



QUOTES from the film

Never Give Up! Minoru Yasui and the Fight for Justice

We are concerned with the fundamental question of whether or not the government of the United States can indeed make distinctions between citizens on the basis of ancestry or national origin.

I felt we had the obligation, as citizens, to tell our government they are wrong! That is the sacred duty of every citizen, because what is done to the least of us can be done to all of us ... I *knew* that we had to protest this.

I know what the Constitution says, we know the Declaration of Independence. I believed, I believed then and I believe today that indeed ALL – MEN – ARE – CREATED – EQUAL. That there should be EQUAL JUSTICE UNDER THE LAW.

When you suppress or oppress any group of people, you are really derogating the rights of all people.

I should be just as eager to defend your rights as I am my own because if they take away your rights they could take away mine, so I will fight to preserve yours.

If there is suffering or pain that is unfairly imposed upon anyone, it's my duty, it's your duty to try to alleviate it because that's the way in which we gain a better life for all of us.

FROM OTHER SOURCES:

If we believe in America, if we believe in equality and democracy, if we believe in law and justice, then each of us, when we see or believe that errors are being made, has an obligation to make every effort to correct them.

I have rested in the shade of trees that others planted before me, so it behooves me to plant trees for those who come after me, that they may rest in their shade.