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April 4, 1944

Mr. Harry Kingman
535 San Luis Road
Berkeley, California

Dear Harry:

Carey McWilliams, whom I am sure you know, has done a pamphlet for us on the Japanese evacuation problem. Since I am sure you have kept in close touch with the situation, I am taking the liberty of sending you a proof of his manuscript in hope that you will find time to read it over and let me have the benefit of any suggestions or comments you may care to make.

We are trying to rush this pamphlet along, so I should appreciate it if you would read this within the next day or two.

I am also enclosing a copy of a pamphlet which I have just completed on China, which you may not yet have had an opportunity to see.

What effect have the recent attacks in Congress had on your new job? I trust that you are still continuing your work and that the agency will somehow survive.

Sincerely yours,

Maxwell S. Stewart /m
Editor
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11/17/44

2215 N. Garrett Ave.
Dallas 6, Texas
April 4, 44

Dear Ruth Kingman -

I know how
busy you are and what
wonderful work you have
been doing so that I realize
even more than you must
what a responsibility this is
but I hope you will forgive
me.

News has recently come
to me that the W. R. A. has
a new form applying
to the shipping of propu-
ties to the Japanese evacuees.
Of this is not going to be
God must tremble, can
you see to it that some

information concerning this
is sent to me? I have my
Steinway grand stored with
a friend and we do miss
it so and would so enjoy
having it with us that
if there is any way of getting
it here, it would be wonder-
ful.

I hope you and your family
are well. We are all fine.
Our oldest is attending S. M.
U. now. Alb. H. is still working
in Kenston & comes home about
every 2 weeks; kiss home
for Easter.

Thank you, Ruth.

Always,

Maie Hagathi

(Mrs. Lerry J. H. —)

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W
Warner Hot Springs
San Diego County, California
April 4, 1944

Mrs. Kingman
2 234 Telegraph Avenue
Berkeley, 4, California

My dear Mrs. Kingman-

I'm sorry that I do not know your initials, but this will reach you anyway, I am sure.

Mrs. Maynard Thayer wrote me a few days ago that you had told her of the splendid reception given Sgt. Kuroki when he spoke recently at the Commonwealth Club in San Francisco. She said that she, in turn, had told you of my book on the Japanese-American Evacuation.

So, I shall be deeply grateful if you will write me a detailed account of the Commonwealth Club luncheon...what the club is (I'm not familiar with it); how Kuroki happened to be asked to speak; what he looks like; what kind of personality he has; where he stayed while in San Francisco; and some of the Club members' comments and reactions after the speech.

There are a few public figures...Kuroki's among them... whom I shall use under their own names, in my book. So, any information concerning Kuroki in San Francisco, which you can send me will be invaluable.

Yours cordially,

Mrs. Nace Satterlee
(Mrs. Nace Satterlee.)

March 6, 1944

Miss Margaret Cosgrave
1444 Van Ness
Fresno, Calif.

Dear Miss Cosgrave:

We have not been able to obtain enough copies of the Bernhart recent minority report to send out to all our members, but these are on order, and the War Relocation Office in San Francisco, seems to think they will be available in two or three weeks.

We will of course send you copies of the report as soon as we get them. Our entire membership in 1943 received copies of the Bernhart minority report of September 30, 1943, and we have several hundred more copies of this on hand if you have any use for them. I am enclosing a copy in case you have misplaced the one sent last year.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary

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April 5, 1944.

Mrs. Ruth Kingman,
2234 Telegraph Ave.,
Berkeley, Calif.

Dear Ruth Kingman:

I spent Monday and Tuesday, April 3 and 4, in Washington. On Monday I had an appointment with John McCloy's office but was not able to see the Assistant Secretary, as he was called to some other conference. I had a long visit with his aide, Colonel Gerhardt. We discussed the return of the evacuees to their former homes on the Coast. Although Gerhardt did not directly state that the War Department had plans for removing the restrictions against evacuees, he did imply that the War Department was doing something in this direction and that the West Coast situation was under constant review.

