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Committee on American Principles and Fair Play

PASADENA CHAPTER

466 East California Street
Pasadena 5, California
June 6, 1945

Dear Mrs. Kingman:

reply to Col. Finch 6/15/45

We received the copies of your "finance" letter and I sent one to each of our executive committee before our recent meeting. That evening we discussed it and it was decided to send a letter of our own to our members and this will be done shortly. Frankly we felt the letter was too long and in a way out of date, for here it would be going out in June and the letter speaks of "we are summoning a strategy conference early in January". Also we want our work to go on through the whole year. We did not know these were coming or would have told you earlier that we would like as before to send our own.

We have a very fine executive committee with three new members in addition to those listed on this sheet. These are Mr. Stuart Chevalier, Mr Hollis Wilbur and Dr. Linus Pauling, the latter connected with California Institute of Technology. All but two were at the meeting last Monday. Since I am to be away three months I was anxious for the group to choose another Chairman but in the end Mr. Burton and I will serve as before and Colonel H.A. Finch, 782 South Arroyo Boulevard, Pasadena 2 is vice-Chairman. Priscilla Beattie will work with him in every way.

I had also asked Mr. and Mrs. Booth to come and it was very encouraging to hear of all the contacts that Mrs. Booth is making in many communities. You will remember that long ago I said that there should be a full time secretary in Los Angeles and Mrs. Booth is such a capable organizer that she is accomplishing much. Her report was so dynamic in its possibilities - also the group was greatly disturbed with all the "incidents" and hoped these could be prevented in Southern California- so that I was requested to ask you if the funds we hope our letter will bring in can be applied to the L.A. office. We are sure that with Imperial Valley, Santa Ana, Gardena and other hot spots in our territory, work must go on until the close of the year.

I am leaving on the 16th so any letter arriving after that should go to Colonel Finch who can then take matters up with members of our executive committee.

Sincerely yours,

Maynard Force Thayer

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466 East California Street
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June 6, 1945

Dear Mr. Fisher:

Reply in copy of letter to H. B. 6/13/45

Mrs. Booth has mentioned to me the letter she has received asking her to come on to Chicago for the meeting under the auspices of The American Council on Race Relations. She was not sure whether she should even mention this invitation to anyone but I urged her to communicate with you to see if you would not think it worth while for her to be sent. The invitation was so unexpected to her that she scarcely knew what to do.

Since the life of this particular Committee organized for the emergency seems likely to be terminated by January, 1946, that does not mean that there will not be serious problems relating to racial tensions yet to be resolved. I remember that at our January Conference there was reference to the possibility that the Council on Race Relations would be taking a more active part here on the coast. I take it that the majority of our members will still wish to cooperate

in doing away with tensions. For this reason I believe it is important for Mrs. Booth to attend this meeting if it can be arranged and I told her that I wanted to at least let you know how I felt about it.

Mrs. Booth is doing such a splendid job and is making contacts in so many places that I dare hope Southern California is getting organized so that unhappy "incidents" can be checked before serious damage is done. Long ago I wrote Ruth Kingman that I felt the Los Angeles office needed a full time person in order to line up the groups in communities to be ready to act when emergencies arose. Mrs. Booth is building on some of the contacts made by Katherine Kaplan and as a full time person is able to accomplish more. I feel that the next few months are very critical. Some one told me today that the "anti-Japanese" are winning out because the threats everywhere are keeping out evacuees who own property here and are anxious to return. I think we must work that much harder during the balance of the year.

You always urge me to pass on any ideas I have, so now I have done so.

Sincerely yours,

Maynard Force Thayer

Mrs. Maynard Force Thayer

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PACIFIC COAST

Committee on American Principles and Fair Play

(INCORPORATED)

Headquarters: Room 203, 465 California Street, San Francisco 4

June 8, 1945

Mr. Galen Fisher
11 El Sueno 2
Orinda, California

Dear Mr. Fisher:

At the suggestion of Mrs. Thayer, I am writing you about the invitation extended to me by Mr. Liveright of the American Council on Race Relations to attend their institute the latter part of June.

