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Mrs. Kingman

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May 17, 1945

Miss Lucille Rounds  
Fellowship of Reconciliation  
3302 South Grand Avenue  
Los Angeles 7, California

Dear Miss Rounds:

I was very sorry not to be able to meet with your group the night you suggested.

As it turned out, my husband and I had another appointment for that evening.

I would love to have you drop into the office at some time and have a chat with you regarding the group with which you are working.

Perhaps since I am very busy for the next week or ten days, you could call after that and make a definite appointment.

Looking forward to making your acquaintance and being of whatever assistance to you we may.

Sincerely,

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Gracia D. Booth  
Executive Secretary



Mr. Fisher

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PACIFIC COAST COMMITTEE ON AMERICAN PRINCIPLES AND FAIR PLAY

May 17, 1945

Hon. Earl C. Warren,  
Governor of the State of California,  
Sacramento, California.

My dear Governor Warren:

I am grateful for Mr. Scoggins' letter of April 30th containing your splendid press release of December 17th on the subject of the returning loyal Japanese.

Five months have elapsed since the date of your statement. During that time there have been no less than seventeen midnight shooting incidents perpetrated against the Japanese and Japanese Americans who have returned to California since January first. Of these seventeen, fifteen incidents occurred in the counties of Merced, Fresno and Tulare. Not one arrest has been made. No one has been held for trial.

With all respect it is earnestly submitted that decisive action must be taken now to discourage and to eliminate this night-riding terrorism. While the Japanese Americans are the targets for today, the other racial minorities can only view their postwar prospects with a chill of terror. If the lawless elements misconstrue official silence as approval of their misdeeds, you may be sure that their terror raids will be extended not only against the Japanese but against other minorities as well.

I am sending a copy of this letter to the Honorable Harold L. Ickes and the Honorable Robert W. Kenny.

Yours sincerely,

Homer D. Crotty

HDC:JRB:rmr                      Chairman, Executive Committee  
CC HON. HAROLD L. ICKES of Los Angeles  
HON. ROBERT W. KENNY

BC Mrs. Gracia D. Booth



Mrs. Kingman

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May 17, 1945

Mr. Horace Mounts  
762 Heliotrope Drive  
Los Angeles 22, California

Dear Mr. Mounts:

We are very glad to have you as a student member of the Fair Play Committee.

Underseparate cover, we are sending you some samples of our literature for your own use and to distribute among students whom you think would profit by seeing it. Your name will be added to our mailing list.

In the meantime, we will be very glad to answer or attempt to answer any questions which may arise in your mind at any time, or to help in any way we can as you attempt to spread the idea of Fair Play among your fellow students. I do not think this will be difficult at all, as I remember the great interest and friendly spirit demonstrated in every group with whom I have met and talked about the principles of fair play as applied to the returning evacuees.

It was a privilege to meet with and speak to all of you.

Please feel free to write or telephone, or better still, to drop in at any time.

Very sincerely yours,

GDB  
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Gracia D. Booth  
Executive Secretary



A. E. BRETTAUER

CARLTON, OREGON May 17th, 1945

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reply  
5/25/45

Committee on American Principles and Fair Play  
2234 Telegraph Avenue  
Berkeley, Cal.

Attention Please: Mrs. Ruth Kingman

Dear Madam:

Miss Ann Madsen, Secretary of the Civic Unity Committee of Seattle, Washington, has furnished me with the address of your organization. While I am in sympathy with any organization, which works for better understanding between the various races in this country, I feel that, at the present time, here, on the West coast, the Japanese-American problem is the most urgent one.

It appears to me that it is high time that the disgraceful persecution of ~~JAP~~ American citizens of Japanese ancestry as well as of Japanese residents of proven loyalty will be stopped. As you, undoubtedly, know, specially in Oregon, the instigators of racial hatred are very active, forming and incorporating anti-Japanese American organizations which, they hope to make nation-wide. Under their influence, the Oregon legislature passed a law, at its last session, not only prohibiting ownership of land by Japanese aliens but stipulating that in cases where a Nisei held title to land but permitted Japanese relatives to live on ~~this~~ land it would be assumed that the Japanese were the real owners of this land, and providing severe punishment for the latter as well as for the Nisei.

I wonder what steps your organization is taking to combat these undemocratic and truly un-American activities. It seems to me that, at present, the opposition to these activities is scattered and, therefore, feeble, and no match for the vociferous and energetic persecution bent groups. I would like to help, in whatever way I can, in protecting the constitutional rights of Japanese-Americans as well as of other minority groups.

Very truly yours

A. E. Brettauer



May 25, 1945

Mr. A. E. Brettauer  
Carlton,  
Oregon

Dear Mr. Brettauer:

Thank you very much for your letter of May 17, stating your interest in democratic treatment for returning Americans of Japanese ancestry.

The alien land law just passed in Oregon is indeed deplorable- we know, for we have its prototype here in California.

The only method we, as a Committee, have used in combatting un-American activities has been by education. We have tried to provide informative material to interested persons and groups, with the hope that information will lead to intelligent, well informed action. What that action should be, naturally depends upon local problems.

Mr. George Rundquist, formerly executive secretary of the Committee on Japanese Resettlement of the Federal Council of Churches of America is now working with us, and expects to be in the northwest during the month of July. I shall refer your letter to him, and he will undoubtedly wish to see you when he is in Oregon.



Mr. Brettauer

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Meantime, we are sending you a "kit" of material such as we have sent to other interested persons, together with a membership blank should you care to join the Committee as an individual.

If you would like additional material, to interest others, with a possibility of drawing together a group of representative citizens in your community, we shall be very glad to send it.

Enclosed you will find copies of two editorials, copies of which have been sent to all of the California state legislators, the West Coast Congressional Delegation and others. We feel that our public servants should be constantly reminded that the "noisy, vocal few" are not truly representative of all of our citizenry.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman  
Executive Secretary

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Enclosure 2



NATIONAL JAPANESE AMERICAN  
STUDENT RELOCATION COUNCIL  
1201 Chestnut St., Philadelphia, Pa.



THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS



Mrs. Harry Kingman  
Committee on American Principles  
and Fair Play

~~Room 203~~

~~465 California Street~~

~~San Francisco, 4, California~~

2287 Telegraph Ave.  
Berkeley, 4, Calif.




Dear Ruth:

5-17-45

Thanks ever so much for taking time to advise us on the San Luis Obispo situation. We are writing for the statement by the California Commissioner of Education and will send it with Sproul's speech and other material to Dr. Egan as you suggested. We are glad to know that Dr. Ryerson is willing to help in such situations. We will certainly turn to him if California Polytechnic remains recalcitrant.

Many thanks again for your help.

Sincerely yours,



ELIZABETH B. EMLLEN (Mrs.)  
Director

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Mrs. Kingman

COPY

May 18, 1945

Mr. Dan Marshall  
458 South Spring St.  
Los Angeles, California

Dear Dan Marshall:

Enclosed is the debate as Rita took it that night in Gardena, on her knee! (We were all on our knees for you!)

When you have looked it over and made all necessary alterations and corrections, will you please return it and then we will make more copies one of which will go to J. Edgar Hoover if you are willing.

A number of people who were present have also asked for copies to use among their associates. So, we hope, that with your consent, to mimeograph a good many copies in corrected form.

Would you be able to suggest names of friendly and interested Catholic people either priests or laymen in any of the following communities where George Rundquist and Clarence Gillett will be visiting: Oxnard, Ventura, Guadalupe, Santa Maria, Santa Barbara, Arroyo Grande, San Luis Obispo, Burbank, San Fernando, Gardena, Torrance, Lomita, San Diego and environs, El Centro and community, Santa Ana, Buena Park, Riverside, Redlands and Covina.

If you know of friendly Catholic people, business or professional men would be especially helpful in communities where Japanese have lived or expect to return, we would appreciate any of this information.

Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

GDB:rmr  
Enclosure

Gracia D. Booth  
Executive Secretary



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Sacramento, California  
May 19, 1945.

Mrs. Ruth Kingman, Secretary  
Committee on American Principles  
Room 203, 465 California St.  
San Francisco, 4, California

Dear Mrs. Kingman:

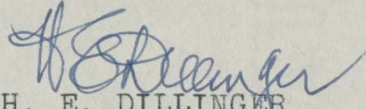
Your letter received.

I do not favor denying an individual Japanese any of his property rights nor would I in any way detract from any credit due for military service.

