for reasons the Administration refused to divulge. It is the only one of the ten other Camps that have refused to bow to WRA dictatorship. It was forced into a Trusteeship. For this activity, this affiant became a persona non grata with the current administration. This was early in the year of 1943.

(b) Next, he was elected as Chairman to represent Block # 22 in dealings with the WRA's local administration. As such, he saw the entrance of petty politics within the administration itself. To this was added the experience of dictatorial tendencies on the part of Guy Robertson, the Project Director towards the welfare of the Internees. There was no indication of justice, equity or cooperation on his part to discharge the obligations and responsibilities he was entrusted with upon the assumption of his office. This affiant opposed all of his suggestions, measures and dictatorial procedures as hurtful to the future and destinies of the Evacuees. Robertson and Todd became more resentful because of this opposition

(c) When the so-called Self Government was instituted, this affiant was elected Councilman to superceed his Chairmanship from Block # 22 In this capacity, he made himself still more obnoxious to the Administration for the following reasons...(1)...Robertson had managed the organization of this Body to his satisfaction. (2) ...this affiant was a minority member ~~from among~~ three or four that saw danger in ~~the~~ the measures introduced or, sponsored by the Administration and consequently opposed. (3) The reasons for any such oppositions were broadcast at the affiant's regular Monday night's meeting to the discredit and consternation of the other Councilmen who had agreed to discretion at Administration intimations. Trust and confidence in these Block representatives waned in direct proportion as this Affiant's interest and efforts in behalf of the Evacuees became known. This earned for him the envy and hatred of his fellow Councilmen as well as the Administration desire to become rid of him. Seeing the futility of progress in view of such opposition to the welfare and interests of the Residents, this Affiant resigned from their partnership.

Considered the so-called Self Government as a mockery & an intelligence the skeleton is there in the form of the Councilmen, Public Accounts but no rights on which a good is based upon is devoid of power in behalf of the People. On the contrary, it is built so to ~~be~~ as a direct and concentrated the operations policies into the Prison Director

- (d) The Affiant organized the Fair Play Committee of One and appointed himself as its Chairman.
 (The idea of a fair play Committee took form in this Affiant's mind in the Fall of 1942 when relocation was established at Heart Mountain because of the following reasons, i.e.,
- (1) JACL sell out
 - (2) WRA bondogling and inconsistencies.)
- (e) This Affiant established the formulae... "No commitment to # 27 of questionnaire until after clarification of our Citizenship Rights and Status by Judicial pronouncement or by Congressional Act".
 (This was at the time of the 1943 induction.)

For the reasons heretofore given, this Affiant is familiar with the psychological aspects of the WRA administrative staff at Heart Mountain the Sentinel, which is an Administration sponsored publication; the Councilmanic Body; the hopes, the aspirations and the sentiments of the Interned residents of Heart Mountain Camp.

In particular, this Affiant is well acquainted with the editorial policies of the Sentinel, the Pacific Citizen and the Rocky Shinpo inasmuch as their attitude ~~concerned~~ directly concerned the welfare of the Fair Play Committee.

PART II

As a corollary to the foregoing affirmations, the following are facts and realities pertaining to this Affiant's knowledge, i.e.,

- (1) James M. Omura is not and, never was a member of the Fair Play Committee of Heart Mountain.
- (2) This Affiant has never met nor seen the above said James M. Omura.
- (3) James M. Omura was never at Heart Mountain Camp or, acquainted with any member of the Fair Play Committee to the extent of my knowledge. This is in particular since the inception of the Fair Play Committee.
- (4) The only connection or relation ~~between~~ held between this Affiant and James M. Omura or, between the Fair Play Committee and James M. Omura have been through the medium of the English section of the Rocky Shinpo of which he was editor.
- (5) The materials contained on the positive side of James, M. Omura's articles on the Fair Play Committee were submitted to him by either this Affiant or accredited members of the Fair Play Committee.
- (6) The controversial topics appearing in the Sentinel and the Pacific Citizen on the one hand and the Rocky Shinpo on the other which resulted in the removal of James M. Omura were furnished as of (5). Those appearing in the Sentinel and the Pacific Citizen are the results of hearsay for the simple reason that the FPC were actors and participants whereas, the Sentinel and the Pacific Citizen

