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July 1, 1943

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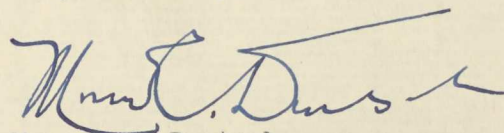
Dear Friend:

You will find enclosed a copy of a letter from Dr. Donald M. Erb, President of the University of Oregon. I am happy to learn that he has accepted membership on the advisory Board of the Pacific Coast Committee on American Principles and Fair Play.

I also enclose copies of two letters which I found awaiting me on my return from vacation, concerning Professor Obata's situation. The one is from Morse Cartwright who has always been close to Dr. Keppel (for many years head of the Carnegie Corporation), the other from Mr. Elmer L. Shirrell.

I do not wish to move in the matter until I learn from you what the present status of the problem is. As far as the Oriental Institute is concerned, from what I know of it I think there is little chance there. After all, Professor Obata is not so much a specialist in Japanese art as he is a teacher of art to Occidental students. The approach to Mr. Homer Morris might be useful, although, of course, President Nason may have already done this.

Very sincerely,



Monroe E. Deutsch
Vice-President and Provost

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WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY
226 West Jackson Blvd.
Chicago, Illinois

June 8, 1943

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

Dear Mr. Deutsch:

Thank you for sending me a copy of your letter to Mrs. Whitridge, relative to Professor Obata. This will help me in my contacts with people who may be interested in him.

At the present time he is in St. Louis, where he was asked to come down and make an application to be a temporary member of the faculty for Stevens College. He promised to write me of the outcome, but I have not yet heard from him about it. He has adopted a very fine attitude toward the whole evacuation program, and I know that he was very helpful to the Project. He is certainly a fine representative of his people.

Yours very truly,

(Signed) ELMER L. SHIRRELL
Relocation Supervisor

Copy for Mrs. Kingman ✓

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525 West 120 Street, New York

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

June 7, 1943

Air Mail

Dr. Monroe E. Deutsch
University of California
Berkeley, California

Dear Monroe :

I got the case of Professor Obata before Mr. Keppel just on the eve of his departure for a holiday in Canada. He made two moves, neither one of which eventuated in anything important. He tried out Mr. Louis Ledoux but, after considering the problem, Mr. Ledoux felt he couldn't do anything about the case. Mr. Ledoux made a suggestion, however, which perhaps you would like to follow up. That is that the Oriental Institute in Chicago might be interested in his case. You will know to whom to write there.

There's one other thing that you might do and that would be to write to Mr. Homer Morris of the American Friends School in Philadelphia. The Quakers, as you know, have a service committee, and it might be that they could make some special contribution. I think the approach, both to the Oriental Institute and to the Quakers, ought to come from you rather than from me. Good luck to you.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) MORSE (Cartwright)

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Copy for Mrs. Kingman ✓

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UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
BERKELEY, CALIFORNIA

July 1, 1943

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

Dear Friend:

As I informed you over the telephone, the Columbia Foundation has made a grant of \$3,900.00 for a year, and I have written Mrs. Elkus a letter of warm appreciation. You will find enclosed a copy of her letter to me, which I am sure you will wish to retain in your files.

I also informed her that it was correct to send the check to Mr. Harry S. Scott, Treasurer of the Committee.

With congratulations to you on the excellent work you are doing, I am

Very sincerely,



Monroe E. Deutsch
Vice-President and Provost

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Committee on American Principles and Fair Play

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July 1, 1943

Dear Mrs. Kingman,

Here is a letter that we propose to send to all Arizona papers and most of that state's churches, lodges, unions, legislators, etc. As it is our first undertaking of this sort we shall welcome your criticism. However, we feel speed is important. Envelopes are now being addressed. If you are away so as to be unable to get a reply in our mail of Tuesday, July 6, we shall proceed with the sending of the letter.

Sincerely,

Wm. C. Carr

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TO THE PEOPLE OF ARIZONA:

Many Californians eager to preserve American ideals of liberty and justice view with concern the un-American and un-Christian attitude of California and other states toward residents of Japanese ancestry. We believe that discrimination against any minority on the ground of racial origin strikes at the Constitution of the United States and the ideals for which we fight.