I have always, however, opposed the encroachment of Japanese in sections of our State, driving the white people out. That has happened in many sections and is probably the basic reason for the trouble at Auburn and elsewhere. Of course many Japanese have rendered distinguished military service but that does not entitle them to crowd out our own white boys who have certainly rendered equally fine military service.

Thanking you, I remain

Sincerely yours,

  
H. E. DILLINGER



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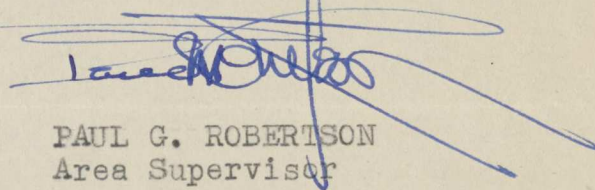
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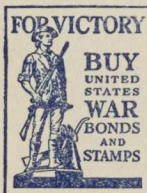
Mrs. Ruth Kingman  
Pacific Coast Committee on  
American Principles and Fair Play  
2234 Telegraph Avenue  
Berkeley 4, California

Dear Mrs. Kingman:

Mr. O'Day tells me you promised to send a good supply of Patricia McGregor's editorial of April 26th in The Daily Californian. We hope to hold you to your promise.

Yours very truly,

  
PAUL G. ROBERTSON  
Area Supervisor





Mrs. Kingman  
COPY

May 21, 1945

Mr. J.C. McClendon  
War Relocation Authority  
Dixie Bldg.  
3913 Ohio St.  
North Park  
San Diego, California

Dear Mr. McClendon:

Your letter of May 13 was just received today and we immediately put together a package of literature which we are mailing special handling hoping that you will receive it in time for your meeting tomorrow evening.

I am more than pleased to know that such a meeting is to take place and I do hope that a prompt worthwhile organization will grow out of it.

I will appreciate being advised immediately as to the results of the meeting and of progress from time to time.

May I explain that we have only a few copies of "Homeward Bound" on our shelves. I am ordering more from the San Francisco office and will send them to you just as soon as they come.

We are sending you our last copy of the September 1944 edition of the Fair Play Committee brochure and will send you more when they come from the San Francisco office. In the meantime You may find use for the older June 1943 edition essentially the same except for additions to the executive committee.

With best wishes for the meeting tomorrow night and repeated assurance of our help if we are needed.

Sincerely yours,

GDB:rur  
Enclosures

Gracia D. Booth  
Executive Secretary



May 21, 1945

Mrs. Lawrence Norrie  
1918 La France Drive  
South Pasadena, Calif.

Dear Thelma:

You were a dear to send me my cherished 51 gauge hose, rayon though they be--I am abject over forgetting them, and would have written sooner, only that I've been laid up ever since my return. Doc says I've been too grim about my job--just try being light-hearted over this damn mess!

Now, I'm all up and at 'em again (tho slightly subdued) and want to thank you very much for letting me be with you. It is always a lot of fun, and having that swell party made it all the better.

When I finished my work the following day, W.R.A. said they'd get me a nice lower going up that night, and I couldn't resist the chance of avoiding sitting up all day on the Daylight. Imagine my pleasure to meet Roy Sorensen on the train. We dined and breakfasted together and had a thoroughly (to me, at least) delightful trip.

So thank you, again, and do let me know what Mary Lou is planning.

Cordially,

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman  
Executive Secretary

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May 21, 1945

Mr. George E. Rundquist  
c/o Mrs. Gracia D. Booth  
1052 West 6th Street  
Los Angeles, 14, California

Dear Mr. Rundquist:

We have your statement of expenses covering the  
period from May 2 to May 15, in the amount of \$114.00, and now  
attach our check #266 reimbursing you.

Yours very truly,

H. S. Scott, Treasurer

cc: Mr. Galen M. Fisher ✓  
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Mrs. Gracia D. Booth  
Committee on American Principles and Fair Play  
1052 West Sixth Street  
Los Angeles, 14, California

Dear Mrs. Booth:

Attached is check No. 267 in the amount of \$150.00  
to cover extra expenses incurred for the months of March, April  
and May.

Yours very truly,

H. S. Scott, Treasurer

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cc: Mr. Galen M. Fisher ✓  
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May 21, 1945

My dear Mrs Kingman:

I cannot tell you how grateful we are for the generous interest you are taking in Commander Leighton's THE GOVERNING OF MEN. Your help will be of the very greatest usefulness.

I am suggesting to our sales manager, Mr Norvell Samuels, that he send you a list of principal booksellers in principal cities (to each of whom, incidentally, we have sent an advance proof of the advertisement which will be carried in certain papers, and a copy of which is enclosed herewith.

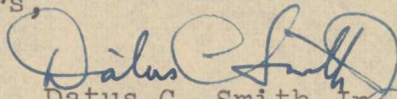
We are especially glad to have the special list of book reviewers to add to our routine list. We will see that all of these people are covered.

We are printing a circular which will be distributed to a considerable list of our own, and also will be mailed with a special imprint by the Institute of Pacific Relations. I wonder if your committee would be interested in having copies of the circular for distribution to your membership or to others? This could be done in either of two ways: simply through your mailing circulars bearing our imprint in the interest of increasing the audience of the book, or, alternatively, with your imprint so that orders would come to you. If you should be interested in this latter method, we could mail books from here and bill you at 40% discount from the list price, so that the commission of \$1.50 for each copy sold would compensate you for the work involved. I should perhaps explain that I think it would be inadvisable for you to pass on any of the discounts to your members: that would be undercutting the booksellers, and I think it is as much to your interest as to ours to have California booksellers feel an interest and a stake in this book.

At all events, it is extremely gratifying to have your interested and intelligent help on the book, and we thank you most sincerely.

Cordially yours,

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman,  
Room 203  
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San Francisco 4, Calif.  
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May 21, 1945.

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman,  
Executive Secretary,  
Committee on American Principles  
and Fair Play,  
Room 203, 465 California St.,  
San Francisco, 4, California.

Dear Mrs. Kingman:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of May 18th together with editorials from the Arizona Daily Star and the Daily Californian, for which I thank you.

Under separate cover I am forwarding to you excerpt from our Committee's 1945 Report on the Japanese problems in California.

With every good wish, I am,

Very sincerely yours,

  
JACK B. TENNEY.

JBT:lt



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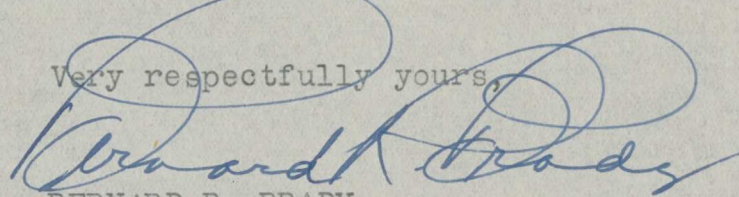
Dear Mrs. Kingman:

Though your communication is a form communication, it still has great weight with me because the very fact that you and the organization you represent would go to the trouble of composing and sending such communication to your representative in Sacramento is really worthy of commendation.

It is very consoling to those of us who dislike prejudices of any kind, to find that some clear thinking members of our citizenry will not permit themselves to be prejudiced by insidious emanations from those who would serve a selfish interest by spreading propaganda.

Thank you again for your communication, and please do not fail to let me hear from you whenever a matter arises in which you have an interest.

Very respectfully yours,



BERNARD R. BRADY

BRB:a



C O P Y

May 22, 1945

Mr. Homer Morris  
American Friends Service Committee  
20 South 12th Street  
Philadelphia 7, Pennsylvania

Dear Homer Morris,

In regard to your letter addressed to Caleb Foote - a copy of which you sent to me, I feel considerable concern. At a distance and on paper and listening to Dillon Myer who is a suave and convincing talker, it is really hard to get the true picture of what is going on.