never approached any of the responsible members of this organization for verification of its aims, objectives, ideals or principles. Consequently, as already mentioned, they were written from hearsay. In many respects, they were fabricated on wishful thoughts or, according to WRA and JACL policies and promptings as already intimated in a-e...in particular for the reasons given in (d), page ^{include}

- (7) As stated in (d), the FPC was conceived by this Affiant ~~many~~ in the Fall of 1942. It took definite form about April 1943 when a request for clarification of Citizenship Rights and Status was placed before the President of the United States through the intermediary of Marion Anderson of the Magazine...Common Ground. Actual activities were begun by this Affiant in the Month of October when he issued a Proclamation of dissatisfaction and demand for redress to the President, General Emons, the Public at large through the medium of organizations and the Press...48 of them. This was followed by a campaign of Public address within the Heart Mountain Camp demanding justice, equity, ~~and~~ assurances, guarantees and settlement in opposition to the JACL and WRA program of pauperization and the wrecking of Internee Future and Destinies as embodied in their Relocation Program.
- (8) About this period... October ^{to} December of 1943...this Affiant saw the need of a proper clarification of our Citizenship Rights and Status either by Judicial pronouncement or through Congressional Act. It is the pivotal concept around which revolve the proper orientation of obligations and responsibilities of the interned Nisseis.
- (9) Determined to place into execution (at this time) a challenge to the WRA and the Military their right of detention. (This idea was borrowed away back in April of 1943 at the time of the Hirabayashi Case and, the escape of two youngsters from Camp. It was constantly on the mind but, various obstacles intervened.)
- (10) Envisioned the application of the Selective Service Act to suspended Citizens...(Interned Citizens of Japanese Ancestry).
- (11) Formulated a combination of 9 & 10. in the event of # 10.
- (12) By February of 1943, adherents to the ideals and principles expounded by this Affiant (#7) had established itself in defiance to WRA and Councilmanic frowns.
- (13) Retained an attorney in view of # c, d,e and 7, 8,9,10, 11 and 12
- (14) This connection was made known to the local Administration for, Samuel Menin, the attorney was held several hours in the Administration office undergoing inquisition as to whom he wished to visit and with what objective. He was also at the same time given to understand by Guy Robertson that Kiyoshi Okamoto, this Affiant was a dangerous person and was destined for Tulle Lake in the near future. Menin's visit became public knowlege within the Center the next day. In general, Robertson tried indirect intimidation as preventive to Menin's legal representation in behalf of the said Kiyoshi Okamoto or to the Fair Play Committee.

