

DEMOCRACY and JAPANESE AMERICANS



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"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."

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WE who sign the introduction to DEMOCRACY AND JAPANESE AMERICANS do so because we believe the method of handling Japanese Americans has been neither constitutional nor democratic.

This pamphlet naturally expresses the point of view of its author, Mr. Thomas, but we hope that it will have wide distribution because we believe the American people as a whole are unaware of the serious threat to our democratic way of life which is exemplified in the reception centers and concentration camps in the West for the Japanese. We support wholeheartedly all necessary measures for counter-espionage for the detection and punishment of spies and traitors but we do not believe that the one hundred and ten thousand Japanese who have been evacuated are spies and traitors.

We commend this pamphlet to the serious consideration of all who read it. It is not yet too late to change the policy our government is pursuing in its treatment of Japanese Americans.

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