I agree on the premise that the sooner the evacuees can be brought out of the centers the better, of course. And I think WRA is warranted in putting great pressure on the inhabitants of the centers to produce this result. At the same time there are many who do not have sufficient courage, sufficient health, sufficient capital, sufficient energy to be able to start all over again in either a strange or hostile environment. State welfare provisions are really not the answer for them. Personally I think Dillon Myer knows very well there will be a residue of these people and that the WRA knows it will have to continue to maintain one or two camps. If they do not believe this, their judgment is less realistic than would seem possible after dealing with these folk all these years. At the present time the older Japanese in camp, especially those without children are in a state of complete jitters, hard to imagine by one who has not observed center psychology and who does not fully take into account the loss of property due to evacuation, the fear of violence, which unfortunately is far from groundless, the unfamiliarity with American institutions, the loneliness of living among strangers with whom they cannot even communicate. Esther Rhoads is soon to be in Philadelphia. I think she can explain this problem to you as she feels keenly the plight of these unfortunates and the cruelty of WRA's procedure as regards them. I am not sure just what measures WRA should have taken. Perhaps it could have been said that everyone under 40 or 50 had to leave the centers, or it could have been said that one center would be kept open and people admitted to it after careful hearing or investigation. I think this is what they intend to do anyway, and I think it would have been more honest and humane to say so from the beginning and saved the distress and uncertainty and despair that many of these old people are now enduring.



Homer Morris

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May 22, 1945

About housing in the San Francisco Bay Area Dillon Myer is just indulging in wishful thinking. You can fill a glass of water up to the brim but at a certain point, even a drop will make it run over. Believe me, this area has reached that point.

I have been working on the Housing Committee of the Council for Civic Unity. I enclose a copy of the summary of a survey we made. Add to that the recent order from the army and navy that all rentals coming in to the Housing Bureau automatically go to the personnel and what hope have you. Our committee has been working for temporary public housing as the only solution to this impasse which is particularly grievous for minority groups. Collaborating in this our Japanese Resettlement Committee wrote Havenner, our representative, and Downey, our Senator, to help us obtain such housing which is being blocked in a most incredible and maddening manner. We stressed the need for housing in view of WRA's order to leave the Centers. Each one referred the matter to Dillon Myer. In each case he wrote back, making light of the matter and feeling sure that the private agencies could find the housing if they really tried when Dillon Myer was in San Francisco. We had a conference with him and asked about this. He admitted he had done wrong not to back us up but although he promised to see these gentlemen and correct the false impression he gave, to any knowledge he has not yet done so.

You see, Homer Morris, the whole thing boils down to the fact that WRA is trying to shove off onto private agencies its unfinished job of resettlement. The job is too big for the private agencies to tackle and it is a grave question whether we should even try to tackle it when the responsibility by rights belongs to W.R.A. I think A.F.S.C. policy has always been not to shoulder jobs that clearly belonged to other existing agencies.

I might add that Friends have been of assistance in opening hostels in Oakland, San Jose, Mountain View, San Mateo, and here in San Francisco we have housed a continuous trickle at Friends House and have arranged temporary home hospitality for many more, and we have been working in close contact with the area office to develop a hostel in San Francisco in addition to the few beds here and a few more at the Presbyterian Church near here. We have agreed to sponsor a hostel at the Buddhist Temple whenever the governing Board comes to a decision. That is the only available building of any size we have been able to locate.

Sincerely,

Josephine W. Duveneck  
Associate Secretary

JWD:vb  
Encl.

P.S. Your letter of May 21 has just arrived. It seems to me Dillon Myer failed to report to you the substance of our meeting with him at Council of Civic Unity nor the efforts already being made by church groups and others along the lines you suggested.

In regard to the functioning of Social Security agencies, they are doing pretty well, but they cannot function till the individuals from camp are actually on the spot and you can readily see that there is a step between which must be taken by W.R.A. representatives.



Mrs. Kingman  
COPY

May 22, 1945

Mr. Earle O'Day  
War Relocation Authority  
1031 South Broadway Street  
Los Angeles 18, California

Dear Mr. O'Day:

I am glad you found the sample packet which I sent you interesting. We have found that the people who order it find it very helpful. I am sending one to Virginia Swanson immediately as you request.

Yes, Raymond and I know Virginia very well. I too visited Terminal Island many times before and during the evacuation three years ago. In fact, I helped the people break up their homes and pack and move their goods into the Forsythe Hostel now known as Evergreen Hostel and into the one at Norwalk and Blue Hills out near Whittier. Virginia and I worked together very closely during those weeks of evacuation all up and down Southern California and I think very highly of her. She attended the Protestant Commission Conference at the YMCA several weeks ago and said she would be calling in to see me and get some literature and she has not come in as yet. I am glad to have her definite address.

Enclosed is a copy of the letter Mr. Grotty sent to the governor which I promised to send you.

You will be interested to know that Lucille Day of the Covina YMCA in a recent letter says, "The Anti-Japanese publications in our paper have entirely ceased. No more signs have appeared in windows saying that they solicit only white-American trade. There is just one such sign left in our town. We are not placarded as we were afraid we might be and several families have moved back in and are very well received...there is surely no organized resistance now to the return of the Japanese American."



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Mr. O'Day

May 22, 1945

Then she names a number of people who are definitely interested in learning more about the Japanese and finding out how they may help. I am sending some literature to each one of them. She has asked me to be the Sunday speaker in the YWCA summer camp near Redlands late in June and has requested that our Committee provide some Japanese American girls to attend this camp as well as securing a Japanese American counselor "who can really appeal to girls from other than white-Anglo stock if possible."

Perhaps, I should have said earlier, that Lucille Day is a personal friend of long standing. I knew her first when she was connected with the University Settlement in Chicago, and we worked together during the evacuation period here in California. At that time, she was connected with the ~~Neighborhood House~~ *House* in Santa Barbara. I expect to spend a day or so in Covina before very long.

Rev. Mr. Eidsath and Mr. Warren Smith of Gardena were in the other day for a whole forenoon's conference on the situation in Gardena. George Rundquist sat in on this and I am hoping that he will be able to spend a day in Gardena helping these fine men.

Don Marshall made a very fine talk at the Fair Play Committee meeting in Pasadena last night which Raymond, George Rundquist and I attended. Mrs. Thayer had requested Raymond Booth previously to speak on the progress of relocation. Mrs. Thayer has asked me to attend the next executive committee meeting early in June. I find her most cooperative and apparently eager to help me.

Sincerely,

GDB:rar  
Enclosure

Gracie D. Booth  
Executive Secretary



COPY

May 22, 1945

Mr. G. Raymond Booth  
War Relocation Authority  
1031 South Broadway Street  
Los Angeles 16, California

Dear Mr. Booth:

Enclosed is a copy of Homer D. Grotty's letter to the governor which I thought you would like to see.

We will contact Miss Dunning of the YWCA in regard to Japanese American girls attending their summer camps.

Lucille Day of the Covina YWCA writes that she is inquiring about the possibility of securing a Nisei counselor from Poston for their summer camp. She says in part: "We would so like a counselor who can really appeal to girls from other than white-Anglo stock if possible." Can you recommend one? If you have any such person in mind, I would appreciate her name and further particulars about her to give to Miss Day.

Miss Day makes several requests for Nisei workers as follows:

1. Mr. Gould, Covina YWCA secretary and his wife would like a Japanese or Nisei girl to live in their home to help with the office work.
2. Rev. Mr. Yinger, pastor of Congregational Church in Claremont is looking for a student or part-time worker to live in their home.
3. The YWCA and YWCA would like an office secretary at least part-time between them, and perhaps the churches would use such a secretary for the rest of her time, thus giving her full-time employment.



COPY

Mr. G.R. Booth

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May 22, 1945

4. "Right now we are very much in need of a religious education worker to carry on the Released Time Education Classes in Religion. Have you someone to suggest?"

I presume you should handle all of these requests through your office unless the Congregational Committee might take the responsibility for finding the religious education worker and perhaps the camp counselor. If you have no one in view for either of these two positions, please let us know immediately and our committee will investigate.

Lucille Day further informs me that there is a Mrs. Hood in Los Angeles who is secretary of the Audubon Society and is much interested in the birds made by the boys of Hillcrest. She would like information about visiting hours, how to get out there, etc. If you will send this on to me, I will call Mrs. Hood and perhaps make the trip with her.

Sincerely,

GDB:rar  
Enclosure

Grach D. Booth  
Executive Secretary



May 22, 1945

Mr. Walter Winchell  
c/o New York Daily Mirror  
New York, New York

Dear Walter Winchell:

It can't happen here, but it is --- can  
you give us some help on this?

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman  
Executive Secretary

RWK:cc  
Enclosures



HOME ADDRESS  
1542 NORTH ORANGE GROVE AVENUE  
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

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ALBERT DEKKER

MEMBER OF ASSEMBLY, FIFTY-SEVENTH DISTRICT

May 22nd, 1945.

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman, Exec. Sec'y.,  
Committee on American Principles & Fair Play,  
465 California Street,  
San Francisco 4, California.