I had no thought of the Fair Play Committee being willing to send me, but when I mentioned it to Mrs. Thayer the evening I spoke to her committee, she urged me to tell you about it. Of course, I would love to attend if possible and I know it would be helpful to me and to my work in the Fair Play Committee, but that is for you folks up North to decide.

The institute enrollment is limited to thirty some people I believe, all of whom represent organizations known to be definitely interested in interracial work.

The Council for Civic Unity is anxious to send my husband, but to date, he has not been able to get any sort of reservation, so, if there is any inclination on the part of the Fair Play Committee for me to attend, it would be necessary to attempt to secure reservations immediately. Please do not feel under any obligation to consider this expenditure unless you deem it a good investment. While Mr. Crotty probably would not say anything one way or the other, he was extremely pleased at the recognition accorded the Fair Play Committee by this invitation to me.

Thank you for the copy of your letter to Mr. Crotty. Mr. Farnham has asked me to call together all the agencies in Los Angeles who are working on the relocation program. We are getting together at the YMCA next week. I will report later the results of this meeting.

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Mr. Galen Fisher

June 8, 1945

In regard to assistance in the field, I would like to be able to offer Priscilla Beattie at least traveling expenses for a few trips to outlying communities where I feel she can handle the situation properly.

When Dr. Gillett returns the last of June or early in July, I hope that he will be able to visit other communities in which he made the first contacts which I have been keeping up.

The report blanks I told you about when I wrote you earlier, were only two or three "used ones" and I shall either have Rita mimeograph more or figure out my own method of reporting. In a few days, I hope you will have in your hands a very comprehensive summary of my many contacts through correspondence, telephone, trips afield, etc., and the results to date. The work grows more and more fascinating and challenging as I find practically every community has a nucleus or cell of people of good will eager to do something and need only a few suggestions, a bit of guidance, or perhaps just the knowledge that this office is interested and is standing by to clinch the matter of organizing their committee.

Last week I reported to Mrs. Thayer's committee and to Mrs. Webb's group in Eagle Rock. In each case they enthusiastically offered to be of any and every assistance possible in this work of community organization in Southern California.

Clarence Gillett is taking responsibility for checking up in Santa Maria, San Luis Obispo, Lompoc, and other communities around Santa Maria area before he moves down to Pasadena the last of June.

Mr. Crotty and I are to spend an hour tomorrow afternoon going over the work I have been doing and making plans for the weeks ahead. He has been sending out wires and letters which are very well done I think and should be influential. I believe Mr. Crotty will draft a concise very much to the point letter regarding the need for financial contributions to go to our advisory board and executive committee down here. We will send you a copy later. Will you share this with Ruth Kingman please?

Sincerely,

Gracia

Gracia D. Booth
Executive Secretary

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P.S. Please don't feel any responsibility re. the Chicago Conference. I'm passing on the information re. the invitation because others urged me to.

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Straight wires

6/13/45

Dr. Morton Grodzins
1313 E. 60th St.
Council on State Governments
Chicago, Illinois

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ALWAYS PREPARES LETTERS AND SPEECHES FROM NOTES
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FROM YOU. WILL NOT USE YOUR NAME NOR IDENTIFY
MATERIAL WITH STUDY. BREATHLESSLY AND GRATEFULLY.

Ruth Kingman

Mrs. Gracia D. Booth
1052 West 6th St.
Los Angeles, California

REGRET INABILITY OF COMMITTEE SEND YOU CHICAGO.
INVITATION ALSO THIS OFFICE BUT CRITICAL WEST COAST
SITUATION INDICATES ALL STAFF SHOULD STAY ON JOB
FOR NEXT TEN WEEKS. LETTER FOLLOWS,

Ruth Kingman

PACIFIC COAST
Committee on American Principles and Fair Play
PASADENA CHAPTER

reply
6/16/45

466 - Ee California Street
Pasadena 5
June 13, 1945.

Dear Mrs. Kingman: From this date on will you kindly see that all communications go to Col. H. A. Fitch, 752 South Arroyo Boulevard, Pasadena 2 as he will be acting Chairman during my absence.

We are hoping for a letter in answer to my proposition about applying our funds to Los Angeles office.