On the West Coast we are aware that the spirit of hatred toward Japanese Americans arising from war hysteria has been augmented by false reports of sabotage in Hawaii as well as propoganda of special economic interests hostile to the evacuees.

In addition to endangering the freedom of all Americans, this prejudiced point of view is giving aid to the enemy propagandists by confusing our war aims in the Pacific. Our treatment of Japanese Americans indicates what the yellow race may expect from us in the future. Japan broadcasts this as a proof of American hypocrisy to all Asia, to friends and foes alike.

Our un-American attitudes have spread to areas into which Japanese Americans have evacuated. The recent anti-trading law is proof of this. We urge citizens who believe in preserving United States as a land of liberty and justice for all to join us in combatting race prejudice. The first step would be to repeal this anti-trading law.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Thayer's Signature

Mr. Burton's Signature

For the Pasadena Chapter

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July 2, 1943.

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Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman
2207 Union Street
Berkeley, California

Dear Mrs. Kingman:

It was very good to know that you were pleased with the efforts of the Pasadena Chapter. I am glad to hear about Mrs. McFadden as his name will carry weight with some who are opposed to this Committee, I imagine. I have heard of the Los Angeles group and it is good it is coming along. Has your group approached Governor Warren who seems to be like Mayor Bowron?

I am enclosing a recent editorial by Dr. Grose, a former Methodist Bishop, who writes both for the Post and Star News. I think it is advisable for you to send releases both to Mr. Blair and to us. Neither he nor Dr. Grose desires to become a member as they say they will be freer to write on this if they are not.

I asked Mr. Carr to send up to you his planned letter to be widely circulated in Arizona. I hope you will return it to him as quickly as possible as he did not like the delay. Mr. Carr feels these are our projects and that it is up to us to decide upon them. Some of us believe that we are using your names on our letterhead and should get an O.K. on these larger projects. It was suggested that we have a letterhead carrying just our local names. I do not mean there is any friction but we are just deciding upon our policies. I know Mr. Carr will be delighted that you approve of the Harper undertaking.

Mr. Burton has just mailed about eighty letters to pastors, City Directors, heads of organizations, etc carrying the enclosed statement and one of the folders. Our membership committee is using the folders and that is why he wrote for more. We plan to get out a letter soon to our members telling them some of our activities and enclosing, perhaps, the letter being sent to Arizona.

I take it that you are handling the movies and that we do not need to take it up. We will see that the new folders you mention are used well in Pasadena. We have good material for editorials but do not seem to know how to get any news stories. Probably later we shall have another meeting of members with speaker and get some that way.

Sincerely yours,

Maynard F. Thayer.

Route 1, Box 171, Fowler, Calif.
July 2, 1943

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Ans 9/27

Chester Powell
San Francisco Chronicle
San Francisco, Calif.

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Dear Sir:

I write to you because of your editorials on the Japanese question, which I very, very much like, and because I believe you are a member of the Institute of Pacific Relations. Our women's club here is having a panel discussion on the Japanese question next fall (very much to our credit!) and needs to find material. At present we plan to discuss the effect of anti-oriental laws on the orient, the need of a more cooperative attitude toward the problem of race assimilation, the history of the Japanese on the West Coast, the causes of persecution (contrasting that with Hawaii's attitude), the problems and accomplishments of the W.R.A., and the effect of the present west coast attitude.

But we do not know exactly where to get material. Will you send this letter on, please, to the Institute of Pacific Relations, whose address I do not know, for any names of books or pamphlets for which we can send. If you yourself have any suggestions either as to material or on our outline, it will be greatly appreciated.

Very truly yours
Mrs. John A. Hoien

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July 6, 1943

Dear Mrs. Kingman,

Herr Doktor Lechner is doing effective work here in a big way.

Last week the Altadena council of defense put on a big rally in the Eliot high school auditorium. It is very large and was packed with extra chairs everywhere and many standing. The Boy Scouts and the Air Wardens were there in uniform. Patriotic songs and recitations. The salute to the flag, of course. Platform guests and speakers included the chairman of the board of county supervisors, the chairman of the board of education, the county sheriff. Two Altadena men were decorated for conspicuous bravery during the flood of last winter. The head of the local office of county sheriff was promoted by the county sheriff. Other fanfare. Then the speaker of the evening, back by request after a year's absence from the platform of Eliot - Lechner himself wound up in all his vehement "A Jap's a Jap" abuse.