Dear Mrs. Kingman:

Thank you for your communication regarding the Americans and Japanese. I have been speaking on this and allied subjects in and about Sacramento to some 15 or 20 different groups and I have been heartened by the reaction of people, once they really understand the issue.

In the town of Lincoln, California, where I spoke a couple of weeks ago, there were signs in the windows saying "Japanese trade not wanted here". There is much education to be done on this subject. I have a second-hand story which concerns a young Japanese-American veteran who, on returning home, hesitated at the door of such a store, but was welcomed open-armed by the proprietor to the consternation of the young man. The explanation from the proprietor was that he had to put the sign in the window, otherwise, as he said the "damn okies" wouldn't trade there. I can not guarantee the proof of this story, but it indicates where the education has to be done.

Of course, in our Legislature there are many very biased and prejudiced men who just lack the wit and the intelligence to face this problem intelligently. However, if we face these matters fairly and repeatedly, we will some day establish the rights of the minority to live at peace.

Very sincerely,

Albert Dekker

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Committee on American  
Principles and Fair Play  
Room 203  
465 California Street  
San Francisco 4, California

Attention: Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman, Executive  
Secretary

Dear Friends:

I have duly received your letter of  
May 18, 1945, regarding the return of Americans  
of Japanese ancestry to the Pacific Coast and  
containing two enclosures.

I have read carefully your letter  
and also the enclosures and I am inclined to  
agree with your position in the matter.

Yours very truly

*George D. Collins, Jr.*

GEORGE D. COLLINS, JR.

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May 22, 1945

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman  
Executive Secretary  
Committee on American Principles and Fair Play  
Room 203, 465 California St.  
San Francisco 4, California

Dear Mrs. Kingman:

Mr. Smith has told me of your interest in our forthcoming book, *THE GOVERNING OF MEN*. I also understand that you would like to have a list of the book stores in your West Coast Cities. I am enclosing such a list and have included those stores from our records which have done the best sales job on our publications in the past and naturally have not made this an all inclusive list of the California Book Stores.

In your letter to Mr. Smith, you said that these book stores would be approached by prospective customers who will indicate an interest in the book. I hope by this you mean that the book stores will be approached by people who definitely want to purchase a copy of the book. I say this because book stores get suspicious when a lot of interest has been evidenced and no books have been bought. They then blame the publisher for putting on an unfair campaign.

Unquestionably a great many people in your organization and friends of your organization will be interested to have a copy of this book. If those people could be directed to the book stores rather than have them place their orders through ~~with~~ us, it certainly would make an impression on the book stores and in general would be very beneficial to the general distribution of the book.

If I can be of any further assistance to you in furnishing additional lists, please advise me.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Norvell B. Samuels".

Norvell B. Samuels



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### San Diego

The Alcove Book Shop, 816 Broadway



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San Francisco

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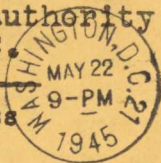
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reply:  
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May 22, 1945

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

Dear Mrs. Kingman:

I was somewhat surprised to learn, upon my return here, that you had gone on record with the Secretary against the closing of centers. If I had known that such was on your mind last time we met, I certainly would have advised against it as strongly as I know how.

I realize, of course, how easy it is for you people outside to think we're just being mule-headed and that we are refusing to face the facts of life. But it must be significant that all of us who have been living intimately with this thing day after day for three years feel the same way about it. I hope you will believe me when I tell you that this feeling is not just blind loyalty to Dillon Myer but deep and honest conviction.

The real danger in all this is that if Dillon's hand is forced on this particular issue, he will walk out of here just as sure as there's a sun in the sky. And if he goes, I can think of a few others who will take their walking papers at the same time. That, I am sure you will agree, would certainly not solve anything.

So, as long as we are moving ahead on schedule, I just fervently hope you won't crowd us too hard. A little later in the summer, if the movement shows signs of bogging down, then give us the needle good. But not now, please. Life is tough enough.

Dillon, of course, doesn't know I'm writing you this, and I hope you will regard it strictly as a letting down of the hair between friends. It's what I would have told you in person if I had known what was basically on your mind.

Cordially,

Tay



June 5, 1945

PERSONAL & CONFIDENTIAL

Mr. M. M. Tozier  
Reports Office  
War Relocation Authority  
Barr Building  
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Toz:

Thank you for your letter of May 22. I would have replied sooner if I had not been out of town.

You may be sure that it was terribly hard for me to send that memo to Secretary Iokes. Between us two--it laid me up completely for a couple of weeks, for no one has a deeper personal loyalty to Dillon than I have. That very loyalty makes it imperative that I try to make him see wherein his supporters on the West Coast feel that he is wrong, and his program unrealistic.

If we had felt that a quiet conversation would have made any impression, we would have tried that. It has been tried before, and been met with the usual benign smile. If it could have been done in a personal letter to Dillon, we would have tried that. We knew what would happen to such a letter. We have tried committee meetings with him, and know that they don't get to first base. We don't like a psychic approach either!

To keep the "support" at all in line, I had to do just what I did, and even stretched a point in expressing our real appreciation



of Dillon as a chief factor of concern.

I agree with you entirely that no good end would be served in pushing the Boss to a position which he would consider untenable. At the same time, we still feel that unless he is made to see that his present course is unrealistic, he will find himself in a place behind the 8-Ball which will be even less tenable, and entirely disastrous for the evacuees.

You know, I am sure, that Dillons' reply to my memo simply reiterates the arguments he always uses, the main premises of which find us in complete agreement. Where we differ sharply, all of the evidence I can lay hands on simply and progressively strengthens my conviction.

Nevertheless, I'm writing to the Secretary and to Dillon, telling them both, quite truthfully, that while we still differ in our thinking on policy, we still agree in purposes, and that personally, I fervently hope that the next six months will prove me 100% wrong in my analysis.

And I'll assure <sup>them</sup> that come September 1, I shall probably re-evaluate our recent exchange of memos, to see how we add up. Until then, I agree it would be a bad mistake to release any modification of the relocation program.

I can "hold off the dogs" that long, but from then on in, if my predictions should prove right, I'm afraid that Dillon will be in for a bad time.

I'd do most anything to save him from that.

Cordially,



The First Methodist Church  
WATSONVILLE, CALIFORNIA

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GEORGE D. GOODWIN, Minister  
RESIDENCE: 423 THIRD STREET

Jim Stewart

reply 6/6/45

May 22, 1945

Arthur Cushman McGiffert, Jr., Chairman  
Committee on American Principles & Fair Play  
465 California Street, Rm. 203, San Francisco.

My dear Mr. McGiffert:

Local efforts to organize a group with objectives similar to your own have snagged on inexperience and lack of information as to what has been done in other communities.

Would it be possible for you, or the Executive Secretary, Mrs. Kingman, to supply us with such information? In addition, would you suggest names of persons who could and would come to Watsonville to meet with a group representing church, education, labor, industry and welfare organizations? As you may be aware, the return of persons of Japanese ancestry to the Pajaro Valley is an highly volatile matter. A group staunchly supporting local leaders would be of inestimable value in facilitating the reassimilation of these persons.

Any assistance you can give us will be appreciated

Most sincerely,

George D. Goodwin

George D. Goodwin

Mrs. Kingman:

This letter was returned unclaimed from the S.F. address. Could you handle this matter for me? Executive secretaries generally get all the headaches anyway!

GDS



June 6, 1945

Mr. George D. Goodwin, Minister  
The First Methodist Church  
423 Third Street  
Watsonville, California

Dear Mr. Goodwin:

It was unfortunate that your letter of May 22, addressed to Dr. McGiffert, was returned. I can't understand it, as we receive mail at our San Francisco office almost every day.

However, now that I have your letter, I'll do my best to answer it, particularly, as you have indicated, inasmuch as Cash McGiffert would have asked me to do it eventually!

For the past six months, the field workers we have had operating in the various communities have been suggesting the formation of organizations of interested persons into Councils of Civic Unity. Wherever it is possible to do so without curtailing any potential effectiveness, we urge that such organization be as close as possible to the Mayor's office.

The groups which has done outstanding work in community action planning is the American Council on Race Relations, whose San Francisco headquarters is at 988 Market Street, Room 202.



I am asking Mr. Lawrence Hewes, their West Coast director, to send you informational material. Incidentally, you could get no better person to help you in an organizational meeting than Mr. Hewes or his assistant, Mr. Davis McEntire.