I asked specifically what we could do. He suggested that we get busy immediately educating and organizing the people of goodwill on the West Coast for the return of the evacuees. I tried to point out that people of goodwill would not stick their necks out and subject themselves to attack until they knew through a statement issued by the War Department that the military reasons for the evacuation no longer prevent the evacuees from returning. I believe that it would be a great help if letters from your Committee and individual members were directed to the Secretary of War and to Mr. McCloy pointing out the War Department's responsibility in this matter - the fact that the evacuation was ordered by the Army and that, therefore, it is up to the Army to let the public know that the reasons for the evacuation no longer exist.

Dillon Myer has made a recommendation to the Secretary of the Interior that the relocation centers be closed by July 1, 1945 and that every effort be directed toward the return of the evacuees to their former homes. He wants all restrictions removed, not only for the families of soldiers but for all of the people in the centers whose presence on the Coast would not endanger the war effort. I saw Mr. Ickes and, although he is not too familiar with the situation, he is inclined to follow Myer's suggestion.

Mr. Ickes will be in San Francisco from April 10 to 14. He told me that he expected to see Chester Rowell and Doctor Wilbur. I inquired if he

were going to see Monroe Deutsch and he thought that was the other man he expected to see. I have written Galen Fisher fully concerning this. You might decide to call upon the Secretary. Bob Cozzens ought to have his San Francisco address.

We have got to impress both Ickes and the War Department that any plans for the return of the evacuees will have to be initiated by the War Department.

I expect to spend a good deal of time in Washington the next few weeks and will keep you fully informed about developments.

With every good wish, I am

Very sincerely,

George E. Rundquist
George E. Rundquist
Executive Secretary.

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April 17, 1944

Mr. George Rundquist
297 Fourth Ave.
New York, N.Y.

Dear George Rundquist:

Thank you for your good letter. As usual, we are in complete agreement in our feeling that the first move in any modification of the restrictions now in effect on the West Coast must come from the War Department. I am glad to say that our actions out here have been in line with your recommendations, those made following your appointment with Mr. McCloy. We have put the wheels to turning for the writing of several hundred letters. We have also had several letters sent from very prominent business and industrial leaders throughout the state, the latter as a result of the Commonwealth Club meeting with Sgt. Ben Kuroki.

I was a bit amazed to see your reference to Mr. Myer's recommendation to the Secretary. I have known of it for some time, but understood that it was not to be made public until some time in the future. Of course, the recommendations are excellent--how well they will be received, is too much to predict at this time.

When Mr. Ickes told you that he was to see Dr. Wilbur and Chester Rowell in San Francisco, he did not know that the arrangements had been made through our office. We learned some weeks ago that he was coming out, and asked for an appointment with him. He set the time and place, and the resulting conference, (off the record) with fifteen of our leading members was most profitable. We hope that we were able to give him a more complete picture of the feeling out here on the Coast, and I know that my Committee members (Annie Clo Watson was there) have a better idea of the complexity of the thing in Washington. The most definite conclusion reached was a mutual agreement by all present, that the responsibility to finish its own job lies squarely with the War Department.

Just how to get them to accept that responsibility is not so easily decided upon!

The Secretary, we know, will do all within his not inconsiderable power to push things along.

Thank you for your promise of keeping me informed on the latest from the Washington Front. I get quite impatient at times, even though I talk quite regularly with Dillon Myer.

With cordial personal greetings,

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman

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April 6, 1944

Mr. George L. Rundquist
297 Fourth Ave.
New York 10, New York

Dear Mr. Rundquist:

Could you please tell us if any rate is given if several hundred copies of any issue of the Resettlement Bulletin are ordered? If so what is this rate?

Also, could you tell us, specifically what would be the cost of 750 copies, of any one issue, and approximately how long it would take for the order to be filled.