It was about as high grade an audience as can well be found in any community. Yet, they took it hook, line, and sinker. The feeling of intense hate filled the room and the more rabid he became against our evacuees, the more applause. Mrs. Carr, Mrs. Wright and I left the meeting feeling that if these good people are so easily roused to intense hatred, democracy and the Golden Rule are but skin deep. Under like auspices, I feel the crowd would have booed "Kikes" and "niggers".

This is but the first of twelve county meetings by the defense council. I presume Lechner will be the "speaker of the evening" at all. I shall appreciate hearing from you as to who he is and who subsidizes him.

Sincerely,

COLLEGE OF THE PACIFIC

STOCKTON, CALIFORNIA

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

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July 7, 1943

Dr. Arthur Cushman McGiffert, Jr.
Pacific School of Religion
1798 Scenic Avenue
Berkeley, California

Dear Arthur:

Conference is now -- Commencement is past -- Summer Session is started -- The Navy has enrolled on the campus and we are started on our three-term plan. So while I have no particular leisure, the pressure of the past few weeks has been removed.

I have already been the object of some interesting attacks because of my membership on the Committee. However, I think I have able to hold my own in personal discussion. Some letters cannot be answered because they are anonymous and some because they do not touch the issue; others, however, we are able to care for. I quote you George Gleason's letter from Los Angeles although he may have sent a similar letter directly to you. After dictating the above, I think I shall change my mind and send you the original letter so that you may see what Gleason represents. Please return it for my files.

Now, with respect to the particular matter which you and I have had under discussion, let me repeat that I do not think that Dr. Radin has at all touched the subject under discussion in his distinction between "ius sanguinis" and "ius soli". I, of course, would not have any argument with him in the distinction which he raises. But his analogy drawn between those of Italian and German ancestry on the one hand and Japanese on the other is not good. The German and Italian concepts of dual citizenship would not require any cooperation on the part of anyone in America, while the Japanese have required that the parents register the Japanese American-born child with a Japanese consulate in order to secure Japanese citizenship.

I question very much Dr. Radin's statement in the third paragraph from the last, "On the contrary our statutes particularly state that, except as a punishment for treason or a military offense amounting to treason, no person who has American citizenship by birth can lose it, while in the United States. He can of course renounce his citizenship by naturalization elsewhere", touches this case at all for it has never been applied in the case of children declared by their parents to be citizens of the country of the parent.

Then, I most certainly must disagree with his statement that on the plan I uphold it would be possible for a foreign government, by changing its law, to deprive an American citizen of his citizenship. My point has always been not the Japanese law but the compliance with that law on the part of Japanese families in America. In other words, the deciding factor is the family's registration and the child's acquiescence.

COLLEGE OF THE PACIFIC

STOCKTON, CALIFORNIA

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

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July 7, 1943

Dr. Arthur Cushman McGiffert, Jr.

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However, it becomes increasingly evident that this matter is not to be taken up by the courts until after the war, if it all. In the meantime, investigations of every sort are being brought to bear upon the solving of the problem. My personal opinion is that the best statement on the attitude of the Committee I have seen in print has been in the Chronicle by Chester Rowell

With the very best of personal wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

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Route 1, Box 171, Fowler, California
July 8, 1943

Mrs. Ruth Kingman
Room 203, 465 California Street
San Francisco, California

Dear Mrs. Kingman:

Thank you for the package of pamphlets on the Fair Play Committee stand. I am at least sending them out and asking the opposition groups read them.

You have, I believe, answered all my questions (except the \$200,000,000 in credits and I received the carbon copy of your query on that), but I can always find more, I'm afraid.

Do you know of any statement of J. Edgar Hoover's on the lack of sabotage here (like his on Hawaii)? It would be most helpful. I have written to him asking if he has made any such and if so when and where, but have never heard.

Do you know of any statements on the reaction toward our Japanese internment and West Coast attitude ^{by} of the Negro group in the United States? If so, may I have the reference.

Do you know of any definite statements that Japan is using our attitude and internment for propaganda in her conquered territories (Krishnalal Shridharani said so in "Warning to the West", but being colored he lacks authority with our local groups).