- (15) Immediately, Mennin submitted a ~~request~~^{out} to the U.S. Attorney General, Mr. Francis Biddle for a clarification of Citizenship rights and status of those Citizens confined in Camps with due process of law. Answer was received from Mr. Enis but, the topic ~~was evaded~~. of vital concern to us was evaded.
- (16) Numbers I4 and I5 was submitted to the Rocky Shinpo, Pacific Citizen, the Denver Post and the Chicago Tribune as news items. The Sentinel, located within the Camp and tool of the Administration ignored it. So did the Pacific Citizen. To this Affiant's knowlege, only the Rocky Shinpo acknowledged it in it's columns.
- (17) Requests for Public education as to the ideals, principles and objectives of the Fair Play be came insistent. The Nissei sub-division was formed seperately as an independent unit. This be- came necessary inasmuch as the ~~application~~ application of the Selective Service Law became imminent. The members held the idea Congress overlooked the rights and status of suspended Citizens in Concentration Camps when It enacted the Selective Service Law in I940. This opinion necessitated a clarification of Nissei rights and status as a possible ammendment to that Law.
- (18) Because of # I7, an educational unit was organized. Used Mess hall in open defiance to WRA rules in contrast to the Sentinel's statement that the members of the FPC met rat-like in latrines etc. The Internal Security knew of these meetings; the WRA admini- stration must have known of them and, the Sentinel certainly knew of these meeting for they themselves scurried on the outskirts of these meeting instead of coming inside. These meetings were open to the Public. In fact, a verbal invitation was made to one of the administration members by this affiant.
- (19) These meetings met with subterranean ^{inclusive} opposition from the Council- Body; the Sentinel staff operated in latrines to gather news; and the Administration did not know what to do. Partial reasons for these may be found in # a-c, and especially in b and c. Supplementar to these are the facts that (1)...the so-called Self Government is not a Self Government. It is dictated to by the Administration. It's By-Laws indicate it. (2)...The Administration feared publi- city to the outside World. (3) The whole setup within the Camp administration is a conglomeration of Communism, Totalitarianism and dictatorship....all directed in the maintenance of ignorance to current happenings. ~~The reasons may be found in the fact that undemocratic and unCon- stitutional methods and procedureds were practiced whereas on the other hand the clamor of the FPC was the injection of justice, equity, Civilized usage, and the granting of Humane Rights as guaranteed in the Constitution and the Bill of Rights.~~ Also, the subserviency of the Councilmaic Body to Robertson and WRA rulings substantiate this statement.
- (20) The order to the Physical examination came. There were still no clarification from the Attorney's department or, anywhere else. In such absence, the members of the FPC did not know whether they were Citizens or not Citizens. They could not place confi- dence and trust in WRA contentions that they were Citizens for, their past vascillating acts and one sided transactions had nullified them to the extent that the FPC ~~came~~^{it necessitated} into existence.

In this contention, it must be granted that dissatisfaction never occur without a Cause. The Cause lay at WRA and administration failure. Also, to this may be added the failure of the Federal Government to rectify the injustices done in wrecking the Lives, hopes and destinies of one hundred and twenty thousand innocent Peoples. The responsibility of meteing out Justice lies with the Government and, not with with the Internees. A proper clarification of Citizenship Rights and Status is one of them. if Civilized usage and Constitutional procedures are to prevail.

In contrast to this, Robertson took the stand that he was there to force his orders whether right or wrong. There was no effort at understanding, amelioration, to perform his functions as was intended for him by act of Congress...to act as a Social Agency instead of as a jailor. Thereby, it became natural that friction arose where two irremovable force come aganst each othe. With such an objective, Robertson prodded the Sentinel, the Community Council, the local members of the JACL, the preachers and the priests. He even drove to Cheyenne to put political pressure to consumate a Bureaucratic Dictatorship.

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- (21) As a result of Robertson's activities, thirty three members of the FPC were arrested and placed in jails. These members took the position that a doubtful or bad law must be challenged or violated to maintain the stream-line of the Constitution and the Bill of Rights. They are not draft evaders as maintained for the by the Sentinel and the Pacific Citizen at JACL and WRA instigation. To these members, the Selective Service Law is not the issue. To them, a higher stake is involved. They are trying to maintain the inviolability of the Constitution and the Bill of Rights. in preference to upholding a Bureaucratic Dictatorship. *Submittance against was the only avenue Available under our confinement and denial of privileges.*
- (22) This affiant or some authorized member continued to submit the various developments and activities to the Denver Post, Billings News, The Chicago Tribune, the Sentinel, the Pacific Citizen and the Rocky Shinpo. Both the Sentinel and the Pacific Citizen failed to investigate these sources. On the contrary, they create situations and conditions in conference to stream-line WRA and JACL policies of employing the miseries, unhappiness, ~~and~~ disillusionment and bewilderment of one hundred and twenty thousand Soul *to their advantage.*
- (23) The inspirations and courage to test the legality of the Selective Service Act on suspended Citizens emanated from a knowlege of the ideals and principles that motivated the Pilgrims and the Quakers; the cause that began the Revolutionary War; the philosophy, ideals and principles ~~of~~ that formulated the Constitution and the Bill of Rights; the philosophy that backed up the Civil War; the fight currently waged by the American Civil Liber Union for Civil Rights plus the general knowlege of civilized usages and Humane Rights by any and all the members of the Fair Play Committee.

