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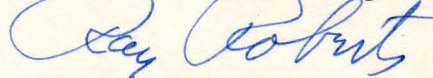
Dear Friend:

What does it mean to YOU to be a citizen? Does the Constitution protect YOUR liberties? Should it not also protect those of Gordon Hirabayashi, University of Washington senior of Japanese parentage, whose deep convictions made him challenge the authority of a military decree?


This native born American of unquestioned loyalty is now in King County jail, while his case, involving the profoundest issues that can be raised concerning American citizenship, is on its way to the Circuit Court of Appeals at San Francisco. Undoubtedly the issues involved must finally be decided by the United States Supreme Court in Washington, D. C.

The Gordon Hirabayashi Defense Committee believes that you are deeply concerned with the far-reaching significance of this challenge to unconstitutional procedure and will give it your support. The cost of taking the case to the Circuit Court of Appeals is one thousand dollars which must be contributed by people who know that eternal vigilance is still the price of liberty. Will you not return the enclosed card with your contribution to this fight for the maintenance of democratic government?

Yours for the Bill of Rights,



Ray Roberts, Chairman



Mary Farquharson, Sec'y - Treas.

P. S. The following is a quotation from the letter of an officer in the Army, when he sent his check for \$25.00:

"To a soldier, it is disheartening indeed to see those democratic principles for which we are fighting all over the world flagrantly betrayed and abandoned in our own country without a blow struck in their defense, and with hardly a voice raised in protest. I hope that a vigorous defense of this case may bring the whole deplorable evacuation policy before the public for critical scrutiny."