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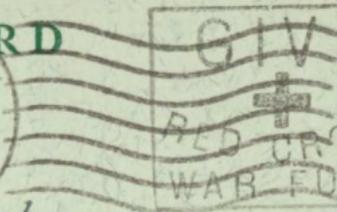
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MRS. MAYNARD FORCE THAYER

466 E. CALIFORNIA STREET

PASADENA, CALIF.

Dear Mrs. Kingman: Hope your rest did you good! Are you going to use our letters from soldiers? If not we want to do something with them. When will your folder be out? (7)

Rev. Benj. E. Watson, 2320 - East Orange Grove Ave., Pasadena has just joined through our Chapter. Please send him the late release of Liberty Magazine, etc. We are trying to follow up Kuroki - as you know he is now in Fresno. The Air recruiting people here told me one Adam they had been wanting him but the Army had not released him to them. Dr. Dwyer will speak in Pasadena at Forum on March 14th. We have over 200 members now. Sincerely, Maynard F. Thayer.



Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman
 Sec. Pacific Coast Com. on Fair Play
 Berkeley 4.
 Calif.
 2234 - Telegraph Avenue
~~International House~~ ?

March 1, 1944

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My dear Mr. Krigman:

My daughter was so pleased with
the pertinent facts, the truth about Top Camps
& Mr. Myers' address, which you sent me
that she wants to take them back to the
University of Chicago with her.

Could I have another set for refer-
ence here? I should appreciate it very much

Sincerely

Helen S. Ranney

March 1, 1944

Dr. Robert Gordon Sproul
Administration Bldg.
University of California
Berkeley, Calif.

Dear Dr. Sproul:

The matter is so urgent that I wanted to see you face to face, but will trust to this note.

Your being Honorary Chairman of the Committee on American Principles and Fair Play has been invaluable. We have avoided asking you to do much more than this, but now one definite act seems indispensable. This is the situation.

The Committee has achieved a good deal all over the Coast, and has in some degree affected national policy. The big gap is at Los Angeles. That is the power house of the race baiting opposition. A dozen able men and women, among them, Homer Cortly, David Varies, and John Richards, stand ready to form a chapter in Los Angeles, but not until they have seen a forthright declaration from you, ~~that~~ will command public attention and beget confidence. In early December, I believe, you told Ruth Kingman that you would be glad to make such a declaration.

No doubt you have been awaiting a suitable occasion. Now the occasion seems to have arisen in the form of the attached statement by Commander Houghton of the State Department of the American Legion.

Knowing how pressed you must be today, I have drafted an Open Letter which may possibly serve as primer for your own formulation. The point is for you to get the drive-wheel in Los Angeles off dead-center. Pardon me if I seem too bold,-- but it is for a cause that lies near your own heart.

If Mary Jefferts of the Fair Play office, opposite the Administration Building, can facilitate your doing the letter before you start for Washington, feel free to call on her at Ashberry 6214.

Heartly thanks.

Sincerely yours,

Galen M. Fisher

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(dictated over the phone to save time)

Draft of Open Letter to Commander Wm. P. Haughton
(American Legion, Dept. of California)

1 March 1944

Commander Wm. P. Haughton
Veteran's Memorial Building
Pacific Center
San Francisco, Calif.

Dear Commander Haughton:

It was heartening to read in your Column of February 215, 1944 these statesmanlike sentences:

"Numerous persons of Japanese ancestry are now serving with the armed forces of our country on the battle fronts, and according to all reports, are serving valiantly and well.

"We salute all men and women who love this country enough to fight and, if needs be, die for it. Every person good enough to fight for us is entitled to our respect and equal protection under the constitution."

These words are a merited rebuke to those patrioteers who, nazi-like, would have us substitute a caste system based on race and color for the democratic principles of the equal worth and civil rights of all persons as guaranteed by the constitution.

That a host of representative California citizens agree with this principles was indicated lately when some six hundred men at a Commonwealth Club luncheon gave Sergeant Ben Huroki a standing ovation after hearing the simple story of his struggle to win the chance to risk his life for America.

In common with all liberty loving Americans, I abominate the Japanese and Nazi militarists. They must be utterly defeated and their revival rendered impossible. But it must be crystal-clear to every straight-thinking American that we should be ^s rank hypocrites if, while

fighting the foes of democracy abroad we denied the elemental rights of democracy at home to our fellow citizens of Japanese ancestry.

It is because the Committee on American Principles and Fair Play is committed to securing "respect and equal protection under the constitution" for unpopular minorities, and especially for the Japanese evacuees, that I count it a privilege to serve as Honorary Chairman, and to bespeak for it the support of all patriotic Americans.

Sincerely yours,

Robert Gordon Sproul

1644 Van Ness Avenue
Fresno-1, California
March 7, 1944

Dear Mary Jefferds:

Dr. Phillips gave me one of the copies of the Kuroki talk which you sent him and, although it is good, I think that the Club's reprint is better for my purposes. It gives the story he told of the Ploesti raid and, as you will agree, it is a pretty exciting tale. The plea for tolerance is implied and stated briefly at the end and no one can fail to feel its effect but the article catches the interest of everyone on a basis of its narrative value. It seemed to me that Dr. McGiffert's makes more of a point of the tolerance angle and that those who are intolerant will not be so attracted to it. Get them to read the other and nature will take its course and I think the results will be greater. I have in mind, of course, the person who is either not interested in the problem or who is somewhat unsympathetic.