It will interest you to know that on June 25, a statewide conference is being called, of representatives of the 20 or 25 Councils of Civic Unity and like organizations. They will meet in Sacramento, with Attorney General Kenny, and we hope, the Governor, to discuss the whole problem of law enforcement in relation to minority problems. As our Committee is cooperating with the Sacramento Council in sending out the invitations, I shall be glad to include you or some other outstanding Watsonville citizen to represent your "potential" organization.

As there will be a full discussion of such organization at that time, with the object of cooperative actions and techniques, I urge that you make every effort to have strong representation present.

I am sending you, under separate cover, some of the materials we use, and Mr. Hewes will also send you additional data.

You will hear from us as we complete our Conference plans.

Very cordially yours,

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman  
Executive Secretary

RWK:cch



May 23, 1945

Mr. W. R. Mathews  
Arizona Daily Star  
Tucson, Arizona

Dear Mr. Mathews:

Paul Taylor just dropped into this  
office and suggested that you might be  
interested in the enclosed quotation.

May we thank you again for your fine  
editorial of April 23.

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman  
Executive Secretary

RWK:ccn  
Enclosure



May 23, 1945

Mr. George E. Rundquist  
1052 West 6th Street  
Los Angeles, California

Dear George:

Yesterday, I sent a letter to Homer Crotty, asking for his ideas as to future program (from September 1 - January 1) if any. I sent a copy to Gracia Booth which I hope you will see.

Galen phoned hurriedly yesterday and gave me three questions you would like answered, if possible. I've made the necessary inquiries and have the following information for you.

1. Names of strong Jewish organizations which are friendly, and which have representatives in Los Angeles.
  - a. After talking with Jewish leaders in San Francisco and Annie Clo, who always has such information, the consensus of opinion is that people in Los Angeles are far better able to give you that information. We suggest that you ask Elsie Newton of the International Institute, Rabbi Magnin (by appointment) and Walter Wanger (also by appointment). They will know their own most potent leaders. Magnin will do anything if he feels that people are really willing to plug. He needs to be brought up to date and is very sharp.



2. Names of men (particularly Chamber of Commerce) who were active and made statements favoring citizenship for Chinese -

Galen and I both feel that if we understood your question properly, probably ~~none~~ of those men would feel that the Chinese, (allies) could possibly be put in same category with any alien Japanese (enemy) and that it would be wrong California Strategy to approach them on that basis.

3. More pictures for Los Angeles area.

I talked with Pat and Bob Cozzens this a.m. and they are phoning Los Angeles today to see what use is now being made of available films. I told him we had people down there who could use several if available, and he will follow up. I suggest you call or see O'Day for results of today's phone call.

Bob is very eager that you get up to Fresno to draw up loose ends there, so how about a few days there immediately following Los Angeles, then on into Tulare? W.R.A. is delighted that you are on the job and that you will be going on up to the Northwest.

I talked with Caleb Foote the other day and he showed me a letter from Homer Morris written after he and Clarence Pickett had seen the Man in the Grey Suit, who completely bamboozled them into an about face on their "concern" which took them to Washington.

Caleb was furious, and so is Josephine Duveneck, who is writing a hot letter to Pickett. He really fell for the glib talk, hook line and sinker, and is willing to play along with W.R.A. I'm writing a strong letter to him as soon as I see a copy of Josephine's which she's sending me today. I'll send you a copy of it and my letter, and maybe you will write to them- and get Raymond Booth and the Friends in Los Angeles to write a ~~copy~~ of "scathing concern" to Pickett and Morris for being so gullible.



Mr. Rundquist

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5/23/45

All goes on as per usual. I was able to get the Ickes telegram to the Longshoremens, who are sticking by their guns on the Stockton affair, so I'm going to see if I can't get some extra help from that direction where we plan to hit next--the Attorney Generals' office in Sacramento!!

(Latter off the record.)

Cordially,

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman  
Executive Secretary

RWK:cch



Mrs. Kingman

COPY

May 23, 1945

Mr. Paul Robertson  
War Relocation Authority  
1031 South Broadway Street  
Los Angeles 16, California

Dear Mr. Robertson:

Thank you for your letter containing excerpts from Major Hartney's report of conditions in El Centro. It gives us at least some idea of the situation there, the need, and a bit of a guide as to what our committee might do.

I am investigating the possibilities of our organization locating persons who would be willing to act as sponsors for parolees returning to this area.

Would you send me copies of the forms mentioned?

Sincerely,

GDB  
rmt

Gracia D. Booth  
Executive Secretary



Mrs. Kingman  
COPY

May 23, 1945

Dr. E.C. Farnham  
Church Federation  
3330 West Adams Blvd.  
Los Angeles 15, Calif.

Dear Dr. Farnham:

I am sending you a copy of a letter Mr. Homer D. Crotty wrote to Governor Warren. I think it is very well done and thought you would be interested in seeing it.

Enclosed also, is a copy of a letter from Paul Robertson asking what our organization would be willing to do about acting as sponsors for parolees. I just wondered if you would want to present this need and opportunity for service to the denominational leaders to present to their church groups.

Would it be possible for me to secure through your office the names and addresses of the denominational leaders in metropolitan Los Angeles. Also, names and addresses of key women in the Council of Church Women would be helpful.

The local YWCA has asked our assistance in securing names of Japanese American girls to attend some of their summer camps. If you or anyone at the Church Federation office know of girls who could attend and make a real contribution toward better racial understanding by doing so, I would appreciate very much having this information. We are requested to indicate whether or not the parents could provide camp expenses or whether scholarship help would be needed.

Dr. Gleason has called me several times urging that I call together representatives or groups who are working with Japanese and Japanese Americans in



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Dr. Farnham

May 23, 1945

Los Angeles in order that their efforts might be better coordinated and that we might become better acquainted with one another. Should not such a group be called together by your Church Federation rather than by the Fair Play Committee, or would that be the responsibility of the Congregational Committee on Resettlement? I just don't somehow feel that I am the person to try to revise a group that had met for a while before my arrival and then been disbanded.

I would appreciate your advice as to my responsibility in this matter.

Sincerely,

GDB:rmr  
Enclosures

Gracia D. Booth  
Executive Secretary



Mrs. Kingman  
COPY

May 23, 1945

Rev. Mr. Gray  
323 Hagar Street  
San Fernando, Calif.

Dear Mr. Gray:

Ever since the day Mr. McCandliss of the WRA, Ellen Turner of the American Council of Race Relations and I called at ~~your~~ home, I have been wondering about the progress of the coordinating council in San Fernando.

We had lunch at the high school that day with Miss Ruth Hendricks and then called upon the Japanese American family just outside the town in whom she was especially interested. They seemed very happy, settled, and enthusiastic about the attitude of old friends and neighbors in your community.

I would be much interested in hearing whether or not you have been able to get your people of good will to organize into a civic group of some sort to help the returning Japanese Americans. If our committee can be of any service to you, please feel free to call upon us.

Enclosed is a list of literature available through this office.

With very best wishes in your efforts to help our Japanese American neighbors to come back to their homes.

Sincerely yours,

GDB:rmr  
Enclosure

Gracia D. Booth  
Executive Secretary



*Recd by phone*

Raymond H. Shone

ATTORNEY AND COUNSELLOR AT LAW

Suite 420 Russ Building

Garfield 4086

San Francisco, 4, California

May 24, 1945.

Mrs. Ruth Kingman  
535 San Luis Road,  
Berkeley, California.

Dear Mrs. Kingman:

The question, "Shall We Actively Oppose the Return of the Japanese to the Pacific Coast," is to be debated in San Rafael on June 18th. This discussion is being sponsored by a citizens committee in San Rafael which has been sponsoring subjects of general interest for sometime. They have already obtained two speakers on the affirmative of this question, namely, <sup>the</sup> Thomas Ryan, Chief Deputy, City Attorney of San Francisco, and City Librarian of Oakland. No speakers have yet been obtained on the negative of this question and I was contacted by the citizens committee for the purpose of obtaining two competent speakers.

I called upon Mr. Ernest Besig, of the American Civil Liberties Union, who suggested and recommended you very highly. Although I have never had the pleasure, I believe, of meeting you, I do remember Mr. Kingman from my undergraduate days at the University of California and have heard one of my classmates, Francis Smart, speak so highly of him on so many occasions.

The Forum will be held at the "E" Street Grammar School in San Rafael before an audience of approximately 200 persons. Each speaker will speak for fifteen minutes with time for rebuttal and audience participation.

