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Fred Toyosaburo Korematsu (1919-2005)

b. Oakland, California

Korematsu v. United States (1944)

Fun Fact: Korematsu resisted the Executive Order 9066 evacuation order of Japanese Americans in World War II by having minor plastic surgery and changing his name to Clyde Sarah.

What: Korematsu claimed the internment of Japanese Americans violated his constitutional rights as a US citizen.

Decision: Korematsu violated the evacuation order and the internment of Japanese Americans was a “military necessity not based on race.”

Today: The case was overturned in 1983 with the judge saying the “policies of the American government [at that time] were infected with racism.”