I am leaving on the 16th and trust the rest of you can get California lined up on the right course. If there is anything I can do for the cause while in the vicinity of

New York, please let me know. I shall be in the
City occasionally but my address will be
Ocean Beach, Fire Island, New York.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours

Maynard Force Thayer

June 13, 1945

Mr. Homer D. Crotty
634 South Spring Street
Los Angeles

Dear Mr. Crotty:

Your letter of the 29th telling of your cogent correspondence with Gov. Warren pleased me a lot. Even though he seems loath to exert his full influence on getting justice for the resettlers, such letters by eminent citizens as yours, must have a cumulative effect. Maurice Harrison sent out a lot of letters along the same line to many lawyers of the State, although I don't happen to know just what he said. Mrs. Kingman and he set it up.

As I have just told Mrs. Booth and Mrs. Thayer, yesterday six or seven of us saw Atty General Bob Kenney in his office in S.F. Among agencies represented were Amer. Council on Race Relations, NAACP, ACLU, Church Interracial Com., and our Committee, also the JACL, by Miss Ishida. He discussed many topics, but the most constructive thing was his emphatic request that we tell all our members, and other agencies over the State, to report immediately by phone to his office at L.A. or S.F. or Sacramento, word about any attack or illegal act against any evacuee, or any one else, for that matter. He promised to give us precise instructions on this matter, which Mrs. Kingman will circulate as soon as received. Kenney said that most of the reports on attacks were either belated, or inaccurate, and those reporting had taken no pains to get available significant evidence.

The Western Defense Command is giving some cooperation, by sending around to certain hot spots a retired colonel who has talked with agitators, but with slim results, according to such reports as have thus far come to Kenney. He said he was going to see WDC officers again this week, and might be able to get further cooperation, as he thought that Gen. Pratt was now alive to the danger of letting the disorder spread.

Kenney said that public pressure in each locality was the most effective in keeping sheriffs and judges to their duty. We failed to get satisfactory assurances as to what he himself would do, beyond his evident eagerness to run down fresh evidence vigorously, and his plan to offer a reward for evidence leading to conviction. The ACLU will probably join him in the reward offer.

We all feel that Mrs. Booth is doing a good job.
Sincerely yours

Galen M. Fisher

6/13/45

Mrs. Gracia D. Booth
1052 West Sixth Street
Los Angeles 14

Dear Gracia Booth:

Thank you for all your letters and carbons. You keep me well posted, and let me congratulate you on your well-directed campaign of work in the chain of committees around L. A. Cumulatively, it will become a strong network, in time.

I think your idea of printing the names of friendly committees or groups to whom evacuees can write, or can turn upon arrival to resettle, is good. The Berkeley office and Mrs. Kingman can't undertake such service tasks, but the many small groups all over the Coast should do them, and the evacuees are eager to know to whom they can write and depend on. As you know, they don't fully trust the WRA staffs, and so keep quiet about their problems and plans.

In a letter to Mrs. Kingman you asked about going to the Whittier girls camp for 8 days. Though I haven't asked her opinion, I venture to say that I should count that too much time to give for anything of tangential importance.

Now as to that tempting idea of attending the conference at Chicago, under the Council on Race Relations, in view of the pressure of work that faces you, and the limited period of your work in any case, and the dubious value of the special training to be given in Chicago, for the rather simple ~~and~~ problems involved in the resettlement process, I know that the other members of our Executive Committee would hardly see their way to grant you a vacation, much less to pay your expenses for that conference. I have taken you at your word, and spoken as friend to friend, just as I should wish you to advise me in a similar case. I am sending Mrs. Thayer a copy of this letter, as she wrote me a fine letter about this point.

Today I conferred at length with Ruth K. and among other things, we agreed that if you were able to give full time, we should strongly favor it, and will recommend a larger salary to match. Then as to finances, it is good to know that Mr. Crotty is starting to raise funds from your advisory members. The central treasury is paying out about \$240. a mo. for your Committee, and does not complain at all. But we feel that you all would like to share the load, as Mrs. Kingman and I will shortly suggest, - by raising at least some sizeable sum, such as the \$500, raised last year. We shall write about this soon.