Do you have any records on the citizenship qualities of the Japanese — that is, cooperation in community drives, percentage of crime, relief, etc., perhaps as compared with the rest of us — that could be used to refute the Bee's flak statement that they have never made good citizens.

Also once you said you'd send me the Boalt.

1. Hall of Law opinion on dual citizenship - when you have time.

If some of my questions are answered in the Tolson Report, I am sorry to bother you with them. I wrote to Mr. Geisler for it, as you advised, and have never received it. I have several times criticized him ^{in letters to him}, but I scarcely think he can remember them amongst all of his mail.

Finally, this last question may be answered very much at your leisure - or never. The program committee of the Fowler Women's Club decided upon a round Table discussion on the Japanese question for its November meeting. The four of us selected for the discussion group (all "for", unfortunately, for I had hoped to convert some "antis" by liberal reading) recognize that the program must be non-controversial, and are sticking to facts. We plan to discuss U.S. anti-oriental laws and their effect on the orient, the general problem of race assimilation, the history of the Japanese on the West coast, evacuation here as contrasted to the Hawaiian attitude, the problems and accomplishments of the W. R. A., and the future outlook. If you know of material that is particularly apropos to this - or come across any in the future, remember this, and have the time to do so - will you let me know of it please. Good friends have told us that in a small non-college group like our club, many will not even hear facts; but we are determined to try.

Thank you for your attention to my letters

Sincerely

(Miss) Alice Hoien

ADELPHI HOTEL



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PHILADELPHIA, PA.

July 13 -

Dear Mrs Kingman -

When I addressed this envelope
I forgot that Berkeley was so far away
but I'll go on, anyway.

You doubtless know that the next
Town Mtg of the Air ^{Thurs-July 15} is to be from Santa Barbara
on the Japanese. I hope the Commanders
don't have too many speakers! I shall
try to listen to it & you are probably all posted
on it & may even be one of the panel -

Sincerely,

Margaret Cosgrove

THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS



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Mrs. Ruth Kingman
2207 Union St.
Berkeley
California

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7/10/43
Fowler, California
July 10, 1943

Dear Mrs. Kingman

Another question that should have been attached to my letter of July 9: Do you have a statement by the military (or by any authority) that could be used to refute the demands of local groups that Japanese be released only under armed guard.

Also anything on the military taking over the centers.

Also may I have copies of Powell's editorial "Backers of Jap. Policy" to send out.

Mrs. Alice Horien

Philadelphia, Pa.
July 15, 1943

Dr. Monroe E. Deutsch
Administration Bldg.
University of California
Berkeley, California

Dear Dr. Deutsch:

While spending another vacation in helping to relocate our western students, I have encountered a problem which I feel should be brought to your attention with the thought that it might be one which legitimately warrants Fair Play Committee action. Although working in the Student Relocation office for a few weeks, I am writing as a private individual and not as a representative of the Council.

As you know, numerous institutions were not cleared as suitable for the relocation of students of Japanese ancestry because of army or navy objection. It was assumed, if not actually stated, that failure to clear these institutions was due to the presence on their campuses of research projects carried on for the army or navy. Such a point of view has some plausible basis and there remained available a large number of colleges and universities in which evacuated students could enroll.

The enclosed communication speaks for itself. The Council is making no more applications to the institutions listed, many of which had never been cleared, and we have no information concerning possible or proposed future action designed to remove students of Japanese ancestry (both evacuee and non-evacuee) who have been attending these newly-proscribed institutions.- Those recently added to the list include several which have accepted and enrolled many of our students. A good number of our students have recently been formally admitted to these newly-proscribed institutions for the coming fall term. Some are still in the projects and others are already outside but neither group can take advantage of their admission. We are trying to find other opportunities for them but they are bitterly disappointed, as you can easily imagine, and so are we.

In at least two instances this navy action seems unreasonable. These are Mt. Holyoke and Smith College. Each of these colleges has granted at least one full scholarship for next year to a graduate student who is an American citizen of Japanese ancestry. Each college seems especially pleased with its candidate and each girl has already been granted an indefinite leave and has left the project in which she has been quartered. Both colleges have had evacuated students during the past year and have been extremely pleased with them, not only as students but as members of the college communities. The basis for this recent action is the presence on the Smith and Mt. Holyoke campuses of units of Waves officer candidates undergoing their brief training. As far as I know, neither college is carrying on any research project for the navy. Anyone familiar with the Waves training program knows that such units are entirely separate from the other students and that the program allows for no participation in normal college activities and for practically no intercourse with persons outside the unit.