I am having the Club's leaflet mimeographed here at the college and will send you the stencils if you wish them. I presume that it is all right to copy it without explicit permission of the Club but you might check on that point for me, if you will. I plan to send copies to the local FP group and then to send a lot of others to people here and elsewhere whose interest is slight. Maybe their eyes will be opened a little thereby.

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-w.R.A.
Mr. Gibson turned up in these parts and we gathered together some twenty people to hear him last night. He suggested that we try to get Sgt. Kuroki here for a speech but before I could get anything started in that line I read the latest Pacific Citizen and discovered that Sgt. K. is apparently stationed here at one of the bases. I lost no time, I can assure you, in getting on the phone and hope to have word of him in the morning. Not being acquainted with any of the military elite here, I called on the Army Intelligence investigator whom I know slightly and who has done me a favor before and I think I can count on him for results. There will be plenty of speaking opportunities for him (Kufoki) if he is interested and, if nothing more, we can provide him with a few home cooked meals. I'll let you know if we find him.

Sincerely,

Margaret Cosgrave

March 7, 1944

Mrs. L. E. Siegley
2712 10th Ave. North
Seattle 5, Washington

Dear Mrs. Siegley:

Enclosed are copies of two letters we received today from men in Seattle, and also copies of Mrs. Kingman's answers to these.

Also enclosed are pieces of material (mentioned in the list of material sent to Mr. Greenwood and Mr. Barnett) with which you may not be familiar.

Mrs. Kingman wanted to suggest that you contact Mr. Frank S. Bayley to talk with Mr. Greenwood and Mr. Barnett, as Mrs. Kingman mentioned in her letters to these men.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary

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TELEGRAM

March 7, 1944

Mr. Galen Fisher
Lodi Hotel
Lodi, Calif.

Fair Play Executive Meeting postponed until Thursday at
five at the Y cottage.

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman

March 8, 1944

Mrs. Clara M. Siegley
2712 10th Ave. North
Seattle 2, Washington

Dear Mrs. Siegley:

Back on the job, and trying desperately to catch up. First of all, can you tell me what radio program Joe E. Brown spoke on? That's the best way to catch up with him for a repeat. I can use him!

I've written to Miller Freeman, answering some of his proposals and ideas as we feel the Committee would reply. I hope that he can work with us, as he is a rather potent person. We can't go all the way with him, nor he with us, but we do have some definite areas of agreement that we should be able to do some work together.

This is a quick answer to your questions re WRA and Mr. Myer. As we all see it, WRA is immeasurably stronger under the wing of the "Old Curmudgeon", and Mr. Myer, ex-~~acting~~ ~~as~~ ~~Director~~, following precisely the same policies he has established.

Tomorrow we are having an important meeting, discussing and establishing future policy. I shall advise you immediately of our action, which should be provocative of much discussion and action. The letter will go out on Friday and I hope you get it on Monday.

Meantime -- I'll try to catch up on a bit more of my voluminous outstanding correspondence.

Cordially yours,

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman

RWK:mj

March 8, 1944

Mrs. Maynard F. Thayer
466 E. California St.
Pasadena 5, Calif.

Dear Mrs. Thayer:

Back again -- and it is very hard to pick up the loose ends, particularly when those ends reach from Southern California to Seattle, from Honolulu to Washington D.C., and I'm restricted to a 2 day schedule! However, here's to it....

Yes, we are using the letters from service men. The pamphlet should be made up by this weekend, and at the printers by Monday, March 13.

I cannot understand why you can't get Kuroki released if he is still in Fresno (AA Replacement Depot, Fresno, Calif, care of Capt. Ray Nesbit).

I'm looking forward to talking with Mr. Myer next week. I know that he is eager to be in Pasadena again, as he feels that he is among friends there.

The challenge of the Lomita Post of the V.F.W. is a new "low" isn't it? It seems to me that you are quite right not to bother with a reply although perhaps a copy of the Kuroki speech and the forthcoming pamphlet of letters might well serve as an answer.

I'm asking Mary Jefferts to send you copies of our correspondence with R.S.C. and Mr. McCloy re Kuroki. As the program was reinstated at a later date, it would seem that Ben's appearance before the Commonwealth Club, with the excellent reaction, we have turned the trick.

We are having an executive committee meeting Thursday to consider the adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS American soldiers of Japanese ancestry have served in African, European, Alaskan and South Pacific theaters of war with loyalty and distinction, and

WHEREAS the War Department has now imposed upon American citizens of Japanese ancestry the honor and responsibility of defending their country under the Selective Service Act,

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that we urge upon the President and the War Department the prompt restoration of full rights of citizenship to all persons of Japanese ancestry who are serving in our armed forces, and to the immediate families of such persons, and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that we believe that men offering their lives in service to their country are entitled to no less than this.

I shall let you know with what result, as soon as the meeting adjourns. It seems that we all agree that the time has come for some such positive move. Our idea is to get the personal signatures of a many of our Board and officers as possible. Dr. Deutsch is going to talk to Dr. Sproul, and if his signature can be used, I shall hope to use this for the introductory move in Los Angeles.

I could have waited to tell you about this until after our meeting, but I know that you are eager to be as closely in touch as possible.

Naturally, it should not be released, nor talked about except in executive session, until it has been adopted. I shall wire you the result.

Meantime, I shall pick up some more ends.