Very sincerely yours

P.S. Yesterday I was one of six agency representatives who talked an hour with Atty Gen, Kenney. The most important thing he said was that every local member or committee leader should at once telephone his office at L.A. or S.F. as to any attack or other illegal act affecting resettlers, so his agents could quickly go to the spot and gather evidence, etc. Ruth will send out further instructions on this shortly. GMF

Calvin M. Fisher

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Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman,
 2287 Telegraph Avenue,
 Room 215,
 Berkeley 4, California.

Dear Mrs. Kingman:

This acknowledges your letters of May 22nd and June 7th, 1945, and enclosures. I have just had a review of our work here in the south with Mrs. Booth, and both of us feel that we should have a more definite indication of the future policy of the Committee than we have now. You will recall that there was some discussion when you were here with Dr. Galen Fisher, that the Committee was to be wound up about the first of September and its activities possibly transferred to other groups. What has happened to this plan? Is it still to be in effect?

You mentioned in one of your letters that you hoped for some financial contributions from the south toward the work of the Committee. I feel that our request for financial contributions is not on the basis of a renewal of memberships, but rather for continuation of the contribution toward the work of the Committee. Our memberships originally did not say that they were for any particular period.

In this connection I would like to ask what estimate you have of the expense of the local office that you think should be borne by the Southern California group. We raised more than \$500. prior to the evacuation order and I assume that we would not be asked to raise more than this amount now, although I do not know whether we need to raise as much as this amount.

Mrs. Booth and I both feel that the need for the Committee has not become less apparent with the passage of time. There are continued incidents throughout the state. So far,

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman

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June 14, 1945

the incidents in the San Joaquin Valley are the more serious.

Before I attempt to raise any funds I think I should know just how long the Committee is to continue and what it expects to do with the money contributed from the Southern California end. Dr. Fisher told me that some moneys had been received from the foundations which are interested in minority problems.

I am leaving for New York on Friday, to be gone approximately twelve days (if I get through reservations). I would appreciate hearing from you at your convenience.

Yours sincerely,

Howell S. Crotty

HDC:JRB
CC Mrs. Booth

June 15, 1945

Mrs. Gracia D. Booth
1052 West 6th St.
Los Angeles 14, Calif.

Dear Mrs. Booth:

Under separate cover, I am sending you
150 copies of "Homeward Bound".

If you feel that these are helpful and
that you will be able to use more, please let
us know so that I can order some more from the
printer.

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary

June 15, 1945

Mrs. Gracia D. Booth
1052 West 6th St.
Los Angeles, 14, California

Dear Gracia:

I finally got together with Galen Fisher this morning after a couple of weeks of hide-and-seek. He has been dashing between Orinda, UNCIO and the Pacific School of Religion, (where he's to act as interim President for 2-3 months) and I have been dashing in and out of town between Monterey, Berkeley, San Francisco and Sacramento.

As you know, Galen Fisher, as assistant Treasurer (the Treasurer merely keeps and audits the books- a terrific job, he does magnificently) has tried to keep up to date on the financial affairs of the Committee. I don't know what we would do without that man. He is invaluable.

On the financial situation in Southern California, Mr. Fisher has not kept up as well as he has here, as the set-up has been somewhat involved. As a result, he has unknowingly been unduly concerned. Now that we have talked it all over, and I have shown him the dates and figures, he has asked me to write the enclosed summary to you, with accompanying suggestions.

I am sending a copy to Mr. Crotty, and to Colonel Finch in the absence of Mrs. Thayer, so that they will also be informed, and ready to talk it over with you at your mutual convenience.

Mr. Fisher's letter to you expressed our idea on the Chicago study trip. That seminar should prove of immense value to those attending. I wish that all of our staff could be there, but it does seem that in our particular field, time is of the essence and we should all stay on the job.

I'm sorry that you haven't had a plentiful supply of those report blanks. We'll mimeograph a batch and send them along.

--Time out for a phone call to Raymond Booth. I look forward to seeing you both in Sacramento. How about planning on staying over, in Berkeley for a day or two? There are a lot of things we should talk over, now that you have been on the job for awhile. The reports we get on your work are glowing and appreciative, so much so that we will probably ask you to go on full time very soon (affirmative purely a matter of form awaiting Executive Committee action).