Thank you very much.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary

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UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY

WASHINGTON

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

APR 6 1944

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

Dear Mrs. Kingman:

I told Mr. Langsdorf exactly what would happen to the enclosed check if he insisted on sending it to me.

Ordinarily I do not accept honorariums but if you will turn the check over you will see that this is an exception which, incidentally, gives me a great deal of pleasure, since it is going for a very good cause.

Sincerely,

D. S. Meyer
Director

Enclosure



April 7, 1944

Mr. Dave Tatsuno
41-6-EF
Topaz, Utah

Dear Mr. Tatsuno:

May we thank you for sending us a draft of the letter sent to the various executives and departments of the federal government?

As you know, our Committee is entirely sympathetic with all loyal persons of Japanese ancestry, and are determined to defend their constitutional rights.

Please know that we are keenly aware of the very problems you are facing, and are lending every possible effort to assist in their equitable solution.

We do not need to tell you of the peculiar difficulties we face here on the West Coast. We do wish to assure you that an increasing number of Californians are becoming vocal in their determination that "our democracy may be made more perfect for the benefit of everyone".

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman

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April 7, 1944

Mrs. Parker Allen
2815 Piedmont
Berkeley, Calif.

Dear Mrs. Allen:

The enclosed is sent to you at the
request of Mrs. Emily Center.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary

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April 7, 1944

Mrs. G.A. Chichester
45 Estrella
Piedmont, Calif.

Dear Mrs. Chichester:

The enclosed is sent to you at the
request of Mrs. Emily Center.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary

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April 7, 1944

Mr. Elbert Cheyno
56-22 138th St.
Flushing, New York

Dear Mr. Cheyno:

Thank you very much for your letter of March 27, enclosing the clipping from the New York Herald-Tribune.

Our Committee is working, against the odds of thoughtless emotionalism as well as purposeful prejudice, for the constitutional rights of law-abiding persons of Japanese ancestry. We shall continue to do so.

It is gratifying to feel confidence in the great majority of our Japanese American citizens, and we are proud of their fine record.

In response to your inquiry as to which authority should be addressed concerning a possible permit to return to the West Coast, the proper person is General Delos Emmons

General Emmons reviews all of the requests which should be accompanied by any clearance papers or evidence of status of the applicant.

May we wish you success in your effort to lend your best services to the country at this time?

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman

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April 7, 1944

Miss Priscilla Beattie
421 Sequoia
Pasadena, Calif.

Dear Miss Beattie:

I was delighted to hear that you have decided to play along with the Committee. If only I could see people more frequently and keep everyone in close touch, we'd never have any difficulty in working together, strongly. I hope that an executive secretary in Los Angeles will be able to that for us.

I'm returning the Opler manuscript. I've read it-- rather cursorily, I'll admit, but fear that the Honolulu angle keeps it from being of sufficient interest here to guarantee sales. I wish it were otherwise, as it looks to me like very good stuff.

I wrote to Mrs. Thayer, recounting that the executive committee in Pasadena be enlarged to include the working heads of Committees, as a possible means of a more democratic procedure.

I shall be interested in her reply, and in your reaction to any possible resulting reorganization.

Cordially,

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman

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April 7, 1944

Editors "All Aboard"
Central Utah Relocation Center
Topaz, Utah

Dear Friends:

May we thank you very much for our copy
of "All Aboard", which we have enjoyed and
are sharing with others?

We take great pride in our many friends in the Centers,
as well as among those who have relocated. It is
heartening to share the strength of their determina-
tion in facing the future with high courage.

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ruth A. Kingman

RWK:mj

Dictated but not read by Mrs. Kingman

April 7, 1944

Mr. Miller Freeman
71 Columbia St.
Seattle, Washington

Dear Mr. Freeman:

We are sending you a copy of our correspondence which has been sent to all of our Board Members. The cost has been slight, and will be amply covered by a \$10.00 Sustaining Membership, in the Committee!

We shall call on you quite soon, for cooperation in pushing forward our support of the constitutional rights of our loyal Japanese Americans.