On the other hand, I believe that the authorities of both colleges can employ as faculty or maintenance staff members any person they see fit without regard to national origin or American citizenship. Apparently the presence of Japanese professors, gardeners, janitors or maids, whether citizen or alien, is not considered dangerous to national security. If there has been any regulation covering this aspect of the question, I do not know of it. Such persons do not submit to any special examination, I believe, and if they come from relocation projects, they undergo the usual W.R.A. check as well as that of the Eastern Defense Command and large numbers of individuals have already cleared those hurdles satisfactorily.

In my estimation it is not only a clear case of racial discrimination but of inadequate provision for related situations, such as evacuated students already in residence. If either of these colleges had any unpleasant experience due to the presence at the same time of Waves and American Japanese, we do not know if it and our information indicates the contrary. We do not wish to endanger the position of these students already enrolled but their presence must be already known to the navy and the recent action seems to provide a just basis for a Fair Play Committee protest to the W.R.A. to be used by the latter as a kind of supporting evidence in the appeal they say they are making on the matter. No one questions the right of the army or navy to take the greatest precautions in safeguarding their programs and the training of their personnel. This action, however, seems to go beyond reasonably precautionary measures and it makes no provision for judging cases individually. Let the navy require as thorough examination of these students as it deems necessary. These same individuals are free, of course, to go about and to live in vital defense areas and to be employed in defense industries and no damage has resulted from this freedom.

One does not wish to lodge groundless protests or to do anything to jeopardize the cordial relations of the W.R.A. with the armed forces and to thereby harm the whole relocation program. However, I believe that a carefully worded statement from the Fair Play Committee to the W.R.A., having the support, as it would, of the west's most responsible educators, would be of assistance in securing at least provision for individual exceptions to the ruling. In fact, a statement from a few of the Committee's members who are officers of western colleges and universities would be equally or even more effective.

All institutions are already exercising unusual caution in admitting anyone with a Japanese name but, according to this navy order, it would be impossible for one of the Japanese Americans employed with General DeWitt's full consent by the Bureau of Immigration in San Francisco to enroll in one of the University of California's extension classes. An interesting fact is that at least four of the institutions previously not cleared do not appear on this list. They are New York University, Western Reserve University, New Mexico A. and M. and North Carolina State College of A. and M. One must assume that the earlier grounds for barring evacuated students from these institutions no longer exist. This, together with the inclusion on this new list of the Regents of the University of California, the Regents of the University of Southern California (I thought they were Trustees), and the President and Fellows of Harvard College would seem to indicate a rather ignorant or careless job of compilation. Also, the State Teachers College of

Dickinson, North Dakota, and several other institutions have naval training units at the present time but do not appear on the list. More specific instructions concerning the admission of students than those quoted by Mr. Myer may have been received by the various institutions listed and you can determine that, of course, since the University of California is among them, even though such persons are barred from the entire state.

Two questions seem to be raised by this action. One is the specific matter relating to the two institutions cited. The other is a broader question. It is the whole field of governmental control of institutions of higher learning. Peacetime freedoms are bound to be curtailed during war and colleges and universities must submit to unusual conditions and regulation. However, without being too rugged individualists, we can certainly examine these controls and distinguish between necessary and advisable ones and those imposed through ignorance, thoughtlessness or unenlightened deliberate design.

Very sincerely yours,

Enclosure

Margaret Cosgrave
(Registrar of Fresno
State College)

Note: A copy of this letter with some additional explanation is being sent to an interested faculty member at Smith and at Mt. Holyoke in the hope that they or their institutions will feel it possible to communicate with the W.R.A. concerning this matter.

July 21, 1943

Dr. Robert Gordon Sproul
President, University of California
Administration Building
University of California

Dear Dr. Sproul:

As you suggested, I have asked several members of our Committee for a more or less "composite" opinion of the Johnson Bill, H. R. 3012. I had hoped to have their replies compiled and in your office before now. However, as all of the men I have approached are also rushed for time, the material is still not entirely in shape.