The matter of Priscilla Beattie working for us sounds entirely plausible unless her work would resolve into a "Resettlement Committee" job, which we are in no way ready to sponsor. We must maintain our position that our job is to create public attitudes which will make it possible for the W.R.A. to get jobs and housing, and for returning evacuees to be able to take their places in our communities with as little friction as possible. The churches are doing a job on the welfare end which we cannot undertake and we can do a job they are not equipped to do. This difference of function must constantly be kept in mind by persons working with us.

It seems to us that such assistance as listings of persons within any community (lists to be forwarded to centers and relocation offices) who will welcome and give aid to returnees should be handled by church and welfare groups. We should prod them on to do the job. If we know of persons in any community to whom the evacuees might turn in cases of highly discriminatory treatment, or violence, or threat of violence, that is within our sphere of action, and such names might be sent on.

The easiest short definition I know of, of the difference between our work and that of other groups is that we are not working for the evacuees as they come back, but rather to establish public acceptance of their right to come back.

If you feel that Priscilla's work as you see it this summer, would come within (or reasonably so) that general definition, I'm sure that we will be more than happy to take care of her expenses, at least for two or three months,--we'll talk more of that when you come North.

In addition to the copies of "Homeward Bound" sent this morning, Connie is sending more Brochures, Editorials and membership cards. We are about out of the Daily Californian, and will have more printed only if an order (at \$6.80 per 1000) comes in.

How about jotting down a list of questions we should go over? I'll keep Tuesday, June 26th open and we can crawl off for a good dashing over of things in general. Connie has just reserved a nice room in our "best" hotel for the 25th and 26th (double, so Raymond can come down too, if he wants to). The hotel is just a block from our office, so that will be convenient.

Mrs. Gracia D. Booth

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6/15/45

If anything comes up that you can't make it,
please wire as we're putting a deposit to be sure
to hold the room.

I do look forward to seeing you, and hope that
there will be enough leisure so that we can really
give things a good going over.

Cordially yours,

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman
Executive Secretary

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Enclosure 1

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June 16, 1945

Mr. Homer D. Crotty
634 South Spring Street
Los Angeles 14, California

Dear Mr. Crotty:

Not knowing whether or not Mrs. Kaplan has ever given you a detailed account of our expenditures in Los Angeles, I'm enclosing a memorandum which indicates our financial relationship with the Los Angeles office.

I am sending a copy to Mrs. Booth, and to Colonel Finch (in the absence of Mrs. Thayer) suggesting that you might wish to discuss it with them, particularly the suggestions I have made following the account.

We understand that Mrs. Booth is doing fine work, and so many of our people in the South are wanting more of her time, that we are awaiting only Executive Committee action to ask her to go on full time.

Your correspondence with the Governor is excellent. I hope that you and our other members in Los Angeles keep at that good gentleman, for you all know (as does he, "Reluctant Dragon" that he is,) that if he really wanted to clean up this situation, he has ways and means of doing so.

Cordially yours,

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman
Executive Secretary

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Enclosure 1
cc: Mrs. Booth

June 18, 1945

Mr. Homer D. Crotty
634 South Spring St.
Los Angeles, 14, California

Dear Mr. Crotty:

Our letters seem to have crossed en route. Some of your questions were answered in my letter, and others will have to wait until after the meeting of the Board, which has had to be postponed until July 2.

Because of the postponement I expect to send out simple questionnaires to many of our members, to all of the officers of the various representative groups, including the executive committee of the Los Angeles committee. The replies will be considered at the July 2 meeting.

Enclosed you will find a communication from Pat Frayne, Reports Officer for W.R.A. in San Francisco. I am sending it on to you, as he suggests.

You will receive the questionnaires referred to within a week.

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman
Executive Secretary

RWK:cch

June 18, 1945

Mr. Galen M. Fisher
11 El Sueno
Orinda, California

Dear Mr. Fisher:

Enclosed you will find a copy of the financial statement on the Los Angeles set-up which Mrs. Kingman has prepared.