We have received copies of several letters sent to you by our members. The enclosed card is the only reply which has come directly.

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman

RWK:mj

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April 7, 1944

Mr. Art Friedman
311 N. Professor St.
Oberlin College
Oberlin, Ohio

Dear Mr. Friedman:

Under separate cover we have mailed you material which I hope you will find of some interest.

Enclosed is a membership card. All our members receive material from time to time, and are put on our regular mailing list.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary

mj

April 7, 1944

Pvt. Charles K. Ferguson
General Delivery
Manzanar, Calif.

Dear "Chuck" Ferguson:

If I haven't had the darndest time --
1st trying to find where you were located, and
2nd to "sell" your pictures.

The expense was too steep for the committee to
meet, in putting out a frankly "propaganda" piece,
and the only money I could find for it was the P.O.R.
etc., which neither you nor I wished to use.

I peddled to Time-Life, etc., who already had the
Tulelake pictures on the fire. "Click" felt them not
provocative enough.

The best bet, from talking with magazine people
(slick and pulp) and with interested book people, was
to sell the idea to one of two writers who are interested
in 2nd generation Americans.

1. Marjorie Hill Ailee of the University of Chicago;
2. Mrs. Florence Crannell Means
c/o Houghton, Mifflin Co.
2 Park St.
Boston 7, Mass.

Pearl Buck is doing a whole book (her husband, I mean)
of Manzanar pictures and evacuation stuff of a Nisei (pro-
fessional photographer).

The Church press isn't what you want, so what shall
I do?

Mr. William Carr, of Pasadena who resigned from our
Committee because of our opposition to the use of the type

of thing he did in that striking pamphlet "United We Stand", is not on this whole thing, and I think might put it out.

I suggest you write to him. If you do--write in and I'll send him the stuff. His address is 1360 West Colorado, Pasadena, Calif., and he is really good at putting things out well and fast.

Chuck, I'm sorry, but what can I do?

Very cordially,

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman

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2234
2234 Telegraph Ave.
Berkeley, 4, Calif.

April 7, 1944

Mrs. Mary Farquharson
2126 East forty-seventh St.
Seattle, Washington

Dear Mary:

I talked with a friend yesterday who has been with Tom Bodine. Tom told her the perfectly amazing story of Gordon Hirobiyashi's attempts to serve his sentence.

Can I possibly get the straight of it, for it seems to be one of the most perfectly amazing, not to say appalling things I've heard. It's too good to go un-noted. Can you get Gordon to write it to me?

I won't publicize it except with his full knowledge and consent -- but I'd love to have it, for reference, etc.

We don't seem to get any action out of Mrs. Seigley. Mr. Fisher had to write to Mr. Bayley last week to see what was "cooking". ---we've sunk a lot of salary with no results at all.

Oh well!

Do let me know about Gordon. Incidentally -- the future looks good for our loyal friends!

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman

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MRS. ROBERT HIBBITS
RURAL ROUTE A, BOX 94
LOMPOC, CALIFORNIA

April 7, 1944

Galen M. Fisher, Asst Treas.
San Francisco, Calif.

Dear Mr. Fisher:

At the recommendation of Dr. E. Miley,
Lamb in Santa Barbara, I am enclosing two
dollars as a contribution to the "Committee"
Please be assured of both my husband's & my
own interest in, & sympathy with the
splendid work being done.

Yours very truly,
Margaret Hibbits

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April 7, 1944

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

Dear Mrs. Kingman:

At the suggestion of Mr. Tom Hunt we are sending you first proofs of our coming Public Affairs Pamphlet, What About Our Japanese - Americans?. To be issued in early May, this pamphlet will be a study in our regular series. Please see the enclosed folder.

The pamphlet will be illustrated by Taro Yashima, whose work you undoubtedly know.

We earnestly hope you will use the important discussion which Mr. McWilliams has prepared for us.

It will be most helpful to us if you will let us know, at once, how many copies of this pamphlet you plan to use. This will help us to estimate our first printing.