I would greatly appreciate your accepting this invitation and also suggesting a person to appear with you. I feel that it would be preferable that you suggest another speaker, possibly with whom you have worked on this very question or a related one, previously.

Thanking you for your earliest convenient reply, I remain

Very truly yours,

*Raymond H. Shone*

RAYMOND H. SHONE

RHS:ca



*reply  
6/11/45*

District Court of the United States

Western District of Kentucky

Owensboro, Ky.

OFFICE OF  
BEN D. RINGO  
REFEREE IN BANKRUPTCY

May 25, 1945.

*Kit sent  
6/11/45*

Miss Ruth Kingman,  
535 San Luis Road  
Berkeley 7, California.

Dear Miss Kingman:

I am preparing a paper for a large club to which I belong on the subject of "Some Modern Racial Problems". One of y ur friends has written me that you know a great deal about conditions existing relative to our relationship to our Japanese people. I am wondering if you will be kind enough to furnish me such information as you may think may help me and please a number of my friends here relative to our Japanese neighbors and their troubles. If you have any printed matters on the subject I shall be glad to be able to draw upon it--and be sure that I will mention your kindness to my club and we shall all thank you profoundly.

Very truly yours,

*Ben D. Ringo.*

BDR:AC



*reply  
6/11/45*

District Court of the United States

Western District of Kentucky

Owensboro, Ky.

OFFICE OF  
BEN D. RINGO  
REFEREE IN BANKRUPTCY

June 5, 1945

*Not sent  
6/11/45*

Pacific Coast Committee  
On American Principles and Fair Play  
2234 Telegraph Avenue  
Berkeley, California

Gentlemen:

I am preparing for a large club to which I belong a paper on the subject Some Racial Problems and I am greatly interested in your "Japanese Question". I am hoping that you will be kind enough to furnish me with some material that would be interesting to a group of Kentuckians relative to your Japanese situation. I will be glad to give credit to your Committee when I read my paper.

Thanking you in advance, I remain

Very truly yours,

*Ben D. Ringo*

BDR:kj



June 11, 1945

Mr. Ben D. Ringo  
225 $\frac{1}{2}$  Saint Ann Street  
Owensboro, Kentucky

Dear Mr. Ringo:

Under separate cover I am sending you material which you will find interesting and informative concerning the work of our Committee. I have sent you copies of the material which we distribute and I hope you will find it useful for your paper.

Please do not hesitate to call on us if we can be of any further assistance.

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary



6/11/45

May 25, 1945.

Gilbert H. Jertberg, Esq.,  
Pacific-Southwest Building,  
Fresno, California.

Dear Mr. Jertberg:

Mrs. Ruth Kingman, who is Executive Secretary of our Committee on American Principles and Fair Play, called to see me today to discuss what might be done in the present emergency to protect the security of American citizens of Japanese descent, particularly in the interior communities of California. I ventured to suggest that it would be most helpful if the Fresno Bar Association would adopt a resolution denouncing the recent attacks on the returning evacuees and calling for vigilance in the protection of their constitutional rights. Such a resolution, it seems to me, would be most effective in dispelling any impression that the leaders of your community condone the recent outbreaks of rowdiness. Does this suggestion appeal to you and if it does, would you be willing to discuss it with some of your fellow-members of the bar association, with a view to seeing what may be done in this regard? I would appreciate your writing me your views on the subject. My only excuse for troubling you is my conviction that prompt



Gilbert H. Jertberg, Esq. 2.

action on the part of leaders in your community may serve to remedy a situation which might become a serious one and my hope that you share my views of the importance of the rights which are involved.

Very truly yours,

MEH:MC

Esbeck

Superior Manifold



May 25, 1945

PERSONAL

President Harry S. Truman  
White House  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. President:

May we call to your attention the enclosed copies of West Coast editorials expressing indignation over un-American attitudes now being evidenced on the West Coast?

The editorial from the Daily Californian, the student newspaper of the University of California, expresses the overwhelming disapproval of leaders of the younger generation here in the West. These young people have no patience with the prejudices and hates of their elders, and it is heartening to see them becoming increasingly vocal in their impatience.

We note with satisfaction your own record on minority rights, and look to you for continued leadership.

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman  
Executive Secretary

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May 25, 1945

PERSONAL

The Honorable Earl W. Warren  
Governor of the State of California  
Sacramento, California

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Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman  
Executive Secretary

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Enclosure 2





EARL WARREN  
GOVERNOR

# State of California

GOVERNOR'S OFFICE

SACRAMENTO 14

May 29, 1945

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman  
Executive Secretary,  
Committee on American  
Principles and Fair Play  
Room 203, 465 California Street  
San Francisco 4, California

Dear Mrs. Kingman:

Your letter of comment in regard to incidents which have taken place since Japanese Americans have started to return to California, has been received.

I can assure you that I have been thoroughly aware of the situation which has confronted us and have collaborated with the Army and the relocation authorities on this subject, and that I am doing everything that can reasonably be done to create a tolerant public opinion in connection with the problem.

I know that the Attorney General, who is the chief law enforcement officer of the State, has used the facilities of his office to establish proper standards of law enforcement in this regard. It must be remembered, however, that law enforcement in this State, except for the supervision of the Attorney General, is a matter of local responsibility. I have personally urged every Mayor and every principal law enforcement officer in the State to support the government and do his full duty in this situation. I believe most of them are trying to do their jobs.

You may be sure that I will continue to do everything that I can to see that these people have their constitutional rights protected.

Thanking you for your letter, I am

Sincerely,

Governor

EW:ph



May 25, 1945

Editor,  
San Francisco Examiner  
Market & 3rd  
San Francisco, California

Dear Sir:

Enclosed you will find a copy of a letter sent today to Mr. Harry Bridges congratulating the International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's Union, C.I.O. for its stand in Sheckton, where some of its members refuse to work with Americans of Japanese ancestry.

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman  
Executive Secretary

RWK:cch



May 25, 1945

Editor,  
San Francisco News  
812 Mission  
San Francisco, Calif.

Dear Sir:

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Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman  
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RWK:cch



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San Francisco Chronicle  
5th & Mission  
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Editor,  
San Francisco Call Bulletin  
860 Howard St.  
San Francisco, California

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People's World  
San Francisco, Calif.

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Executive Secretary

RWK:ech



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Editor,  
Oakland Tribune,  
Tribune Tower  
Oakland, California

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Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman  
Executive Secretary

RWK:coh



May 25, 1945

Mr. Harry Bridges, President  
International Longshoremen's and  
Warehousemen's Union, C.I.O.  
604 Montgomery St.  
San Francisco, California

Dear Mr. Bridges:

We wish to congratulate the International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's Union, C.I.O. for its straightforward handling of the situation in Stockton, where some members of the Union refused to work with an American of Japanese ancestry.

It is encouraging to see organizations operating on the basis of an equal right to employment regardless of race, creed, or color. It must be heartening to our men in the armed forces to feel that they are being backed up at home in their fight for human rights and justice.

It is to be hoped that an increasing number of our West Coast citizens, particularly those public servants responsible for law and order, will gain courage from the determined stand of the I.L.W.U. and will evince a growing concern for the civil rights of all of our citizenry, including members of racial and religious minorities.

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ruth B. Neckermann

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Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman  
Executive Secretary



May 25, 1945

The Honorable Mon C. Wallgren  
Governor of the State of Washington  
Olympia, Washington

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Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman  
Executive Secretary

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Enclosure 2



May 25, 1945

PERSONAL

The Honorable Earl Snell  
Governor of the State of Oregon  
Salem, Oregon

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Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman  
Executive Secretary

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Enclosure 2





EARL SNELL  
GOVERNOR

STATE OF OREGON  
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT  
SALEM

May 28, 1945

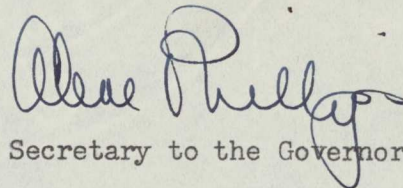
Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman, Executive Secretary  
Committee on American Principles and Fair Play  
465 California Street  
San Francisco 4, California

Dear Mrs. Kingman:

Thank you for your letter of May 25th and the  
enclosures.

I shall be glad to bring your communication  
to Governor Snell's attention at the first opportunity.

Very truly yours,

  
Secretary to the Governor

P:KI



Night letter  
5/25/45

Clarence Cannon  
Chr. House Appropriations Committee  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D. C.