Mrs. Kingman's letter evidently crossed Mr. Crotty's in the mail, so he has had a reply to his questions regarding the financial set-up in Los Angeles.

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary

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June 21, 1945

Dear Connie:

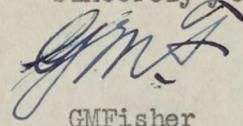
Here is the instructions from Atty Gen.

Kenny's office, which is to be sent to all responsible members of our own and several other organizations, such as those whose representatives talked with him recently. If Mrs. Kingman is on deck, she will decide how best to handle it for our membership. I should think a brief covering note should accompany this sheet, emphasizing the importance of speed and accuracy in reporting. At the same time, a fresh word would be in order as to bringing pressure on local peace officers and judges, so they will do their full duty, and will make full utilization of whatever evidence on attacks or threats may be gathered.

Kido writes that WRA has asked for 5000 copies of "They Work for Victory".

Yesterday I talked with Mrs. Nina Bancroft, and she said she didn't recall having seen a copy of the WRA folio "Myths and Facts". Possibly it is on the way. Anyhow, it may be well to mail her another.

Sincerely yours



G.M.Fisher

June 26, 1945

Mr. Maurice E. Harrison
111 Sutter Street
San Francisco, California

Dear Mr. Harrison:

Enclosed you will find a copy of a memo sent to all of our 1945 paid members.

I am sending this to you so that you will be familiar with some of the proposals which have been made as to the future program of the Committee.

Much of the discussion of the July 2 meeting of the Board Members will center about these proposals.

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman
Executive Secretary

RWK:cch

Sent to members of the Advisory Board who were invited to the July 2 meeting; and to those living out of the area.

June 26, 1945

Mrs. Hayward Force Thayer
Ocean Beach
Fire Island
New York

Dear Mrs. Thayer:

When your card, mailed "somewhere in Kansas" came to me, I had to fight homesickness for the rest of the day because I am a native "Jay Hawk" and I wanted to catch the first train for the prairie.

I have put a copy of myths and facts in the mail and hope it gets to you all right.

You will be interested in knowing that Raymond and I went out to San Fernando last Monday and met with their newly organized coordinating council. Mr. Booth gave his talk and I was introduced and said a few words about the Fair Play Committee work.

Some woman with a Spanish name who had just been elected to an important P.T.A. asked me afterward if I had come out in the fall and speak to various P.T.A. groups about the returning evacuees and the responsibility of the local mothers in welcoming them back into the community. They asked for literature which I am sending out now.

We went out to Van Nuys on Tuesday night and were much gratified to see the representatives of five different communities--Van Nuys, North Hollywood, Reseda, Sherman Oaks, and Tarzana--organize into a valley-wide committee. After much debating about the name, they finally decided upon Valley Council for Civic Unity, affiliating with Mr. Booth's Los Angeles Council for Civic Unity, but having one strong sub-committee on Fair Play to Japanese Americans which will keep constantly in touch with our office here.

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Mrs. Maynard Force Thayer June 26, 1948

Wednesday I am going to spend the day at Santa Ana where a handful of courageous people feel that they must organize at once to combat the growing opposition there. I will write you the results of my visit.

Mr. Pedro, with whom I have been in correspondence and whose YWCA secretary I met twice in Long Beach, sent in the list of members of their newly organized committee for assisting returned.

Lancaster organized about ten days ago. I have made two trips out there about the time I first came into this office, as I met people along with Mr. Booth and also visited the returned whose homes had been shot into. A letter from their group asks that I provide a returned American, a line and a returned Japanese American soldier to attend and speak briefly at a Kiwanis club meeting in the near future, and so it goes.

Every day or so communities which I have contacted by telephone, correspondence, or visit, report that they have organized and are ready to defend the right of the Japanese American to return to the coast in every way possible.

Mrs. Afton Hance and Mrs. Mubanks Garner of the YWCA Fellowship Committee, drove in from Riverside last Thursday and we spent a couple of hours going over the county where Mrs. Hance is a school supervisor. Her visit was most helpful to me and I am sorry that she is going to leave soon for study in Chicago as she would make one of the best field workers I could find.

