

To the Secretary of State:

It is the duty and a privilege of every man to fight and offer his life to his country that has given him every opportunity and the authority to exercise all the rights accorded him by the Constitution of the United States. It is the supreme and an obligated duty for him to protect and harbor those privilege which he possesses and cherishes.

We, Niseis, are loyal and willing to serve and bear arms at any time to protect these precious rights bestowed upon us. We have been taught and reared from tender youth the Democratic principles of our Government--a heritage well-worth being proud of--which allow us the freedoms not granted in any other country.

Few years ago with the outbreak of hostilities with the Axis Nations, our freedoms were no longer a reality; we lost all claims to exercise our civil rights. Now we have been, once again, reinstitutued into a draftable status, but so far as we are concerned, WE, who have lost practically all our rights and privileges have little or nothing to fight to preserve.

1. Is it our duty to lay down our lives to defend the Constitutional Rights not accorded us? Is it a privilege to fight for that which you do not own?
2. That the Article V of The Bill of Rights, "no person shall be deprived of liberty or property without due process of the law; Article I, "that no law shall be established prohibiting the freedom of speech or of the press, or the right of the people to peaceably assemble; and the other Articles II, III, IV, VI had been disregarded when citizens were placed in camps behind barbed wire fences and placed on the same status as an enemy alien. The Bill of Rights was unconditionally established to stand firm and strong under any existing situation.
3. It is our understanding that America is prosecuting this war so that our way of living will not cease.

UNTIL SUCH TIME AS ALL THE WRONG HAS BEEN RIGHTED AND ADEQUATE COMPENSATION MADE, WE, THE NISEIS, SHOULD NOT BE COMPELLED TO BEAR ARMS; AND TO SUCH DATE AS OUR STATUS IS DEFINITELY ESTABLISHED AS TO WHAT RIGHT AND PRIVILEGE WE ARE FIGHTING FOR.

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