Cordially yours,

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman

RWK:mj

March 7, 1944

Sent to Mr. George Greenwood (president, Pacific Nat'l. Bank, Seattle)
Mr. Arthur Barnett (Norther Life Tower, Seattle, Washington)

Statement Guiding Principles of WRA
Rowell Editorial November 25, 1943
Union Calendar No. 243
Fielder and Gabrielson Statements
Excerpt from talk given by Ambassador Joseph C. Grew
A Balance Sheet On Japanese Evacuation
The Truth About Jap Camps (M. Davis)
Facts Concerning Japanese Americans in U.S. Army
Portion of Address by Attorney General Francis Biddle
Leaside
A Voice That Must Be Heard
Rowell Editorial June 14, 1943
Reprint from Common Ground (M. Margaret Anderson)
Beyond the Horizon
Northfield American Legion Resolution
70,000 American Refugees Made in U.S.A.
Pamphlet of June 15, 1943
Stimson and Roosevelt Statements
Evidences of Americanism among Japanese-Americans
Justice Byrnes' statement
J. Edgar Hoover Statement
Merchant letter from McCloy
Kuroki excerpts

March 8, 1944

Mrs. Maynard F. Thayer
466 E. California St.
Pasadena 5, Calif.

Dear Mrs. Thayer:

Within the next week we hope to get out finance letters to all our membership asking for renewals of their membership contribution for 1943. This letter, composed and designed by our Assistant Treasurer, Mr. Galen Fisher, will be accompanied by a mimeographed resume of the activities of the Committee during 1943 and a copy of Mr. Fisher's pamphlet.

Since you have a large organization in Pasadena, and because your letterhead, and the signature of Mr. Burton would probably carry more weight there, we would be glad to mimeograph enough copies of the Finance Letter to cover your membership, if you could send us your letterhead in that quantity. The mimeographed letters returned to you for signature (and mailing according to the approximate dates of contributions in the year 1943) would be accompanied by an equal number of resumes, Fisher pamphlets, mailing envelopes (if you so desire) and business reply envelopes, (to be also enclosed).

Please let us know if this arrangement would not be convenient for you, or if it is in any way unsatisfactory.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary

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989 So. El Molino Ave.

Dear Mrs. Kingman:

It seems literally months since we have heard from you and I do hope you are rested and back on the job again. I feel that we are standing still these days and accomplishing very little. Our publicity and contact committees keep asking for work to do and I do not give them any.

Enclosed is a letter from Mr. Carr received this morning and this afternoon he came in to see me. He told me that a group of twelve or fourteen had met several times and had decided to write a letter to the Pacific Citizen saying they approved of the requests recently made by the community counsel of the Granada Center and possibly some additional changes in present laws. This letter is to be signed by individuals, perhaps half of whom are members of our Chapter. I did not ask who these were but believe that Mrs. Nance is drafting the statement. Mr. Carr said they might decide to form a small organization, he did not know, that they wanted to go along with us, only felt it necessary to go further. The article by Mr. Heist to which he refers is in The Open Forum, ACLU, February 10th. Mr. Carr says Mr. Nicholson reports that conditions of morale in the Centers with the draft of sons and yet others must be segregated, are very low.

Mr. Myer is due in Los Angeles next Monday and we plan to have him here for dinner with our executive committee that evening. It was to have been on Tuesday preceding his address at the Junior College Forum but the Student Christian Association out there wanted him for supper and we thought that was more important. Then I wrote Mr. Myer about coming Monday and he kindly consented.

We had a meeting of our executive committee tendays ago and shall not meet again for some time after next Monday. If you have anything to tell us of your plans or suggesting lines of work, please do so if possible so I may receive it Monday. We are keeping the group down to our own committee, plus Emily Lehan, so we can talk more freely with Mr. Meyer.

It was unfortunate that there was such a delay in making it clear to us that "the powers that be" would approve our having Sergeant Kuroki for a meeting. By the time that was cleared, he had been sent to Fresno and the letter from Major McFaden said they had no more jurisdiction. He suggested that I write the Public Relations man at Fresno.

At just that time I received a letter from Major General Surles of Washington, explaining why Kuroki was taken off the radio program and he sent me a release telling about Kuroki. In the meantime Mr. McAdam had talked with the Air Wac recruiting officer here suggesting that if they would get Kuroki, the Fair Play committee would help get up a big meeting, possibly at the Civic Auditorium. He was told that they had wanted Kuroki but that he had never been cleared for them.

Then I wrote Major General Surles air mail asking whether he would approve of our plan to have Kuroki and if so, what was our next step. Mr. McAdam says the different departments do not co-ordinate their work, so I thought we might as well go to headquarters and find out. If they were willing for us to carry out such a plan, Kuroki could easily get back here. So that is where we are right now. *no answer yet*

It is a great pity there is no committee functioning in Los Angeles for they would give us strength and people in general would not feel our group was the only one concerned. Other states seem to be doing some good things. I note in Pacific Citizen that the A.A.U.W. of Salt Lake City has made a pronouncement on the rights of Japanese-American citizens. The California A.A.U.W. and the League of Women Voters will be holding State Conventions on a small scale, at least. Has any effort been made to reach their State officers? On the whole, I believe they are rather liberal.

What are you doing about those letters? If not to be used soon, we want to do something with them. We have another from a Caucasian Sergeant of the Marines from "somewhere in the Pacific" written February 23rd and sent air mail. He wants to join our Committee and wrote a very fine letter. So please let me know about your plans. We just seem to be standing still.

Dr. Carruthers is to run for the Legislature from this district. He will be on both tickets but has been endorsed, for some unknown reason, by the Democratic Club. His opponent will be A.I. Stewart, member of our City Directors and entirely wrong on all racial questions and some others. It is a sad state. Some of the liberal women waked up too late but at the eleventh hour tried to persuade Mrs. Stone to run. She would have been willing but with only a few days to go before filing, it was discovered too many business men were already committed to Mr. Stewart. Perhaps you know that Dr. Stone died suddenly last fall. Some of the Republican men said Mrs. Stone could not have won because of her stand on the Japanese but I wish she could have tried it.