Father Briesewalter will be with us July 2 to 16 or thereabouts and will visit as many communities as possible in the interest of definite organization.

Oh yes, I almost forgot, Raymond and I went to South Marengo High School Friday evening, where the local community people got together for a meeting where Raymond spoke and I was introduced as a Fair Play Committee person. Mr. Emerson from Cal Tech spoke regarding Friends of the American Way work. This group really came together because of the incident in the store which you told us about first. They are going to organize definitely. I will let you know what comes of their organization.

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Mrs. Maynard Force Thayer

June 26, 1945

I want to go to Pasadena soon and have a long talk with Colonel Finch, in hopes that some of the communities nearby, may be taken over by your group.

Rita has just finished mailing out "Myths and Facts" to your executive and mine. The WRA will send more copies when they get them. Their supply was quite low. If they do send more, do you wish them to go to all of your membership?

A week ago Friday a WRA car took me out to Azusa where I spent the afternoon with the Wakada family who have seven sons in the service. My story will appear in "Fov" about July 28. If you do not have copies, we will be glad to send one.

The conference in Sacramento was postponed until about July 6. Raymond and I were both going last Sunday night had this not been done. We hope to be able to attend at the later date however.

Yesterday the Civic Unity Council gave a reception in a Hollywood club for us. It was well attended and we were much encouraged as we met such splendid interested people.

I shall be very glad to hear from you at any time and will try to keep you fully informed as to what we are doing here.

A copy of this will go to Colonel Finch and Mrs. Webb and William Carr. It is most important that those of us who are doing the same type of work for the same group of people should keep our lines open and our efforts coordinated.

With loving wishes for a happy summer,

Sincerely,

GFB
FMT

Mrs. Gracie D. Booth
Executive Secretary

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June 26, 1945

Mrs. Ruth Kingman
Committee on American Principles &
Fair Play
2234 Telegraph Avenue
Berkeley, California

Dear Ruth:

I have a letter from Mr. Harrison
inviting me to a meeting of the Fair Play Com-
mittee on July 2nd.

I am very sorry that I shall not be
able to attend. My vacation begins on the Satur-
day preceding and I am really planning to take
it this time.

Cordially yours,

Anne C. Waters

*You have done a swell
job. We are all 100%
back of you - all*

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Mrs. Ruth Kingman
2287 Telegraph Ave.
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Dear Ruth:

Your long letter of June 15 should have been answered much sooner, but as you probably realize, I was hoping to see you in Sacramento and have a real heart to heart talk about the whole Fair Play picture in Southern California.

Mrs. Crotty has been away, but should be back Friday of this week and he planned to write a short letter regarding are financial needs to send to the membership of the executive or advisory whom he thought might make contributions.

Neither Raymond or I could have left our jobs I guess for the Chicago conference had it been possible for the committees to send us. We are both so busy on our individual jobs.

Incidentally, I could use a lot more "Home-ward Bound". They go out as fast as I can get them.

I am jotting down questions or suggestions that come to my mind to discuss with you after the Conference if you Raymond and I can get together as you plan. I have just written a letter to Galen Fisher which he will probably share with you saying that I am preparing a report of my work up to date, which I hope to have in your hands by the first of the week at least.

Now I am leaving for Santa Ana to confer with a local group there regarding the organization of a Fair Play or Civic Unity Committee for helping returnees.

Sincerely,

Gracia

Mrs. Gracia D. Booth
Executive Secretary

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Mr. Galen Fisher
11 El Sueno 2
Orinda, California

Dear Galen Fisher:

An apology is most certainly in order because of my long delay in answering your very fine letter to me regarding my work in Southern California.

I had hoped to see you at the conference in Sacramento and as that was postponed, my plans were changed. I have been rushing hither and yon trying to catch up with myself and really have been too busy at work on the job to write you a decent letter.

Your idea of some church groups sending out the information regarding the local committees after they have been formed is a good one and I think that perhaps this could be done from our Congregational Committee since Dr. Gillett works with the Fair Play Committee and I work with his committee, and the two jobs dove-tail so much.