With this letter we enclose our quantity rate discounts which make it possible for many organizations to use Public Affairs Pamphlets effectively.

Sincerely,

Violet Edwards

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Enclosures

April 8, 1944

Hon. Francis Biddle, Attorney General
Department of Justice
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Biddle:

Allow us to express deep appreciation for your letters of July 10, 1943 and February 8, 1944 (2) addressed to Congressman Samuel Dickstein, Chairman of the Committee on Immigration and Naturalization.

You have taken your stand so clearly on the fundamental principles of the Constitution, and have argued so cogently for adherence to them as to give strong support to the efforts of this Committee on American Principles and Fair Play, of which I am an officer, and I know that my feelings are shared by other members of this Committee.

We particularly hope that you will continue your efforts to restore to citizens of Japanese ancestry their full constitutional rights, and to scotch the assumption that racial extraction should ever be a criterion of those rights.

Respectfully yours

Galen H. Fisher

ROBERT W. KENNY
ATTORNEY GENERAL

STATE OF CALIFORNIA
LEGAL DEPARTMENT

State Building
San Francisco 2
April 8, 1944

Honorable John J. McCloy
Assistant Secretary of War
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. McCloy:

I tried to reach you by long distance telephone from Sacramento yesterday and was informed by your office that you would not return for a week.

Would it be too much to ask you to telephone me at my San Francisco Office, Underhill 8700, reversing the charges at such time as you return.

The subject matter of my conversation relates to furloughs for members of the armed forces of Japanese ancestry.

Sincerely yours

ROBERT W. KENNY
Attorney General

RWK:JM

cc: Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman

4/17/44
[Signature]

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In reply, please refer to:

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APR 8 1944

Mrs. Ruth Kingman
Executive Secretary
Pacific Coast Committee on
American Principals and Fair Play
2234 Telegraph Avenue
Berkeley, California

Dear Mrs. Kingman:

Enclosed are two copies of letters which I thought you
would enjoy reading.

Sincerely yours,

Robert E. Gibson

Robert E. Gibson
Liaison Officer

Enclosures



April 9, 1944

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Dear Friend:

I just returned from the Easter services held at the Post Chapel and found your very nice letter waiting for me. I want to pen these few brief lines to thank you for your kind invitation to visit you, and to express my sincere appreciation for your democratic efforts to improve our situation.

You shouldn't thank me for making the speech - thank those people who made it possible for me to speak. I have thought of this quite often since leaving the West Coast. I feel deeply indebted to Dr. Deutsch and Mr. Ward of the Commonwealth Club, to Mrs. Ruth Kingman of the Principles of Fair Play Committee, and to the Public Relations officer, Major J. R. MacFayden, at Santa Monica. I was extremely fortunate to have such a broadminded officer to assist me in our battle against West Coast intolerance.

Perhaps I am wrong, but I'm sure a certain fascist group out there didn't exactly approve of my appearance. They tried to stop my last radio appearance, but Secretary of War Stimson came through with a direct order. I was quite surprised to find upon my return to Fresno that orders for my transfer to Salt Lake City had been issued before I even went to Santa Monica. I guess they weren't taking any chances of my delivering a speech before the Electric Club and a Labor Union of some ten thousand people.

It's kind of discouraging at times, but then again I realize those people do not represent the majority of California people. It is extremely comforting to know that there are people - real Americans - like you, Dr. Deutsch, and so many others. I correspond with many unseen California friends - even one paralyzed and another blind.

Whatever happens, you can always count on me to do my part as an American soldier. I shall never forget the prejudice I faced during the earlier days of my army career. I am determined to prove my loyalty beyond any doubt - even beyond the doubts of Randolph Hearst! It is so pitiful that these people cannot understand - yet even a blind lady knows what Americanism is.

I am volunteering for combat duty again, hoping that it will be in the Pacific. If things go as planned, I expect to be over in a couple of months. I have taken a terrific beating mentally and physically, but I'm willing to sacrifice my life so that my brothers and sisters may live someday as Americans. I only hope that more people like you will stand by us. I promise that I shall never forget what you are doing for us.