I am sure that you will receive the report by the end of this week. In writing now, I merely wish you to know that the matter is receiving full attention.

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman

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Committee on American Principles and Fair Play

PASADENA CHAPTER

July 22, 1943

Dear Mrs. Kingman,

At last night's executive meeting Mr. Burton showed us a vile windshield sticker and letter by the California Citizen's Council. At last month's meeting we saw the "Slap the Jap" leaflet of the Home Front Commandos of Sacramento. Then there is the vulgar article, "Only One Way Out" in the May 1 "Pasadena Bulletin" of the local post of the Legion. Of this last article the Pasadena Post reports, "So pleased was the National Exesutive Committee of the American Legion - - that the article was adopted as the official viewpoint of the American Legion." We have so informed the Northfield, Minn. Post.

No doubt there is other such Hitler stuff that we have not seen. Then there is the hate peddling of the Times and Examiner.

The trash is so putrid that a good way to counteract it would be to reproduce it in the Saturday Evening Post or Life as evidence of how the hysteria of hate has inflamed the West. Should make shameful but reader-interest pages.

Who to do it - I don't know. How about [redacted] of Sacramento? Met her here last month. She is well posted in this line but I did not talk much with her and do not know her motives.

Now "how about" that list of legislators and of people and groups in Hawaii? Our reprint comes out Monday and we are mailing them Wednesday. We are sending you a supply.

Sincerely,



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Pasadena 2, California

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Philadelphia —
July 22

Dear RK —

If you got a good night's sleep & have a clear head, you may be able to make sense out of all this —

At this point I'll begin with the little items — I thought you'd be interested in Mr. Carr's activity (see clipping). Second, I enclose a letter (copy) I wrote to Dr. Deutsch & I'm not at all sure that it's anything for the HP to mix up in. The issue at stake, in my mind, is chiefly the one of the government taking over the admission policy of colleges, and on a rather arbitrary and unintelligent basis. It may be, too, that with all the army & navy training contracts, colleges won't wish to argue, either. Anyway, I don't approve of returned stones in situations, so I'm having my say. I know of several colleges which have ignored this law in the past — in a few individual cases — & I know of one prominent one which is going to ignore it in the present instance, although the case is an unusual one & the fact shouldn't be spread about at all.

Third — I am asked me to add a note of explanation to his letter. He hasn't the slightest desire to have you drum up any meeting for him unless you are about to have one anyway. What he really had in mind was

telling you of his arrival — asking you (or your husband) to watch out for any mail that may arrive for him at 2227 Union St — & letting you know that he'd be on hand if his services were of any use to you. He spent a day in Washington this week & saw a lot of WPA & related persons & does have the latest outlook — what there is of it.

He's horribly afraid his note sounds as though he wants to address all the Great & that isn't his idea at all! He — & I think the WPA people — agrees with my point of view in the college business but believes that little or nothing can or will be done & no one wants to stir up the navy. In any case, you don't need to feel in the least obliged to channel HP efforts into the student-navy tangle!

I think you can skip the business about Alice & me — we plan to spend a few days at Carmel & I know she's eager to get there and, as for myself — !!! — this Turkish bath that is Philadelphia in July makes Carmel seem like Paradise multiplied by 999 — There wouldn't be anything that Alice & I could add to any group — large or small — except our smiling faces & I'll be stopping by at some stage to see your

new office, anyway, & to get the latest news. Alice
may call you, but don't give us a thought. If there
were going to be any great excitement, we wouldn't
wish to miss it but we can't do everything.

I've just had a visit with some J. friends - newlyweds.
The husband is a UCLA bacteriologist & the wife finished
3 yrs at Cal's Medical School. Henry has a job now in
a Wilmington hospital (1 1/2 hr each way on the train) &
Sumiko is in Woman's Med. College here. Fine as it all is,
relocating isn't all beer & skittles, by a long shot, however.
You don't know how nice it is to be among the J. again!
Kay Yamashita and about 6 others are in the office
& I've met others around here - didn't realize how
much I had missed them at home, in fact.

To close our cheerful note - the rain & heat we
had today vanished suddenly about 8 pm & it became
amazingly cool and fresh! - a good time to stop.

Best sincerely,
Margaret C.

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July 23, 1943.

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman
2207 Union Street
Berkeley, California.