Before your letter came, I had already written to the YWCA groups who asked me to come to their camps and I declined, feeling myself that I could not leave so interesting and emergent a job to go away to camp. I have tried to help them find other people as well informed as Raymond and I to carry on in my place.

Now in regard to your suggestion that I go on full-time if possible. If my trips out to meet with groups and to speak or to go along when Raymond is speaking and give ten or fifteen

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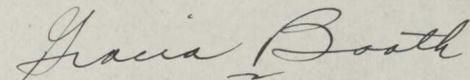
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minutes to explaining Fair Play Committee work, etc. are to be counted as Ruth suggested when I visited Berkeley as time on the job, then I have from the beginning given more than full-time, but I will put in some Saturday time and come down an hour earlier in the mornings if you feel that I should in order to give more nearly day-time service.

In a few minutes I have to catch the Pacific Electric to Santa Ana where I am to confer with Mr. Gumble the local WRA official, Rev. Ashley, and the YWCA general secretary in regard to the organization of a Fair Play Committee in that community and perhaps in Riverside and other communities and that WRA district.

I am preparing a report which will reach you by Saturday or Monday at the latest on my work in the various communities and the committees that have been or are about to be organized. I want to get it before the conference on the sixth.

Sincerely,



Mrs. Gracia D. Booth
Executive Secretary

GDB
rnr

Route 1, Box 171, Fowler, California
June 27, 1945

Mrs Ruth W. Kingman, Executive Secretary
Room 215, 2287 Telegraph Ave.
Berkeley 4, Calif.

Dear Mrs. Kingman:

I feel that an apology is due you. When I received the first notice of the June 25th meeting, I presumed it had been sent to those who attended the January conference and to other people or groups who might be interested in Fresno, as the International Institute, the mayor, the ministers union, the Y.W.C.A., etc. — and I did nothing about telling others of the meeting. Then when your secretary called last Thursday, I suddenly got busy, and a group in Fresno tried to persuade the mayor to send a car. They failed — for which I am most grateful as it would have been tragic for the cause had a carful gone up on the 25th. But I do frankly feel that Fresno would have had representation if I had started sooner — and I apologize.

Now, however, I am leaving day after tomorrow with my family to be gone for July (to an unfurnished cabin recently purchased at Huntington which creates so many supply problems that I'm not entirely sane) and I simply can't do all the telephoning necessary

to get representatives for July 6th. I am turning the agenda and card over to Mrs. Ben Walker, 667 Pine, Fresno, who is one of the directors of the Y.W.C.A. and who had most to do in trying to persuade Mayor Keynel to go to the June 25th meeting. She will call Mayor Keynel again, but in as much as she is a bit distressed at the results had she succeeded for the 25th, I do not know whether she will call many others. I myself shall let four or five know.

I do hope Fresno has representatives. We ~~will~~ ^{who are of} "57 varieties" do need a Council of Civic Unity.

Sincerely
Mrs John A. Hoien

June 28, 1945

Mrs. Gracia D. Booth
1052 West 6th Street
Los Angeles 14, California

Dear Mrs. Booth:

This is just a note to let you know that we have about 500 copies of MYTHS AND FACTS on hand if you care to use some.

I have sent copies to all members of the Committee including those from the southern California area.

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary

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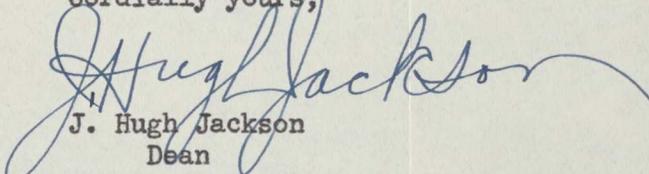
Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman
Committee on American Principles and Fair Play
465 California Street
San Francisco, California

Dear Mrs. Kingman:

In accordance with the letter received from Mr. Maurice E. Harrison, I regret to inform you that I shall not be able to attend the meeting at the above address on Monday afternoon, July 2.

While I have not been able to keep closely in touch with the activities of the organization, it would seem to me that we have perhaps served our main function and that the work might now be terminated or at least operated under a very modified plan as compared with what has been done in the past.

Cordially yours,


J. Hugh Jackson
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JHJ:kh