This is a volume and I will stop but shall hope to hear from you on Monday.

Sincerely yours,

Ernest Fred Thayer

Have written to Assembly Com on Japanese Problems three times asking for fees for Dr. Burton and myself. Have had no reply. A friend telephoned Attorney General's office and the reply was we were entitled to them - "but get them if you can if the Com. holds out". He wanted to turn \$10 into the Chapter. Priscilla Beattie got here on request even though she did not testify -

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Committee on American Principles and Fair Play

Headquarters: Room 203, 465 California Street, San Francisco

N. W. Area Hq: 2712 10th Ave No., Seattle, Wash.

March 9, 1944

Mr. Galen Fisher,
Room 203, 465 California St.,
San Francisco, California.

Dear Mr. Fisher:

Your letter of recent date received, and I have taken it up with Mr. Bayley. He will reply as soon as it is possible for him to do so.

Many things have delayed the formation of the Executive Committee here, and until it is completed - and published - I am in a position where about all I can do is send out what material I have to my mailing list, which is necessarily somewhat limited. However, it is constantly growing.

While Mr. Bayley has not been able to perfect an active committee as yet, he did have quite a session recently with Mr. Rundquist of the WRA. He reported to me that Mr. Rundquist expressed himself as being very satisfied with what we are doing here and that our program is sound and proper.

There are people here who are constantly pressing, with a view to getting this Committee to take a belligerent stand on the subject of the return of the Japanese, and are not pleased that we continue to work quietly. However, that is the attitude of Mr. Bayley and all the others, and it is our belief that the same attitude is shared by you and Mrs. Kingman.

Yours very sincerely,

Mrs. Clara M. Siegley
Executive Secretary for
the Northwest Area.

CMS/S
c/c Mrs Kingman
My Bayley

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March 10, 1944

Day Letter

Mrs. Maynard F. Thayer
466 E. California St.
Pasadena, Calif.

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Tuesday. Letter follows

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman



THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

Miss Mary Jeffords
2234 Telegraph Ave.
Berkeley-4, Calif.

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Sgt. K. left here about
two weeks ago — alas
and alack. Do you know
where he is now?

W. C.

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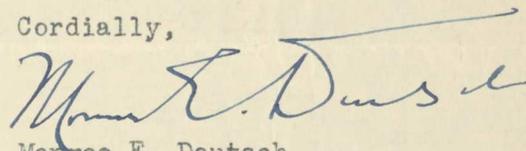
March 11, 1944

Mrs. Ruth Kingman
2234 Telegraph Avenue
Berkeley, California.

Dear Friend:

After Ben Kuroki spoke at the Commonwealth Club, I wrote a letter to his parents at Hershey, Nebraska, and I attach a copy of the answer which his brother (I take it it is his brother) wrote me. It is really a very moving letter. Don't you think so?

Cordially,



Monroe E. Deutsch
Vice President and Provost

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TELEGRAM

March 14, 1944

Mrs. Maynard Thayer
466 E. California St.
Pasadena, 5, Calif.

Thanks for wire although position expressed puzzling in view of former progressive attitude in Pasadena. Please assure group no steps will be taken until full discussion possible and a plausible policy and program worked out. Fisher in Los Angeles Saturday, will call you for full discussion.

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman

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2234 TELEGRAPH AVE (BERKELEY CALIF)=

AFTER DINNER WITH MR MEYER READ YOUR LETTER AND RESOLUTION MAKING NO COMMENTS STOP HEATED CONVERSATION BROUGHT OUT THAT 1. COMMITTEE ALWAYS DECLARED NOT ASKING RETURN OF JAPANESE UNTIL WAR DEPARTMENT DECIDED MILITARY SITUATION WARRANTED 2. NOW COMMITTEE TAKES INITIATIVE AND ASKS DEPT TO MAKE SUCH DECISION FOR SELECTIVE GROUP 3. WOULD GLADLY BACK UP SUCH DECISION BUT ENEMIES WILL QUESTION SINCERITY IF YOU INITIATE IT. 4. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE UNANIMOUSLY OPPOSED AND MR MACADAMS NEARLY RESIGNED HE AND MRS BUWALDA WOULD RESIGN AS RESOLUTION WOULD PUT THEM IN FALSE LIGHT 5. UNANIMOUS OBJECTION TO SUCH IMPORTANT STEP WITH NO CONSULTATION OF STRONG LOCAL GROUP AND SEVERAL SUGGESTED WE BETTER WORK LOCALLY AND FORM OWN POLICIES=

MAYNARD F THAYER.

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466 - E. California
Pasadena. 5 -
March 14, 1944.

Dear Mrs Kingman:

The telegram you will be receiving this morning will sound very blunt and I was sorry to send it instead of a letter. However, Mr. Myer will confirm that the Committee here got very heated in discussion. I am trying to get off to Los Angeles now but must send you a few lines of explanation -

When I read the resolution I was surprised that the Pacific Coast Com was prepared to take a public stand in asking for a change of policy. I had thought you might try to bring some influence on War Department without publicity.