WE HAVE FOUND W.R.A. MATERIAL RE: AMERICANS OF JAPANESE  
ANCESTRY IN ARMED FORCES MOST HELPFUL IN BREAKING DOWN  
PREJUDICE AND MISUNDERSTANDING ON PACIFIC COAST. MORE  
RATHER THAN LESS SUCH MATERIAL NEEDED TO CORRECT UNAMER-  
ICAN ATTITUDES DUE TO MISINFORMATION DELIBERATE AND  
OTHERWISE.

Ruth W. Kingman  
Executive Secretary  
Pacific Coast Committee on American  
Principles and Fair Play.



Night Letter  
5/25/45

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

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

Mr. Donald Culross Peattie  
940 Mission Canyon Rd.  
Santa Barbara, Calif.

Mr. William C. Carr  
1360 W. Colorado St.  
Pasadena, Calif.

Mrs. Dwight Morrow, Jr.  
Carmel Valley, Box 2466  
Carmel, Calif.

Dr. Hubert Phillips  
435 Terrace Ave.  
Fresno, Calif.

Rev. Sidney Buckham  
225 Tilton Avenue  
San Mateo, Calif.

Rev. Stephen Peabody  
70 South 17  
San Jose, Calif.

Dr. Henry Tyler  
Rt. 5, Box 8205  
Sacramento, Calif.

URGE YOU WIRE FOR YOUR GROUP ADDRESS CLARENCE CANNON CHAIR-  
MAN HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
STATING THAT W.R.A. MATERIAL RE: AMERICANS OF JAPANESE  
ANCESTRY IN UNIFORM HAS BEEN MOST USEFUL IN COMBATTING  
PREJUDICE AND MISINFORMATION ON WEST COAST. SUGGEST YOU  
POINT OUT SUCH MATERIAL DEFINITELY PRO AMERICAN NOT JAPANESE  
AND THAT NEED WILL DECREASE WITH INCREASE OF AMERICAN  
ATTITUDE ON PACIFIC COAST.

Ruth W. Kingman

on wire to Crotty--the following sentence begins wire:  
YOUR LETTER TO GOVERNOR MOST HELPFUL. MAY WE URGE....

Telephoned message to:

Mr. Bob Gibson  
Rev. Inglis  
American Council on Race Relations

*Berkeley Interracial Committee*



May 25, 1945

Editor,  
Labor Herald  
122 Golden Gate Ave.  
San Francisco, Calif.

Dear Sir:

Enclosed you will find a copy of a letter sent today to Mr. Harry Bridges congratulating the International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's Union, C.I.O. for its stand in Stockton, where some of its members refuse to work with Americans of Japanese ancestry.

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman  
Executive Secretary

RWK:ceh



May 28, 1945

Mr. Bill Locke, Editor  
Dinuba Sentinel  
Dinuba, California

Dear Mr. Locke:

At the request of Dr. Paul Taylor, who felt that you might be interested in reprinting the enclosed cartoon, I am sending you the "mat" which the Chronicle has given us permission to send on (credit Chronicle, of course, if used).

It is good to know that you are in Dinuba. You may be interested in the enclosed copies of A Daily Californian editorial and one from the Arizona Daily Star, copies of which have gone to all members of the California State Legislature, West Coast Congressional Delegation and to others.

We Californians must look awfully silly to the rest of the world.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman  
Executive Secretary

RWK:cch



reply  
6/11/45

407 E. Pine Street  
Santa Ana, Calif.  
May 27, 1945.

Dear Mrs. Kingman,

Thanks for your letter. I shall be very pleased to meet Mr. Rundquist.

Paul says he has done all he can - is available if they call him - that rises are being held up even though the basic training is finished, but that they are being inducted as usual. He hopes for the notice soon.

Shall write Mr. Kenney.

Am sending you this personally and promptly, as you will enjoy my information as much as I. This Thursday I received a letter from the Santa Ana group - Veterans of Foreign Wars that I was to be their guest of honor at a dinner in Anaheim Park and later at the program, was to be given a medal for my "outstanding Americanism." Needless to say I was speechless. Know no one at all in that organization.

So I called on the chairman that evening. He was most cordial but said he could not reveal the basis of their choice. That the award (first given in Santa Ana) is given to teachers for their contribution to the young people of the community.



Unless these men are both blind and deaf, they certainly know I am the most outspoken representative of the nisei here. He assured me I had been "thoroughly investigated". This group has charge of the Honor Roll and Mrs. Shrock and I had wondered just how to approach them.

But it came out very naturally in our conversation and I have supplied the list.

My conviction is that this group - here, is quietly supporting my stand - though not actually admitting it - for when the program is given in tomorrow's paper - when many here who know me see it - they cannot help but draw that conclusion.

Also the chairman has asked to see some letters from the nisei - as he personally knows none of them. I must have 200 about - all excellent -

I am going to be exceedingly discreet and do nothing openly for quite a while (save complain vigorously to the theatre manager if they show "Betrayal From the East.")

Please advise me as to your reaction - and give me any suggestions I need. I do feel it certainly gives me a much more secure background - but do not intend to exploit it -

As my letter to the Sheriff O.K.? He never answered - as he is a very poor official.

Sincerely,

Edna W. Lugham

The program was really beautiful and I was given much courtesy. There were 8 from the community



June 14, 1945

Miss Edna N. Ingham  
407 E. Pine Street  
Santa Ana, California

Dear Miss Ingham:

This isn't really a letter, but just  
a note of congratulations to the recipient  
of the medal for "Outstanding Americanism".  
That really is one for the book, isn't it?

It's good to know that Paul is finally  
being called up - he must be delighted.

Your letters to the sheriff and Mr. Kenny  
provide exactly the kind of pressure which  
Mr. Kenny himself wants applied.

Keep it up, and let us know how things go.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman  
Executive Secretary

RWK:cch



May 28, 1945

Mr. Lowell G. Pratt  
Editor,  
Selma Enterprise  
Selma, California

Dear Mr. Pratt:

When I saw the enclosed cartoon in the San Francisco Chronicle, of May 25, I thought that you might like to use it.

The editor of the Chronicle will be glad to have it reproduced, and has given us his permission (credit to them, of course). The "mat" is being sent under separate cover.

It is good to know that you are in Selma. You may be interested in the enclosed copies of a Daily Californian editorial and one from the Arizona Daily Star, copies of which have gone to all members of the California State Legislature, a West Coast Congressional Delegation and to others.

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Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman  
Executive Secretary

RWK:cch



May 28, 1945

Miss Mary C. Baker  
1417 Wishon Avenue  
Fresno, California

Dear Miss Baker:

Under separate cover, I am sending you a quantity of the 'finance letter' which we have sent to all members in the Northern part of the state. The Fresno group may wish to send them out to all members in their area.

If you wish additional copies, they may be had from this office.

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary



*Copy of telegram*

May 26, 1945

Honorable Clarence Cannon  
Chairman House Appropriations Committee  
House Office Building  
Washington, D.C.

Wish to inform you that pamphlet called "Nisei in Uniform" has been most helpful to our Pasadena Chapter, Committee on American Principles and Fair Play in combating mis-information. Stop Many learn for first time that soldiers of Japanese ancestry are serving in large numbers in United States Army and will concede they have same rights as other soldiers. Stop West Coast racial tensions are dangerous to law and order and to success of United Nations Conference so we welcome this material which allays prejudice.

Mrs. Maynard Force Thayer, Chairman



Mrs. Kingman

COPY

May 28, 1945

Miss Ellen Turner  
American Council of Race Relations  
988 Market Street, Room 202  
San Francisco, California

Dear Ellen:

George and I are wondering whose baby you have been tending, in between your work of investigating rural conditions and the F.E.P.C. hearings in Sacramento.

Apparently you did a very effective piece of work in arranging for Sgt. Paul Sakai to testify--congratulations.

I shall be glad to know how you get along on your pamphlet. The title sounds intriguing. Raymond Booth takes over the Civic Unity Council work as of June 1.

You can ask Ruth Kingman to share with you my last letter regarding developments down here in outlying communities.

I would be glad to hear how you are getting along from time to time.

Very sincerely yours,

GDB  
rmr

Gracia D. Booth  
Executive Secretary



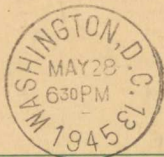
*OK*  
Will you please correct your records to  
show the following change of address:

OLD ADDRESS: David Lawrence Associates  
2201 M Street, N. W.  
Washington, D. C.