In conjunction with the aforesaid, each and all the members of the FPC are cognizant of past JACL duplicities and present oppurtunism; WRA failures; Councilmanic mendacity and, administration recklessness of Humane Rights... ~~the~~ the un-Constitutional methods and procedures of the WRA and the Military on the one side and, our conviction, faith and loyalty to the ideals and principles of the Constitution and the Bill of rights on the other.

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 We based all our arguments, contentions, reasoning, deductions and actions on ~~the~~ fundamental Instruments of our Government that built this Country into a great democratic Nation. The attitude of the Fair Play Committee is and has been the maintenance of the sacredness and inviolability of the ideals and principles entertained by the Pilgrim Fathers and the Quakers and, inculcated in the Constitution and the Bill of Rights. In contradistinction to the ~~tomtom~~ egotistic autocracy of the JACL, the WRA, the Sentinel and the Pacific Citizen. From their exposition of Humane Rights and Citizenship privileges, this Affiant is of the opinion that they ~~are~~ possess no knowledge of loyalty, ~~and~~ obligations, responsibilities and the rights and privileges of Citizenship. Their thinking and acts are motivated simply and purely from selfish bi-focal instincts and selfishness. A study of their writings indicate this conclusion. In much the same way that skunks are differentiated from kittens by their odor.

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The WRA, according to the knowledge gained from this Affiant's experiences as affirmed in a, b, c, d, and e of this testimony, is a heterogeneous conglomeration of failures resurrected from the slop buckets of the Work Progress Administration and Ward healers. Consequently, their accomplishments are a series of failures, confusion, bewilderment, incompetency, bungling and all the other adjectives that contribute towards the hampering of Civilization's progress. With what result? Their incompetencies created situations and Causes for dissatisfaction and troubles. The murder and riots at Manzanar, the troubles at Tule Lake, the establishment of Leupp segregation Center in ~~and~~ the inhospitable desert of Arizona; the confinement therein of fifty three Evacuees who dared to voice redress of injustices etc. To save their face these People were ~~railroaded~~ condemned and railroaded without the due process of Law as guaranteed by the Constitution and the Bill of Rights...white washing themselves into WRA jobs.

Such acts are sorry avowels. It amounts to the admission the WRA is stumped if they are not permitted to violate the law. The Constitution says explicitly that no person shall be found guilty without trial by his Peers. The upshot of such tactics illustrate the inefficiency of a majority of the WRA administrative staff are not qualified with proper judgement to steer the destinies of one hundred and twenty thousand Souls. From their past acts, they cannot administer if they have to do so lawfully. This is the attitude and policy and ability of the WRA and the JACL. THEY DO NOT WANT THE PUBLIC TO KNOW OF THESE SHORT COMINGS AND THE MESS THEY HAVE CREATED.

As proof of the above accusations and contentions, ^{arbitrary} this Affiant Kiyoshi Okamoto and Isamu Horino may properly testify to the fact the WRA established CAUSES and unable to justify them they be through recourse to the violations of those guarantees of the Constitution and the Bill of Rights. Okamoto and Horino were railroaded to Tule Lake ~~without~~ on the assumption of trouble making and disloyalty only, without proof and the other proceedings required in Law to pronounce guilt upon an individual.