Dear Mrs. Kingman:

We had a well attended and lively meeting of our executive committee and chairman this week. Since then I have written a letter to Governor Warren urging him to take the lead in quelling racial antagonism and not to stir it up as he seems to be doing in his speeches. We are also sending letters to the Board of Supervisors and the Sheriff's office objecting to the Civilian Defense meeting up in Altadena recently at which Dr. Lechner made his usual type of speech and flayed everyone of Japanese ancestry. I did not hear it but others on the committee did. Of course Dr. Lechner is to have a copy also.

At the meeting we talked of another general meeting with a speaker and then with some reports of what the committee has been doing. I was asked to write you to see if you are planning another trip south, say before the middle of August, and would be our speaker. The meeting would probably be at the Library. All felt that your presence would do us much good, would secure us publicity and that your talk would give us fine information for such a general meeting. If you are not to be here by then, are you coming a little later and would you speak to us then?

I forgot to say that we asked the Supervisors to plan another meeting and let us furnish the speaker but I doubt if they do. Altadena is an unincorporated territory so all Civilian Defense is carried on under the Sheriff's office.

Mr. Carr is sending out his Harper reprint next week. If the new statement you hoped to secure from Colonel Fielder arrives by then, we will have that included. Because the Arizona Judge declared the anti-trading law unconstitutional, Mr. Carr is not mailing the letters over there which he had planned.

Mrs. Buwalda tells us that John B. Hughes has been converted and does not carry on his anti-Japanese propaganda. We wish that Henry Kearns of Pasadena, President of the Junior Chamber of Commerce, could be converted. He is active in one of the anti groups. I shall be glad when Mr. Mc Fadden's name is listed. We have 119 members now with more in sight.

Hoping you can come, Sincerely, Maynard F. Thayer.

Route 5, Box 8205,
Sacramento, California.

Dear Mrs. Kingman:

We are considerably interested in the outcomes of your conference last Monday with Miss McClatchy. I had hoped to hear from you by phone, but our line being a ten-party one, it is often hard to get through, and probably you were unable to reach me. I wonder whether you also talked with someone on the Union staff?

Dr. Tonness and I have been talking over desirable next steps. We are proceeding to develop as comprehensive a list of interested Sacramentans as possible. Therefore, we hope that you will keep us notified of any responses that may come in to your office from any of the people here to whom letters from your committee have gone, so that we may have them on our list.

You said you wanted more copies made of that editorial from the Woodland Democrat. (No, it was a news dispatch, not an editorial.) How many do you want, and how are they to be paid for? We can order them promptly when we know the number wanted.

You also mentioned, in our conversation, that you thought representations to Mr. Biddle might be made concerning the attitude taken by the Law Enforcement Officers, including the FBI, in their anti-Japanese resolution. Will you follow up on that from your office?

It seems to us here, that with Congress in recess for the next two months, this is an auspicious time to have prepared and widely circulated a memorial to Congress which will express the objectives of the Committee. The best groups through which to circulate these for signatures would seem to be the churches, but of course any other groups might also be canvassed. I think we shall plan to do this locally, in any event, but if it can be undertaken on a state-wide basis by your Committee it would obviously reach many more people and carry much greater weight. If it is to be done that way, we shall wait for copies to come to us from your office; if not, we'll set machinery in motion for local effort. Please let us know what you can do on this.

In view of the alarming increase in racial tensions over the nation, I have been wondering whether it might be possible to get the March of Time to do one of their documentary films on the race problem,-- or on the phase of the problem which relates to the Evacuation and its consequences. Do you have any idea what person or group chooses the themes for those films? It seems to me that if the right approach were made to them, a real service might be accomplished. Both Time and Life are taking, as you know, a strong liberal view on the race issues. Could you make some inquiries as to how an approach to the March of Time people might be made?

I had meant, when you phoned, to ask you to send another packet of the June 15 leaflets. We seem to have distributed all the others. In fact, as other materials are prepared for distribution, we can keep using about 1,000 of them, for most of our churches are glad to make them available to their people, and in addition, we propose to mail out smaller quantities to a mailing list we are developing.

Hoping to hear soon concerning all these matters, I am,

Cordially yours,

Henry A. Tyler

P.S. - Will send more names soon,
when I can get a list typed.