It has been raining all day today - not exactly a beautiful day for Easter Sunday, but the true spirit still carries on. I am reminded today, more than ever since being home, of my many buddies still overseas. It's too bad the world cannot have a better understanding. I wish we could be sure that this is a war to end all wars.

Perhaps I have rambled on in a very uninteresting way to you - if you wish to correspond, I'll do my best to answer. Please feel free to ask questions. I'm very glad you wrote to me - goodbye -

Your friend,

Sgt. Ben Kuroki

P.S. If you see Dr. Deutsch, give him my regards, please.

Present address:

214 C.C.T.S. Bks 213
Peterson Field
Colorado Springs, Colo.

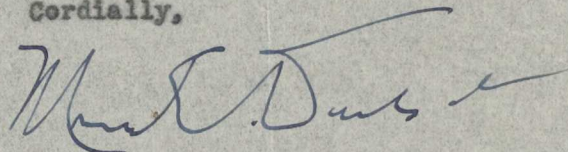
April 24, 1944

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman,
2234 Telegraph Avenue,
Berkeley 4, California.

My dear Mrs. Kingman:

You will, I am sure, be interested in the attached copy of a letter from Sergeant Ben Kuroki, addressed to Miss Margaret Cosgrave, Registrar of Fresno State College. The speech to which he refers was the one which he made before the Commonwealth Club. A letter like this is certainly a moving one and causes indignation at the intolerant attitude of certain groups to grow far greater.

Cordially,



Monroe E. Deutsch
President

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Superior Manifold

C O P Y

April 9 [1944]

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Whatever happens, you can always count on me to do my part as an American soldier. I shall never forget the prejudice I faced during the earlier days of my army career. I am determined to prove my loyalty beyond any doubt - even beyond the doubts of Randolph Hearst! It is so pitiful that these people cannot understand - yet even a blind lady knows what Americanism is.

I am volunteering for combat duty again, hoping that it will be in the Pacific. If things go as planned, I expect to be over in a couple of months. I have taken a terrific beating mentally and physically, but I'm willing to sacrifice my life so that my brothers and sisters may live someday as Americans. I only hope that more people like you will stand by us. I promise that I shall never forget what you are doing for us.

It has been raining all day today - not exactly a beautiful day for Easter Sunday, but the true spirit still carries on. I am reminded today, more than ever since being home, of my many buddies still overseas. It's too bad the world cannot have a better understanding. I wish we could be sure that this is a war to end all wars.

Perhaps I have rambled on in a very uninteresting way to you - if you wish to correspond, I'll do my best to answer. Please feel free to ask questions. I'm very glad you wrote to me - goodbye -

Your Friend,
Sgt. Ben Kuroki

P.S.

If you see Dr. Deutsch, give him my regards, please -

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April 10, 1944

Dear - this letter is really meant to be personal, but carbons were necessary as we are very short of office help and we had to get these letters off immediately.

As you know, we are counting upon your attendance at a meeting of a few of our members with Secretary of the Interior Harold Ickes, on Thursday morning, April 13, at eleven o'clock in the Hotel Mark Hopkins.

Since the War Relocation Authority has quite recently been drawn into the Department of the Interior, Secretary Ickes is naturally desirous of getting as complete a picture as is possible, of the feeling throughout the country covering the government's policy toward our Japanese American minority.

He has been under constant pressure from the majority of our Congressional representatives, and is looking to our Committee as representative of the more sober minded point of view.

Since the scheduling of the meeting, it has been drawn to my attention, from Washington, that the interest of the Secretary in the opinion to be expressed by our representative can be of peculiar value at this time. May I suggest two questions which will probably arise, as I know that they are foremost in the minds of the policy making individuals and groups in Washington. They are, most desirous of an expression from the leadership of this Committee as to their thinking on the following points:

1. Is continued exclusion of persons of Japanese ancestry (excepting those in internment or segregation camps) from the West Coast any longer justified on grounds of military necessity?
2. Would you support the War Department if it were to re-open the West Coast to persons of Japanese ancestry with "leave clearance" (e.g. eligible to leave Relocation Centers), or to service men and their families?