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From the foregoing, deduction may be established to the fact that recourse is made to violence, defamation of character, evasion of the issue, white washing themselves, propaganda and political ~~pressures~~ and moral pressure to justify wrongs in the efforts at control of the American ways of Life. ~~They are~~ subversive activities undermining the Constitution and the Bill of ^{in the Can}

- (26) As instimated in (d), page 2, this Affiant conceived the FPC because of their past treacheries and current policies of servile collaboration with the WRA. The members of the FPC became so, in a great measure, because of kindred feelings in this respect.
- (27) ^{generation} Another contributing factor to the ~~ex~~ success of the FPC is the ~~fact~~ of too many CAUSES for dissatisfaction on the part of the Administration. In this Affiant's opinion, the WRA has been a failure in the main objective as intended by Congress. It's policies failed to envision into the long range social degeneration their practices entailed. Neither has it's practices been that of near sightedness. In essence, their activities have been confined to the digging up of old prints from the archives of old accomplishments to patch over new issues and mistakes. In so doing, they overlooked obligations and responsibilities to make hay for a relentless Bureaucracy
- (28) The acts and policies of the JACL, the Sentinel and the Pacific Citizen induce this Affiant into a belief that these Agents are nothing but a white wash for WRA boondoggings... obscure the real issue for which the FPC came into existence.
- (29) The Heart Mountain Administration bent every effort to deny Public Education to the Internees. The Sentinel was it's tool. It printed only what was told them by the Administration. For this purpose they retained a supervisor of their own on WRA funds. They painted a picture of success and happiness for relocation. They failed to educate the Internees to the Rights and Privileges of Humane and Civilized Beings as guaranteed by the Constitution and the Bill of Rights. Facts and realities were shelved to make room for propaganda.
- (30) The WRA made every effort to prevent leakages of facts, realities, dissatisfactions and conditions prevailing within the Camp to the outside World. A bottle neck was formed for this purpose. Intercourse with neighbouring towns were denied; Leave clearance relocatees were closely watched and cautioned against talking too much on conditions inside by Federal Agents. They have been deadly fearful of publicity on their acts.
- (31) The Sentinel is not a free Press as per it's claim. It is, as already stated, a WRA sponsored publication.
- (32) The Pacific Citizen is a subsidiary of the JACL and, it's official organ.
- (32*) ~~_____~~
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- (32*) Finally, Kiyoshi Okamoto, this Affiant and Isamu Horino who challenged the Military their right of detention were handcuffed and brought to this Tulle Lake segregation Camp charged with trouble making and disloyalty. The accusations were arbitrarily fixed... with no hearing, trial or other due process of law. This Affiant, Kiyoshi Okamoto was Chairman of the Fair Play Committee at the time of his removal from Heart Mountain.
- At the time of this deposition, James M. Omura is out of a

Aims and objectives of the Fair Play Committee.

- (1) The welfare of one hundred and twenty thousand Evacuees are involved in the proper determination and distribution of just Proper and Public education is requisite for such emergencies. The WRA, the JACL, the Sentinel and the Pacific Citizen. failed in th The Fair Play Committee's prime objective is justice and equity through education. The basic tennets involved in this educational program are the ideals and principles and guarantees of the Const tution and the Bill of Rights that advanced this Country into a great Democratic Nation.
- (2) The Fair Play Committee considered the welfare and happi ness of one hundred and twenty thousand Souls worth the effort sacrifices that must ensue from their defiance of the Bureau Autocracy of the WRA, the anguish of the JACL and the mendacious envy of bothe the Sentinel and the Pacific Citizen. It came out t fight their Cause...injection of equity and justice in all the p blem arising from the Evacuation, pauperization, abduction, conce tration, suspension of Citizenship rights and status, denial of fr and all the other infringements guaranteed in the Constitution the Bill of Rights.
- (3) The FPC believed the necessity of Public Education to th great American Public on the outside of the barbed wire enclosures guarded by soldier's bullets, machine guns, bayonets and towers. for the proper adjudication of justice, and equity and settlement .
- (4) The FPC repudiated the Japanese American Citizen's League to It's pretentions of representing the Nisseis; It's policies of ~~subservient~~ subservient collaboration with the WRA and It's other various activities as innimical to the interests, and wellfa and destinies of one hundred and twenty thousand Humane Beings.
- (5) One of the objectives of the FPC is and was to eliminate all WRA pretentions to Bureaucratic autocracy and, bring the ad ministration down to the level intended for them by Congress. to the extent of observing Constitutional procedures and meteing ou justice, equity, fair play and sportsmanship in accordance to Ci vilized usage. and democratic practices.
- (6) For the attainment of these foregoing objectives, we desir outside contact. Samuel Menin, a Denver Attorney sufficed, ~~_____~~
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With such aid, the FPC intend to fight to the Supreme Court if necessary to maintain the inviolability of the Constitution and Bill of Rightsa strange contrast to the practice of the WRA whose administering officials must have taken the oath of office to uphold the Laws of the Land, the Constitution and the Bill of Rights in particular.