Your letter was read with no comment on my part. The members got excited on two points -

(1) All members of executive com. disapproved of reversal of previous stand of waiting for military to take initiative. Mr. Seaman, a Chairman, was equally warm in thinking it was thing to do - Possibly Priscilla Beattie agreed with him. Believe both have been meeting with Mr. Carr. (I have not mentioned any of this to latter)

All agreed when Mr Myer asked the question - that they would step in and try to back up military if it made such a decision. They did not question its rightness but the expediency of Fair Play Com taking this stand. Mrs Buvolda said quite helpfully saying - "Yes, but in your hearts you are working for return of Japanese now" - and felt this would prove it.

Mr McAdam was very definite in saying he would resign, that much of his efforts would be nullified. In fact I had hard work to persuade him not to send in his resignation today. He is a very valuable member as he can always tell us what people about town are thinking. He says public opinion is changing rapidly and must not be forced too fast.

- 1) 2) Committee objected again to method of work that such pronouncements are made by a group with which we have no contact. I told them you were working on some plan to improve this but the three men on exec. com. really felt we should control our own policies and work as a local group.

So this is what happened - no one asked my opinion on anything but gave theirs in much detail -

I was glad to have Mr Myer there and let him hear the discussion for each one is a person who counts. He had a wonderful evening getting a bit on the inside of some of his problems. I believe he will give you something of the atmosphere when you see him.

You see your Pasadena members are not "yes" people. They really question the type of organization - I'm very sorry to give you any more problems to think about. Hastily - Maynard F. Berger.

March 16, 1944

Dr. Robert Gordon Sproul
Administration Bldg.
University of California
Berkeley, Calif.

Dear Dr. Sproul:

It was an immense relief to hear from you yesterday that you were proposing to join Dr. Wilbur and Dr. Millikan in a forthright reassertion of devotion to the principles of this Committee. Such a declaration and personal talks by you with the leaders in Los Angeles will not only break the deadlock there but will give our 800 members up and down the coast a shot in the arm. It will also give the opposition a timely shock. May I make some suggestions?

1. Don't you think it would be appropriate to ask Mr. Maurice Harrison to join yourself and Dr. Wilbur and Dr. Millikan in the declaration since he is chairman of the Advisory Board?
2. While you are in Los Angeles it would start them going if you told a half dozen of leading persons on the enclosed list that you hoped they would go ahead at once to complete forming a chapter of the Committee there.
3. The declaration by you and the other men could naturally take the form of letter to the group at Los Angeles and you could give them permission, and the headquarters in Berkeley, to make it public. It would be addressed by arrangement to several of the chief persons, including the probable chairman who may be Mr. Homer Crotty. Perhaps you may see fit to urge Mr. Crotty to accept the chairmanship.

Two developments make a statement now especially pertinent; first, there is good reason to believe that the War Department is ready to move another step toward restoring civil rights to all Nisei in the services (including those classed 4F) and their families. The Department, therefore, needs stronger sup-

port from influential circles here, and there is no doubt that they expect our Committee to take the lead. This situation cannot be directly alluded to of course, but for our Committee, through your declaration, and through the resolution adopted on March 9, 1944, to support this step in advance would show true statesmanship and would hasten War Department action. For us to hesitate and only join the the applause would be to miss a forward pass.

Secondly, large groups of Nisei in the centers have appealed in most respectable and patriotic terms for restoration of their constitutional rights, as you will note by the enclosed copy of a petition from the Poston Relocation Center.

We pin our faith on you at this juncture.

Very sincerely yours,

Ernest M. Fisher

GMF:mj

dictated, and signature authorized by Mr. Fisher; signed in Mr. Fisher's absence.

March 16, 1944

Mrs. Maynard F. Thayer
466 E. California St.
Pasadena 5, Calif.

Dear Mrs. Thayer:

I spent four hours with Dillon Myer yesterday, and some time with Mrs. Elkus of the Columbia Foundation. Following these conferences, which were most profitable, I received word from Dr. Sproul that at long last he is coming out with the leadership we need.

Then, I received word of a probable Executive Secretary for Los Angeles. All in one day!

As a result and also, of course, in order to talk at length with your people in Pasadena, I am going south this weekend, to spend ten days in the Los Angeles area.

I expect to be staying in the Hotel Figueroa (unless I find difficulty in making a reservation there) and will call you on Monday morning.

The purpose of the Committee, as I outlined it for Mrs. Sproul this afternoon, will need a lot of "working over" and discussion. You can be invaluable, and I look forward to an early full consideration of all of the "angles" with you.

Cordially yours,

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman

RWK:mj

3/20/44
Tujunga, California

March 16, 1944

Committee
On American Principles of Fair Play
2234 Telegraph Avenue
Berkeley 4
California.

Gentlemen:

Herewith enclosed One Dollar (\$1.00) for which please
mail Single Copies each to the following, of

" A BALANCE SHEET ON JAPANESE EVACUATION "
By Galen Fishher.

I suppose the above is the proper designation, but
it is further styled: "Untruths about Japanese-American. Our
Two Jap*Am. Policies. Are the Evacuees Being Coddled. What
Race-Baiting Costs America"

Mail to:

Thad Stevens	10600 Mountair Ave .	Tujunga, Calif
S. O. Bridgens	10160 Fernglen Ave.	" "
Monica Forster	10333 Tujunga Canyon Bvd.	" "
P. J. Blake	10349 Mountair Ave.	" "
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Arthur T. Haile	10429 Fernglen Ave.	" "

Mrs. A. T. Haile
Yours very truly

Tujunga Committee
Secretary

March 17, 1944

Mrs. Clara Siegley
2712 10th Ave. No.
Seattle, Washington

Dear Mrs. Siegley:

This organization thing is certainly difficult, isn't it? With so many of our strongest people involved-almost to the limit of their strength and enthusiasms, this one more interest is often an added burden. However, we have found that there are hundreds of people who are willing to take it on.