I cannot emphasize too firmly the importance of our responsibility at this particular time. It appears that we are to be asked to express our willingness, in view of the

Committee's established purpose of "defending the Constitutional rights of law-abiding persons of Japanese ancestry," to assure our support of the Federal government in its growing determination to resolve this perplexing problem in a decent and equitable manner.

The meeting, as I said, will be at the Mark Hopkins at 11 o'clock on Thursday, April 13. If you will ask at the desk for the room reserved in my name, you will be directed to it.

We are counting on you for this most important meeting.

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman

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April 10, 1944.

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

Dear Mrs. Kingman:

I thank you sincerely for your kindness
in sending copy of correspondence exchanged with
you.

Perhaps you have the stencils of this
correspondence handy. I would appreciate your
running off for me two hundred fifty additional
copies of the entire set beginning with your
covering letter, "Dear Board Member", (please date
this).

I am enclosing my check for \$15.00:
\$10.00 of which is for work previously done.

Also, I will appreciate your sending me
copies of comments you may receive on this exchange
of correspondence.

Sincerely yours,

Miller Freeman
Miller Freeman.

MF:AB

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SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

April 10, 1944

Ref 5/3/44

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

Dear Mrs. Kingman:

I am forwarding to you two requests which have recently come to me and which I think should go to you. Apparently Ruth Tanbara has an opportunity to do a great deal of interpretation in the cities of Minneapolis and St. Paul, and I believe literature in her hands would be of value.

The other letter, from Cecelia Razovsky Davidson, is certainly within your scope of work.

I shall very much appreciate your answering both of them.

Cordially yours,

Annie Clo Watson

Annie Clo Watson
Executive Secretary

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Miss Annie Clo Watson
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1860 Washington Street
San Francisco, California

Dear Miss Watson:

We have had a letter from Mrs. Roynold Boone of 286 North
Hanna, Gilroy, California, from which we quote the following
extracts:

"The Rye Tractor Company is making the statement that one of
the reasons they do not have enough equipment for the local
farmers is on account of the Japanese who are released. They
claim the government is giving these American Japanese all
the equipment they need to farm with on down payment. The local
farmers are short of equipment and this statement enrages them.
Is it true?"

"I am at the head of just such a women's society (a church group)
and would like to create an interest in this work (aliens, race
relationships, etc.).

"What methods can one use to create a healthy curiosity and interest
in this subject? Does one have to have an extensive knowledge of
group thinking? Does one have to be a super-salesman? Are there
books available on methods of presentation?"

We have sent Mrs. Boone some literature and we have written her
that we have referred her inquiries to you, as we are certain that
you will be in a better position to advise her in regard to the
organization of her group and also concerning the Rye Tractor
Company.

Sincerely yours,

Cecilia Razovsky Davidson
Cecilia Razovsky Davidson

CRD/eg

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April 10, 1944

AIR MAIL

Miss Mary Jefferds
Committee on American Principles
and Fair Play
Room 203
465 California Street
San Francisco, California

Dear Miss Jefferds:

Your letter of April 6 is at hand.

We note your desire for 750 copies of an issue of the Resettlement Bulletin. We can supply these to you upon the publication of the forthcoming issue by simply adding 750 to the normal number published. As the copy is nearly ready to be sent to the printer, we shall need to know immediately whether or not you wish this additional number. May we have a reply by telegram? We could, of course, send them to you as soon as they come from the press, which ought to be not later than two weeks from now.

The price for 750 copies would not exceed \$30.00. From this you will see that we have set a price of approximately four cents a copy as a working policy.

We are glad that you think our Bulletin can be of use in the work which you are doing.