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These objectives are based upon the concept that the ideals and principles are established upon moral interpretations. As illustration, the Pilgrims and the Quakers came to this Country with the inheritance and knowledge of certain Humane Rights as intended for Man by God and by Nature. Upon these concepts was nurtured the Thirteen Colonies. And, upon the growth and expansion of these ideals and principles developed the chasm of opinions between the Governed and the ~~governmmmm~~ Ruler. So ~~cammmmmmmmmmmmmmmmmmm~~ developed the Revolutionary War, the Declaration of Independence, the framir of the Constitution, the registration of the Bill of Rights, the Proclamation for the emancipation of Slavery and the Civil War. All these were expressions of dissatisfaction at the domination of a Minority by the power of a Majority in the apportionment of Humane Rights. So came into existence the term democracy and democratic practices in direct opposition to dictatorship, kingship, autocratic tyrants and other verbal application of domination over the mass by a few. The former are called today, in this Country, the American ways of Life or, Americanism etc.

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Again, we repeat, the Fair Play Committee, the above ideals and Principles are deserving to the one Hundred and twenty thousand People (the sick, the old, the babies, the helpless, the bewildered as well as the healthy.) evacuated from the Pacific Coast Areas in violation of Constitutional justices and guarantees. Their future their happiness and their destinies must not be moulded to the d constrained by propaganda and selfishness. Their bewilderment, their unhappiness and their ignorance must not be used as ladder rungs to promote the selfish instincts of a few into Bureau-cratic Autocracies. They are entitled to mould their own future and destinies. For this purpose, the cards must not be stacked against them but, on the contrary, the cards must be laid on the table in full view of their assets and liabilities.

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The WRA and the JACL have failed in the performance of this obligation and responsibilities to their charges. The FPC, on the contrary, supplement this deficiency through active and open educational programs. ~~Wm~~ This Affiant is of the opinion that vague insinuations ~~means~~ means nothing. It is the tangible and visible results which carries conviction. From these arise Hope and Courage to face the future. The efforts and results of WRA and JACL during the course of the past two years have shown tangible results of failure as progressive agencies. The aim of the FPC is and has been to correct these deficiencies. By their activities of the past, the Sentinel, the Pacific Citizen, the WRA and the JACL have tried to create impressions by the employ of the dictionary...no assets and tangible means of factual support. Such tactics is recourse to Medivaelism and charlantry where desposism was established to whip the Mass into submission.... hypnotic subjection.

