



## BEHIND BARBED WIRES CONVICTED OF NO CRIME

Here in the West behind barbed wire 8 feet high are 120,000 persons charged with no crime, given a hearing before no court. The majority of them are American citizens born in this country, educated in our schools, members of our churches. Among them are men who fought for the United States in the last war and women whose sons are fighting and have died for American in this. They include helpless old men and women and little children, imprisoned because they, or perhaps one of their great grandparents, had the wrong shape eyes, the wrong color skin.

As Americans, we cannot allow the Bill of Rights to be made a mockery. As Christians we cannot permit the Brotherhood of Man to be made a farce. We must demand that all citizens now in such government camps be released unconditionally except for individuals whom the government can, in civil court, prove guilty of subversive activity. We must also demand that all aliens of Japanese descent be treated on the same basis as those of German and Italian descent are

treated: by public hearings before civilian boards with an opportunity for appeal, and immediate release for all not proven dangerous. Democratic Britain, in imminent danger of invasion for three years, treats its enemy aliens thus.

We must help find colleges which will accept Japanese-American students who are eager to prove their loyalty by preparing for useful service. At the government's request, the National Japanese American Student Relocation Council, Quaker sponsored, with headquarters at 20 South 12th Street in Philadelphia, is handling arrangements. More than 150 colleges already have agreed to accept students, 2000 of whom are eligible for release.

### You can defend democracy here and now:

1. Write your Congressman (your local library has their names). Write the Secretary of War, the President, the Attorney General and your local newspapers demanding release of all citizens and hearing boards for aliens. Write now and write weekly.
2. Acquaint your friends with the facts. Speak to your local Legion post, Rotary or Ladies Aid and lodge. Encourage them to pass resolutions demanding racial discrimination to be ended and our loyal citizens of Japanese ancestry released from un-American concentration camps.
3. As a taxpayer, alumnus, student or professor, urge your state university and colleges in your state to accept American citizen-students of Japanese descent. And help raise funds needed to pay their tuition and maintenance.
4. Several cases to test the constitutionality of our "Concentration camps" are now in court. Contributions are needed to pay court costs.
5. Prove to those behind barbed wire that they have not been forgotten by their fellow citizens by sending badly-needed books, magazines, recreation material, children's playthings and clothing. (Write us for addresses)
6. Work without ceasing for speedy repeal of the Oriental Exclusion act, which so long as it stands will make a just peace in the Pacific impossible.

Help tell American the facts concerning our "concentration camps." Help this nation realize what it means to our democracy to imprison men, women and children en masse, in the face of their unquestioned loyalty, on the basis of race alone; to imprison them by administrative fiat, without legislative approval and in violation of the Constitution. If you would like more information, write to the Fellowship of Reconciliation, CRS camp, Coleville, California.

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## HAWAII SETS EXAMPLE FOR U. S.

Hawaii, like the continental U S, is at war with Japan. Unlike the U. S., the island is exposed to attack from every direction and is 2500 miles nearer the enemy than our mainland. Persons of Japanese ancestry compose 35 percent of the population of Hawaii and are concentrated in an area 100 times smaller than the Pacific Coast Defense area. Yet in Hawaii there has been no evacuation. Persons of Japanese ancestry continue to enjoy their freedom. Why? The Japanese, like most residents of Hawaii, are brownskinned. Furthermore, they are an essential part of the island economy. In the United States they are rivals of whites, who can take, who want, and who are taking their places.

## CHARGES OF SABOTAGE UTTERLY FALSE

Despite wild rumors which were used to excuse mass imprisonment of our Japanese-American citizens, careful investigation has revealed that charges of sabotage are utterly false. Secretary of War Stimson told Congressional committee that "the war department has received no information of sabotage committed by Japanese during the attack on Pearl Harbor." J. Edgar Hoover, head of the Federal Bureau of Investigation declares "There was no sabotage committed in Hawaii prior to December 7, on December 7, or subsequent to that time." California's attorney general said "We have had no sabotage and no fifth column activities in this state since the beginning of the war"

## IMPRISONED BECAUSE OF RACE

The real reason for imprisonment of our Japanese Americans racial discrimination. Although we are also at war with Germany and Italy, within the west coast military zones upward of a million persons of German and Italian descent remain free. In fact, if they were evacuated on the same basis as persons of Japanese ancestry, mayors La Guardia of New York, and Rossi of San Francisco, would be behind barbed wire. Even German and Italian aliens are not imprisoned, but given individual hearings. And they, unlike Japanese immigrants who are denied citizenship by our discriminatory laws, are aliens by choice!

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT SAID: Discrimination against aliens "engenders the very distrust and disunity on which our enemies are counting to defeat us. Remember the Nazi technique: "Pit race against race, religion against religion, prejudice against prejudice. Divide and conquer." We must not let that happen here. We must remember what we are defending: liberty, decency, justice." (Jan.2, 1942)

## WHAT DOES THIS MEAN FOR AMERICA ?

By feeding the fires of racial intolerance, this unjust imprisonment threatens to increase hate which will destroy not only the Japanese, but ourselves as well, and all that is best in America. The parallel between our treatment of west coast Japanese and Nazi treatment of Jews and Poles has not escaped Japan's propagandists: it lends weight to Japan's specious claim of being a liberator of the colored races. Like the Nazis, we have torn up a whole people by the roots, given them only nominal compensation for their property, and herded them off to undesirable places where the work under armed guard for little more than their keep. Already some are proposing that American citizens be shipped at war's end to Japan: a country they do not know, whose languages many cannot speak, a country in which they are aliens. The longer this situation continues, the harder it will be to restore justice. Segregation is recreating in the Japanese Americans a racial consciousness they had long sought to avoid. Two fifths of the citizens imprisoned are children 15 or less whom we are forcing to grow up divorced from "American" children and ways of life.

Detention of the Hapanese does pit race against race. It does divide, creating well founded suspicions among Negroes, Chinese, Jews. Will China, India, Africa, Latin America believe our pledges of racial justice if our actions belie them?

If we do not extend humanity's kindnesses and understanding to these people, if we deny them the protection of the Bill of Rights, if we say they may be denied the privilege of living in any of the 48 states and force them into concentration camps without hearing or charge of misconduct, then we are tearing down the whole American system. - Ralph L. Carr, Governor of Colorado.