I am sorry that it is taking so long to get underway in the Northwest. As Mr. Fisher told you, it is rather difficult to support the entire movement from this office. We hope that your finance committee will be effective soon.

At our Executive meeting last week we had a very thorough discussion of future policy and program. It is always difficult to put on paper the "feeling" of a meeting, and the direction which should be taken as a result.

We have had an increasing number of our members urge us to take a strong, progressive stand in claiming restoration of full rights of citizenship to Japanese Americans in our armed forces, and to their families. This seems quite within our area of action, and we discussed the matter carefully. I have conferred with Washington, at length, and am glad to know that the official attitude toward the petitions going to the President from the Nisei now subject to the draft, are being considered entirely "in order" and a proper method of expressing the wishes of the group. I am enclosing a copy of one of the proposed petitions.

At the meeting, we passed, unanimously, the resolution I am enclosing, with the provision of a $\frac{2}{3}$ approval by the Advisory Board. I am sending you a copy of the minutes of the meeting. In reference to IV-D of the minutes, it was decided to make no approach to the Board Members until we have worked out such a plan, and have it "on paper".

Until such a time, we are not releasing any account of our action, as we expect merely to send it as a memo to the War Department and the President, rather than as a news release.

This entire matter may well be discussed in a closed session of you executive committee, but should not get out in any way to the press, as yet. Meantime, any expressions you can get, either in the press or via letters to Congressmen and/or Mr. Stimson and/or Mr. McCloy, from strong persons in your area, expressing a concern that these Japanese Americans who are fighting for their homes have a definite right to expect the War Department to restore to them the things for which Americans fight.

This entire subject should now be brought out into the light, in discussions in club, schools, and where possible in the press, not as a part of the Fair Play Committee program but as a matter affecting national unity.

It would be very helpful if you could enlist aid, where you cannot do it yourself--although a couple of hours a day devoted to it does wonders -- in the formation of a list of some 300 to 400 opinion forming persons, in two categories, 1) those felt to be sympathetic and 2) those considered antagonistic. Then, with local emphasis, set about to get group (1) to work on group (2).

This takes work, but much of it can be done at your own desk. As far as I know, its the only way it can be done. Twenty four hours a week is a lot of time if its spent on a detailed plan, which of course, has to apply to the local picture.

I'm off to Los Angeles tomorrow, to put a "shot in the arm" in the Los Angeles area, where I'm signing up a new Executive Secretary. Mary Jefferts here in my office can answer any of your questions, or if you like, write to Galen Fisher at 11 El Sueno, Orinda, Calif. He gets his mail there more expeditiously.

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman

RWK:mj

March 18, 1944

Telegram

Mrs. Maynard F. Thayer
466 E. California St.
Pasadena, California

Miss Virginia Scholle
720 $\frac{1}{2}$ No. Sweetzer
Los Angeles, Calif.

Unavoidable detained. Will be in Los Angeles Tuesday, at
Hotel Figueroa. Will call you Wednesday.

Ruth W. Kingman

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989 So. El Molino Ave.

Appl in person

Pasadena
March 15, 1944

Dear Mrs Kingman: Your telegram at hand - want to let you know that if I am to come in to Los Angeles to see you next week, it will have to be on Wednesday afternoon or around three on Saturday.

My daughter-in-law and small granddaughter arrive Thursday noon from New York, going to her parents. On Friday afternoon our Y.W.C.A. gives a tea for Mrs Frederick M. Paist (Theresa Huber) and on Saturday at twelve, Los Angeles Y.W.C.A. has a breakfast at which she will speak. I should think it would be over by three and it is at Friday Morning Club.

I shall leave my house Wednesday morning about ten to go to a meeting. I could come over to see you early that afternoon if I know in time that morning.

How would it be for you to come over here Thursday for a meeting that evening with our Exec Com.? If you think well of this write air mail or wire and I will call it. Shall be glad to discuss things with you and hope Los Angeles really gets nased up. Sincerely - Maynard F. Thayer.

March 21, 1944

Mrs. Maynard F. Thayer
466 E. California St.
Pasadena, 5, Calif.

Dear Mrs. Thayer:

By all means have the money returned directly to your treasurer Mr. Burton. If you wish to have business reply envelopes printed with his return address (to enclosed with the finance letter) please do so and send the bill to this office.

I am sending under separate cover copies of the activity resume of the Committee for 1943, and an equal number of copies of Mr. Fisher's pamphlet. When you send your letterhead I shall be glad to mimeograph the necessary number of finance letters ready for Mr. Burton to sign. Unless I hear to the contrary, I shall assume you prefer to use your own business reply envelopes and shall not send any of these.

If there is any other point that is not clear, please let me know.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary

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=RUTH KINGMAN.

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March 22, 1944

TELEGRAM

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman
Hotel Figeroa
Los Angeles, Calif.

No action from Sproul. Deutsch and Robb promised to broach
subject. Probably no possible action until Friday. Charter
Day complications.

Mary Jefferds

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Y

2901 Broderick Street
San Francisco 23
California

March 24, 1944

My dear Dr. Deutsch:

Just a line in answer to your letter of March 17th, which I presume went to others beside myself, to say that I have written to Secretary Stimson in regard to the Kuroki address and the place of the Japanese.

Yours faithfully,

(Signed) EDWARD L. PARSONS

Dr. Monroe E. Deutsch,
Vice-President and Provost,
University of California,
Berkeley, California.