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As supplement to (32) on page 7 the following is added... The establishment of the Leupp segregation Camp in the hot deser of Arizona, the use of Tulle Lake segregation Camp is an arrogated function of the WRA to establish a government within a State which in turn are Governments within the Union. These methods of punishment are arbitrary, dictatorial, tyrannical and bureaucratic in direct contrast to the guarantees of the Constitution and the Bill of Rights. A study of the histories of the fifty seven men railroaded into Leupp Camp and, the several thousands applied to Tulle Lake are ample illustration of this contention of unlawful

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on the part of Public Officials entrusted with the task of upholding the Constitution and its guaranteed & humane rights

The arbitrary application of such terms as trouble maker, disloyal are sufficient grounds to these Administrators to railroad them into punishment and disciplinary measures...all contrary to Civilized usages and the guarantees that built this Country into a great democratic Nation. A study of the case history of Roku Miyahara, Isamu Horino and Kiyoshi Okamoto furnish ample evidence of unlawful proceedings. Also, these cases heretofore mention warrant studies in the cover-up or whitewashing methods employed in the administration departments. To them, the use of subversive activities etc are sufficient to warrant punishment. No due process of law is needed in their estimation. All these indicate the psychological make-up of the Heart Mountain Administration. The Sentinel voice it's application. The Pacific Citizen and the JACL bark in unison. Study the Manzanar murders, the riots ~~mm~~ at Poston and Tulle Lake, the various Strikes etc.

(IO) All the internal troubles within the concentration camps arose from the indifference, ignorance and incompetencies of the WRA administration. In incompetency lie troubles is an old truism. Consequently, when totalitarianism and dictatorship was applied to the Nisseis and Civilized individuals such as that holding true of a majority of the Heart Mountain Internees, friction and difference of opinions naturally must arise. The members of the FPC were brought up and educated into the concept of democratic practice.

(II) In all the foregoing statements, accusations and depositions it must be remembered that JUSTICE CALLS FOR THE INCLUSION AND CONSIDERATION OF THE CAUSES THAT PROMPTED THE DISATISFACTIONS AND TROUBLES such as indicated in (9) of pages 9 and 10.

(I2) THIS AFFIANT AFFIRM THAT ~~MMMMMM~~ THE CAUSES OF ALL THE DISATISFACTIONS, UNHAPPINESS, MISERIES, REBELLIONS AND TROUBLES CREDITED TO THE EVACUATED FROM THE PACIFIC COAST AREAS WERE ALL PLACED THERE BY THE GOVERNMENT'S REFUSAL TO RECOGNIZE JUSTICE AND CONSTITUTIONAL PROCEDURES IN THE HANDLING OF THEIR AFFAIRS. THE CAUSE IS AT THE FOOT STEPS OF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT...INCLUDING THE EXECUTIVE, THE JUDICIAL AND LEGISLATIVE BRANCHES. The obligation and responsibility for an equitable solution of all the problems arising from the evacuation ~~mm~~ belongs to the Federal Government and, NOT TO THE EVACUATED PEOPLE.

Part IV

Exhonoratation of James M. Omura.

- (I) As intimated by the WRA, the JACL, the Sentinel and the Pacific Citizen, James M. Omura cannot be accused of initiating the movement of the Fair Play Committee for the reasons affirmed in d and e of page 2: 1 to 32 inclusive of Part II from page 2 to page 7 and, Part III all inclusive.
- (2) James M. Omura never was or is a member of the FPC. for the various proofs hereintofore submitted in this affirmation.
- (3) James M. Omura never inspired nor lent courage to the movements of the members of the FPC for the simple reason that courage and conviction existed already within the members.

as inferred from (8) to (15) inclusive on pages 3 and 4; 17, 18 and 19 on page 4; 23 on page 5; 24 and 25 on page 6; 26 to 31 inclusive on page 7; 1 to 9 of Part III of pages 8 and 9. The news items carried by him in his editorials are substantiation already existing within the framework of the FPC for the simple reason that considerable distance exist between Denver and Heart Mountain and, several days must elapse before news items could be transmitted to JM Omura. These inspirations were already accomplished facts within the minds of the members of the FPC for the reason that each member had already made up its mind before joining the FPC.

