

Americans FOR HISTORIC ACCURACY

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Dear Concerned Citizen:

Please excuse the delay in sending you this information you requested. We are gratified by the response, but it was rather overwhelming and we were not prepared with enough published copies to supply the need.

We are a volunteer organization. Our membership pays no dues. Each member is responsible for mailing out a certain number of these packets -- also on a volunteer basis.

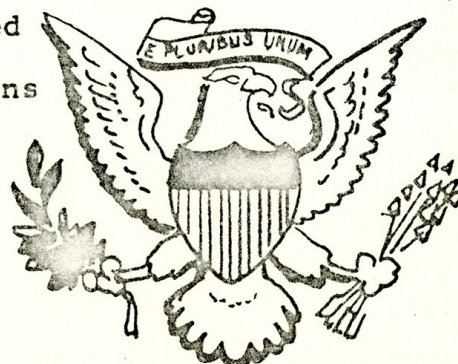
We hope you will want to participate. If so, your only obligation is to let us know to whom the material was sent so we have no duplicates and can keep some sort of file system. Our membership includes writers, educators, and most important -- THE EVERYDAY AMERICAN CITIZEN FROM ALL WALKS OF LIFE. This is OUR Country and we are proud of it. None of us takes delight in what was a necessary wartime action. WAR IS HELL FOR EVERYBODY! But America can hold its head up high when it comes to the humane treatment of peoples -- friend and foe alike.

* Do we dare wonder if 30 years from now, when pictures of the hastily built tents are shown (the emergency homes for Vietnam refugees), whether Americans will be accused of being "racist". The evacuation of persons of Japanese ancestry during WWII was an

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*(America was unprepared for the evacuation in 1942, and had to prepare "hastily" built barracks then. as now.)

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emergency measure taken for the public safety and national security ON OUR WEST COAST. The executive order did not affect persons of Japanese ancestry ANYWHERE ELSE IN THE NATION!

The CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES clearly states in SECTION 9. -- (2.) Habeas Corpus: "The privilege of the writ of habeas corpus shall not be suspended, unless when in cases of rebellion or invasion the public safety may require it."

WE WERE EXPECTING THE INVASION OF OUR WEST COAST

Our Constitution clearly states that "...the Judges in every State shall be bound" to the rulings of our SUPREME COURT of the United States.

In the (U.S. vs Korematsu) trial brought before the U. S. Supreme Court in 1944 by the American Civil Liberties Union, Hon. Justice Hugo Black, speaking for the 6-3 affirmative decision of our highest tribunal, wrote in part:

"...Regardless of the true nature of the assembly and relocation centers -- and we deem it unjustifiable to call them concentration camps with all the ugly connotations that term implies -- we are dealing specifically with nothing but an exclusion order." He continued: "To cast this case into outlines of racial prejudice, without reference to the real military dangers which were present, merely confuses the issue. Korematsu was not excluded from the military area because of hostility to him or his race. He was excluded because we are at war with the Japanese Empire, because the properly constituted military authorities feared invasion of our West Coast and felt constrained to take proper security measures, because they decided that the military urgency of the situation demanded that all citizens of Japanese ancestry be segregated from the West Coast temporarily, and finally, because Congress, reposing its confidence in this time of war in our military leaders -- as inevitably it must -- determined that they should have the power to do just this. There was evidence of disloyalty on the part of some, the military authorities considered the need for action was great, and time was short. We cannot -- by availing ourselves of the calm perspective of hindsight -- now say that at that time these actions were unjustified."

* If you would like copies of "THE DEMEANING OF AMERICA", a speech by Lillian Baker -- or if you would like to invite Mrs. Baker to speak before your group, large or small. Please write.

* Please send \$1.00 to help defray xeroxing and mailing costs. Thanks

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