Copy for Mrs. Kingman ✓

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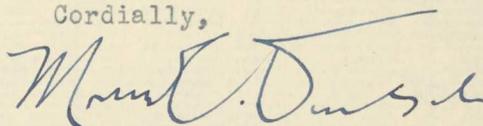
Mrs. Ruth Kingman
535 San Luis Road
Berkeley, California

Dear Friend:

You will find enclosed a copy of a letter which I wrote to Secretary Stimson, a copy of a letter by Daniel E. Koshland, and a copy of a letter that he wrote to me. I particularly appreciated the fact that he is getting others to write to the Secretary. Mr. Koshland, of course, is well known in the City and is vice-president of the firm of Levi Strauss and Company.

With all good wishes, I am

Cordially,



Monroe E. Deutsch
Vice-President and Provost

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March 23, 1944

Dr. Monroe Deutsch
University of California
Berkeley, California

Dear Monroe:

I enclose copy of a letter I wrote to the Secretary of War, and am happy you gave me the idea.

I am also distributing copies of my letter to various individuals with the request that they do likewise.

W You certainly are a leader whom one is proud to follow.

Sincerely yours,

(signed) Dan

(Daniel E. Koshland)

Mrs. Kingman:
This should go to you.
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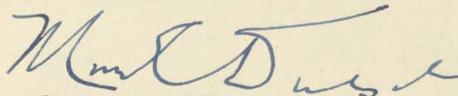
March 27, 1944

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman
2201 Union Street
Berkeley, California

Dear Friend:

I wonder if you have seen the attached Bulletin #7 of the Japanese American Citizens League, particularly the paragraph which I have marked? It seems to me a most unfair statement, especially charge no. 2. We were trying to get a name which would indicate that we were seeking justice and American principles. However, at no time was it intended that we should cover the entire field as the Bay Area Council Against Discrimination does. I think that this is a most improper and unjust charge.

Cordially,



Monroe E. Deutsch
Vice-President and Provost

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Enclosure

*I think a correction should be sent to news +
a copy of it to J.A.C.L. gmz.*

JAPANESE AMERICAN CITIZENS LEAGUE
National Headquarters
413-415 Beason Building
Salt Lake City, Utah

Bulletin #7

March 17, 1944

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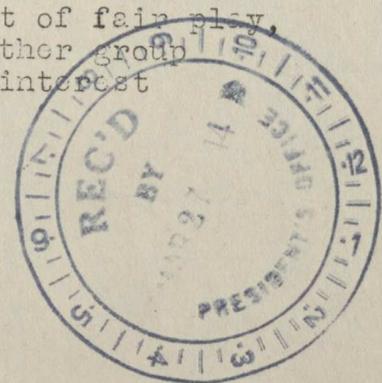
Carey McWilliams Speaks on Japanese Problem
(Steinway Hall, March 10, New York City)

Mr. McWilliams talk was on the subject of Japanese Americans in relation to other minorities in the war effort. He started his discussion by giving the background of anti-Japanese agitation on the Pacific Coast, the organizations created during the past two years for the same purpose, and the fluctuation in their activities depending on development of WRA policies. He pointed out that once evacuation was announced, the agitating group subsided on the premise that evacuation would be synonymous with internment. Since WRA policy in regard to relocation was announced, the agitation was resumed even more viciously. He pointed out that during 1943 there were 5 investigations conducted by some committees of the California State Legislature and these were carefully spaced so that throughout the year, there was one committee or another was making headlines for the press.

Mr. McWilliams stated that the "yellow peril" propaganda has been overplayed so that the average citizen simply shrugs off the scare headlines and other exaggerations. According to his figures, about 25-30% of the people on the West Coast believe the highly inflammable nonsense; 40% are indifferent, and 25-30% are fair. However, because of the strong political factor of the Japanese American issue, there is an apparent unity of opinion on the part of State Officials and Congressmen, although talking with such individuals personally, the great majority are outspoken with regard to the inherent danger to America.

Mr. McWilliams pointed out the fact that no California newspaper with a general circulation gives fair space to the contribution and participation of the Japanese American in the war. All news releases with regard to the 100th Infantry and other acts of heroisms on the part of Japanese American soldiers are played down. He stated that once the people of the State of California are given the facts, they will be as fair as any other American. To substantiate this statement, he pointed out that on the WRA files there are 60,000 letters of reference and recommendations from Californians attesting in glowing terms as to the character and integrity of Japanese and Japanese American who formerly lived there.

In discussing the Committee of American Principles and Fair Play, Mr. McWilliams pointed out that this committee is not as effective as it might be due to two factors: (1) this is only a "name committee" of distinguished citizens, and the several Fair Play Committees are not coordinated in any way; (2) although established in the interest of fair play, this committee does not interest itself in any other group except the Japanese American, and he feels that interest should be taken in the Mexican, Negro, etc.



Bulletin #7

There was much optimism in Mr. McWilliam's statements with regard to the early lift of the ban against Japanese Americans on the Pacific Coast, although he felt that there will be no mass return. For one thing, he stated that in the next CIO State Convention, there will be a resolution passed favoring a lifting of the ban. In this connection, in answer to a question, he expressed an opinion that cases testing the constitutionality of the evacuation should be forgotten and that instead all efforts should be mobilized to allow the return of Japanese Americans to the coast.