Their source of inspiration came not from Omura's writings but on the contrary, were based upon the faith and belief in the sacredness and inviolability of the Constitution and the Bill of Rights. They also abhorred the unconstitutional methods and procedures of the Evacuation, the pauperization, the abduction, the concentration, the denial of freedom unless it be under WRA terms etc. These infractions of Constitutional rights and guarantees gave impetus to inspiration and courage as is fit to true and loyal Citizens of this Democratic Nation than any counter propaganda by the opposition or, by Omura's writings. The members of the FPC and its friends saw the tangible and visible results of JACL and WRA failures as explained in (23) on page 5; 24, 25 of page 6; 26 to 29 on page 7. Moreover the courage and inspiration were gained in the aims and objectives as enumerated in 1 to 12 of Part III

- (4) James M. Omura is nor never was a high ranking officer of the FPC for reasons given in *11 to 5 on p. 2;*
- (5) Neither is J.M. Omura a mouth piece of the FPC for obvious reason as given in *above*
- (6) James M. Omura cannot be held responsible for the acts of the fifty three members of the FPC now apprehended by Federal Authorities and confined in the various jails of Wyoming. because of reasons intimated in *Part II of p. 2, ¶ 7 inclusive; Part III on pages 8 inclusive*

In refusing to respond to the order to the physical examination, these members of the FPC. saw their only avenue of testing the Constitutionality of a bad law. They saw in the Selective Service Act a Law that does not apply to Citizens with suspended rights and status for Omnipotent as Congress may assume to be still, the members could not grant to these honorable members the power of prognostication for, this Act was ~~instituted~~ enacted in 1940? In short, they assume their right of loyalty to the Constitution and Bill of Rights before adherence to any other principle, ideals or commandments. They believe in maintaining the inviolability of the Constitution and the Bill of Rights for their benefit and, for the sake of posterity if guarantees and protection are to be assured to the other Minorities of this Nation.

Part V

As supplement to IV, this Affiant affirm the following as.

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" refuse to go to the physical examination or to the induction if or when we are called in order to contest the issue". This statement appearing in the *Sentinel* is a mis-quote of the FPC effort to elicit clarification of Citizenship rights and status as of p

also of page .The sentence is a factored product of Kido's imagination to obscure the real issue contended by the Fair Play Committee...see *Am v. Hyatt* page 8, part 3 enclosed
It is a wordy camouflage to make true his wishful thoughts to discredit the FPC and, to earn WRA laurels for himself as intimated. Such malicious show of animosity by this high official of the JA is a resentment of this Affiant's opposition to JACL domination within the Heart Mountain Camp as shown in ...

(2) " Proceed rat-like with stealthy approach to intimidate or even threaten" etc. appearing in the Sentinel is also a product of the imagination. *Any reputation will place the blame on their own feet*

(3) These two examples are cited as illustrative of their use of words to cloud the real issue confronting one hundred and two thousand People...their welfare, interest and destinies. Facts are not given, neither proofs. To the above statements, the FPC may adduce proofs if conditions warranted. The point is...the FBI were actors; the others ~~man~~ gathered and based their conviction on hearsay. Other evidence pointing to this conclusion may be gathered from *Am p. 2; 4-11-44*; Also to the above is added the following terms employed in the PC and Sentinel... "misleading, incite or encourage; create sedition and disloyalty; wrecking the lives of these boys; distorted news to make it appear that the FBI were st sensational policy" etc. as fuel to accomplish their purpose.

"the bitter harvest of the seeds of today" ^{Part VI} and continue these
In contrast to these evasive veneers, the following are true... (include all your editorials)

in Ed

The FBI admitted to Horino yesterday...I wish you were elsewhere. You fellows are giving us a headache.

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Finally, this Affiant is of the opinion the accusations made against James M. Omura in the pages of the Sentinel and the Pacific Citizen are motives other than Publicly made. The results made to date indicate such. The Heart Mountain Administration feared Public Education ~~through~~ of the great American Public (outside the bar wire enclosures) and, employed these mediums of character destruction to maintain their objective....maintain ignorance of the Public through discredit or through railroading Omura out of a job. It was a case of Robertsons position or Omuras job.

Finished this 6th day of May, 1944
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