NEW ADDRESS: David Lawrence Associates  
1241 Twenty Fourth St., N. W.  
Washington 7, D. C.

*J. S. Holland*  
Secretary





THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

Committee on American Principle and Fair Play  
2287 Telegraph Avenue, Room 215  
Berkeley 4, Calif.



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May 28, 1945

Mrs. Ruth Kingman  
Fair Play Committee  
2287 Telegraph Ave.  
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Dear Ruth:

I expect to stop in San Francisco on my way to Seattle about June 7 or 8. I will at that time explain what I had in mind when I requested Galen to get certain information for me.

As I size up the situation here, Paul Robertson is a very nice fellow who is simply in the wrong job.

He does not know how to circulate to call upon people and make friends and has no imagination. He is a good administrator of someone else's program and belongs in an office. He does not know how to back up his men and support them probably because he knows so little about relocation himself, and when suggestions are made which might strengthen the relocation program, he is inclined to look up the book on regulations and if the particular situation is not covered in the book, he is inclined to think that not much can be done. All of his thinking must be done in Washington and unfortunately Washington does not know the whole score.

I have been circulating in some of the surrounding towns, but that is awfully slow and tedious work and unfortunately we do not have all the time in the world to find community leaders who are willing to carry the ball.

For the balance of my stay here I am going to try to see a number of the so called "big businessmen" and will endeavor to stimulate some objective thinking on their part about the post-war situation and particularly trade with the Orient and South America and the effects of discrimination and prejudice in arousing suspicion in those parts of the world. They must realize that with the expanded

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plant facilities and increased population, west coast industry can produce more than the population west of the Rockies can absorb; and, in order to maintain employment and profits, markets will have to be developed elsewhere. There is not much chance of their breaking into the middle west or east. Finance and industry can put a stop to opposition if it really wants to by withholding loans by passing on word that racial disturbance is bad for business and so on.

I will leave for Fresno the latter part of the week to check up on what has been done there, and then go on to Tulare.

I am interested in what you say about Homer Morris and Clarence Pickett. I will look forward to a copy of Josephine Duveneck's letter and yours to Clarence.

I'll be seeing you.

Sincerely,

*George E. R.* (G.E.R.)

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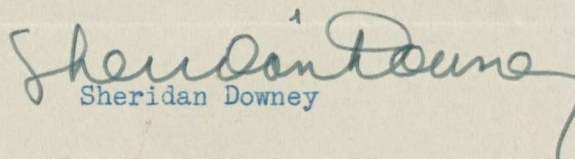
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465 California Street  
San Francisco 4, California

Dear Mrs. Kingman:

Thank you for your letter of May 22nd  
and for sending me the enclosed copy of an editorial  
from the Arizona Daily Star which I have examined  
with keen interest.

I appreciate your courtesy in furnish-  
ing me with this data since this subject is receiving  
my most careful attention.

Sincerely,

  
Sheridan Downey

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For Mrs. Kingman

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THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR  
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May 31, 1945

My dear Mr. Crotty:

Thank you for sending me a copy of your recent letter to Governor Earl C. Warren in which you urged the need for vigorous law enforcement to curb the night-riding activities against persons of Japanese descent which have become so disturbingly prevalent in certain parts of California. You may be sure that this Department will continue doing everything it can to see that the rights of returning evacuees are fully protected.

Sincerely yours,

Harold L. Ickes

Secretary of the Interior.

Mr. Homer D. Crotty,  
Chairman, Executive Committee of Los Angeles,  
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1732 Kelton Avenue,  
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May 29, 1945

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman, Executive Secretary  
Pacific Coast Committee on American Principles  
and Fair Play  
Room 203, 465 California Street  
San Francisco 4, California

Dear Mrs. Kingman:

Thank you for your recent letter and enclosures.  
I found the material very interesting, and I'm pleased to  
note the position taken by the two student papers.

American citizens of Japanese ancestry must be  
given the same brand of justice as is extended to all other  
American citizens. As long as the Japanese-American citizen  
is loyal to the United States of America he must be given  
our constitutional protection. Otherwise, our Democracy is  
a sham and no man or minority is safe under our Government.

We must let decency and justice, rather than hate,  
guide our Democracy.

Sincerely yours,

*Ellis E. Patterson*

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May 29, 1945

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman, Exec. Sec.  
Committee on American Principles and Fair Play  
465 California Street, Room 203  
San Francisco, 4, California

Dear Mrs. Kingman:

Thank you for your letter of May 18,  
with its enclosure, relative to Americans of  
Japanese ancestry.

It is always my desire to keep in close  
contact, and to receive opinions on matters for  
the betterment of the common man. You may be  
assured that your point of view on the above-  
mentioned subject will have my most earnest consi-  
deration.

I shall be glad to hear from you at any  
time.

Sincerely,

*Vernon Kilpatrick*  
Vernon Kilpatrick



**Congress of the United States**  
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**Washington, D. C.**

May 30, 1945

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman  
Executive Secretary  
Pacific Coast Committee on American  
Principles and Fair Play  
465 California Street  
San Francisco 4, California

Dear Mrs. Kingman:

Allow me to acknowledge receipt of your letter of May 24 concerning the return of Americans of Japanese ancestry to the Pacific Coast, and the enclosed copy of an editorial from the "Arizona Daily Star". I appreciate your courtesy in sending me this editorial.

Sincerely yours,

*Franck R. Havenner*

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CLARENCE F. LEA  
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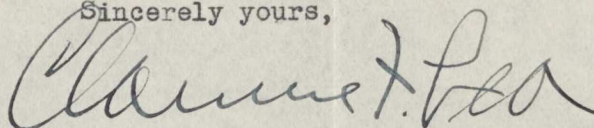
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Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman,  
Executive Secretary,  
Committee on American  
Principles and Fair Play,  
Room 203, 465 California St.,  
San Francisco, 4, California.

Dear Mrs. Kingman:

I received and thank you for your letter  
of May 24th, enclosing excerpts from the Arizona  
Daily Star and The Daily Californian.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Clarence F. Lea". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name "Clarence F. Lea".

m/r



May 1946

Monday, undated.

Mrs. Maynard Thayer,  
466 C. California St.  
Pasadena 5, California.

Dear Mrs. Thayer:

I received your letter today requesting permission to publish the letter I sent to Mr. Gannon for distribution.

In as much as other servicemen have permitted their names to be used in this "inquisition" I have no objections to your using mine. However you will note I have deleted one phrase and a sentence from the original. These were more or less personal criticisms of Mr. Gannon and have no bearing on the subject.

I surely hope this letter reaches you in time.

Sincerely,

Wm Leung

P.S. Found the write-up in "Time" very interesting.



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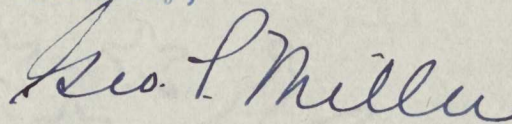
Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman, Secretary,  
Committee on American Principles  
and Fair Play,  
Room 203,  
465 California Street,  
San Francisco, California.

My dear Mrs. Kingman:

Thank you very much for your letter of May 24, with its enclosures and editorials from the Arizona Daily Star entitled "Not a White Man's Act" and an editorial from the "Daily Californian" entitled "Fascism, American Brand".

We face a serious problem in the West. It is to preserve the tenants of true Americanism built upon that paragraph in the Declaration of Independence that says: "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal".

Sincerely,



GEORGE P. MILLER.

GPM:rca



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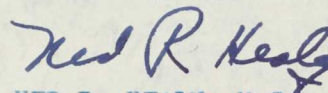
Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman  
Executive Secretary  
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Room 203, 465 California Street  
San Francisco 4, California

Dear Mrs. Kingman:

I read your letter and enclosures of May 24th with both interest and concern. It has been and still is my position that loyal Japanese-Americans should be able to return to their homes on the West Coast without discrimination. In a conversation recently with Mr. Dillon Meyer of the War Relocation Authority, he expressed considerable optimism in the relocation of Japanese-Americans in the Southern California area. He informed me that local organizations had contributed magnificently in a program of education to welcome back Americans of Japanese ancestry. He indicated that their program of relocation was progressing well in spite of some of the incidents to which you have referred. I believe that the spirit of fair play in the American people will recognize the contribution of Japanese-Americans, particularly their outstanding service in our Armed Forces. Every effort must be made to bring about their return to a normal life.

With kindest regards, I remain

Sincerely yours,

  
NED R. HEALY, M.C.

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