It was pointed out that no less than 12 separate groups have been organized in California alone to "save" the Pacific Coast from any possible return of evacuees. He repeatedly reminded the meeting that agitation against evacuees was being "cleverly and deliberately used" for the twin purpose of diverting public attention from the war against the Nazis in Europe to the Pacific and to attack the Roosevelt administration. But he pointed out that the anti-Oriental agitation in general is heading into inevitable decline from a long term point of view, the explanation being that agriculture is being displaced by industrial production as the chief form of economic enterprise in California. This development coupled with an accentuated rise of trade with the Orient in the post-war "Pacific Era" will make prejudice against Oriental peoples increasingly unprofitable.

At the end of his talk, he paid a glowing tribute to the dignity and spirit of cooperation in which this minority group accepted evacuation. He doubted that any other group would have displayed such a spirit of loyalty and understanding of the democratic principles. In this connection, in reply to a question as to whether in his judgment he felt that any Japanese American or other American group could have averted the evacuation, he stated "No". He explained that once "military necessity" was announced as the reason there was no way in which a citizen could question the information and facts by which the military was guided. The truth of the matter, that "military necessity" was used as a cloak for other motives and that there was no real justification for a mass evacuation came to light only in January, 1944, when the War Department published General DeWitt's report.

4/7/44
PWK

March 27, 1944

The Pacific Coast Committee on American Principles and Fair Play.
Berkeley, California
Mrs. Ruth Kingman
Executive Secretary

Dear Madam:

Today I read with pleasure an article, which I enclose, in the New York Herald Tribune of March 26th which keynotes Americanism as I understand it. It is upon this keynote that I am embolden to write you. I have a problem which I hope you will be so kind to advise me on.

To begin with, I am a American by birth, but have a Japanese Father. I lived for eight or nine months in Tujunga, California prior to Pearl Harbor but was forced to leave the West Coast by Army orders. Since that time by voluntarily filling out a National Security Form requesting investigation, I have been cleared by the Army and Navy intelligence and the F.B.I. of any subversive or unAmerican motives.

I am employed by a Major Airline as an engineering Foreman. Among my duties is the requirement that I travel to any part of the Country that my services are required. Herein lies my trouble, I do not know if I would be allowed to come to the West Coast, in case my Employer needed me there. I would sincerely like to know this, and would greatly appreciate your letting me know the proper authorities to contact.

We Japanese Americans, who are loyal to the United States, and in fact, all true Americans are forever in debt to you for your efforts in our behalf.

I realize that in these chaotic times the courage it takes to continue your work in the face of an emotional public opinion.

I salute you.

Sincerely yours,

Elbert Cheyno

Elbert Cheyno
56-22 138th Street
Flushing, New York

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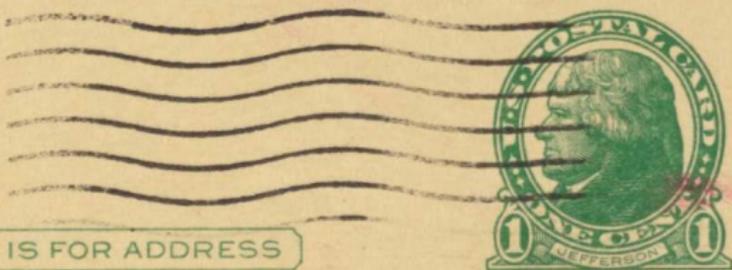
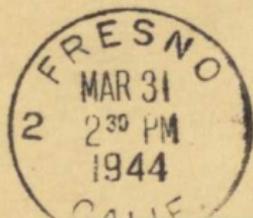
I send you herewith for your
files, original letter, dated March 21, from
Mr. Abe Fortas, Acting Secretary of the Interior.

Yours very truly,

James E. Harrison

Encl.

MEH:MFM



THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

Miss Mary Jeffers
2234 Telegraph Ave.
Berkeley - 4
California

4/6/44

Prussia

3-30-44

My
Dear Mary J. —

Dorothy Fisher is still
a question mark as far
as I know.

Have you thought of
sending Ebercharter's last
minority report out to
members? It's so good &
so much to the point that
wide circulation should be
given it. I value & renew
my faith in congressional
investigations. I hope he's
in Congress a long time!

Margaret Cooper

Am eager to see your pamphlet.

Sergeant Abbott did not say to use his name but I feel sure he would be willing as he also asked for names and addresses of people where it might be helpful for him to write, so I do not hesitate to give permission.

Corporal Leung - the Chinese-American whose letter I sent you has been in the invasion of the Marshall Islands and again returned to Honolulu, this time promoted to Sergeant.

M. F. Thayer -

Owee

Am grateful for your good letter and telephone conversation and to
know forward steps in the right direction will be taken -

I see Mr Eric Fadden couldn't stick it out. Am not surprised

March 31, 1944

Mr. Harry S. Scott
465 California St.
San Francisco, Calif.

Dear Mr. Scott:

Below is the accounting for Mrs. Kingman's trip to Los Angeles.

I Railroad Fare	\$18.80	
Pullman	2.92	
Taxi	1.50	
	<u>\$23.22</u>	(This amount owed to Mrs. Kingman)
II Hotel	\$10.92	
Hotel	15.00	
Meals	20.75	
local transportation	2.50	
Telephone	1.20	
	<u>\$50.37</u>	(to cover this amount, two checks were drawn on the Petty Cash Account: one for \$10.92, the other for \$40.00)

Enclosed is \$.55 to cover the difference not accounted for above. This may be deposited to Petty Cash as return of advance made to Mrs. Kingman.

Also enclosed are the hotel vouchers, and the Railroad receipt (which are somewhat involved due to a change in traveling accommodations).

Please make a check out for I to Mrs. Kingman. II will be covered in the Petty Cash account.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary

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