Sincerely yours,

Willis G. Hoekje

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WGH:cl

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2234 Telegraph Ave.
Berkeley, 4, California

Secretary, Committee 4.12.1944
on the Principles.
4465, California St.
San Francisco.

Madame: Some weeks
ago, you sent me a pamphlet
on the troubles at Tule Lake.
I have lost it so many times
that it has fallen to pieces.
I should like a second copy.
If you will mail it quickly,
I will send cost in stamps.
Thank you.

Olive Steede
1244, College Av.
Berkeley, Calif.

April 11, 1944

Mr. Maxwell E. Stewart
Public Affairs Committee, Inc.
30 Rockefeller Plaza, New York, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Stewart:

My husband and I have both read the proof of Carey McWilliam's pamphlet, and Harry has asked me to reply for him.

We feel that in the whole, the pamphlet is excellent. We both think that a careful check should be made on his quote from General DeWitt that "A Jap is a Jap". There is some certainty here in California that the wording is not quite so bald (of course the meaning was).

The other suggestions I've jotted down apply to Mr. McWilliam's tendency to ~~wreak~~ ^{write} journalistically instead of precisely.

On the whole the work strikes me as being one which is greatly needed and should prove informative.

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman

RWK:mj

April 11, 1944.

Mr. Ralph T. Fisher
American Trust Company
Fourteenth Street & Broadway
Oakland, California.

Dear Mr. Fisher:

I have been on the road, consequently the delay in answering your nice letter of March 27.

I am pleased indeed, that on the whole, your views parallel my own. I felt it advisable to express my ideas pretty fully for the purpose of drawing the opinions of other interested citizens.

For many years I have been actively interested in dealing with the Japanese problem and felt that an exchange of correspondence would be helpful.

Yours very truly

Miller Freeman.

MF:AB

NIGHT LETTER (charge to Ash. 6214)

4/12/44

W.H. McCrillis
Special Assistant to the Secretary
Department of the Interior
Washington, D.C.

Mark Hopkins

Room for meeting Thursday at eleven arranged for in my name.

Approximately ten persons will attend. Have been in touch with State Attorney General Robert Kenny who hoped to be at meeting to make strong affirmative statement to Secretary. He must be in Los Angeles on morning of 13th but ^{he} is desirous of appointment with Secretary Ickes and will fly back to San Francisco ~~Thursday~~ ^{morning} ~~after~~

~~noon~~ for purpose if appointment is possible Thursday afternoon or Friday. He has asked me to make arrangements. May I suggest that meeting between Kenny and Secretary Ickes highly advisable at this particular time. I will be glad to complete arrangements with

Attorney General ^{then} ~~as early as possible~~ ^{soon as I can} hear from you,

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman,
Executive Secretary,
Committee on American Principles and
Fair Play.

TELEGRAM

April 12, 1944

Mrs. Joseph Kaplan
1732 Kelton Ave.
Los Angeles 24, Calif.

Delighted to receive your letter. Am writing fully in reply.

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman

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April 12, 1944

Miss Mary Jefferals
Pacific Coast Committee on American Principles and Fair Play
465 California Street
San Francisco, Cal.

Dear Miss Jefferals:

Thank you for your letter of March 3 and the kit of material which followed it. The help of your committee was extremely valuable to us in preparing our pamphlet which we called "The Nisei, our forgotten minority problem". Actually, we could never have done such a job without benefit of the material you sent on.

I thought you might be interested in seeing a copy of the final product and am including it with this letter.

Again, thank you for your aid.

Sincerely yours,

Julia Barnwell
Julia Barnwell
Field Secretary

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In reply, please refer to:

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Facts re. US Army
re: G. A. - in US Army
(see W.R.A.)

Mrs. Ruth Kingman
Executive Secretary
Pacific Coast Committee
On American Principals and Fair Play
2234 Telegraph Avenue
Berkeley, California

Dear Mrs. Kingman:

Enclosed is a copy of the article by Mr. Gibson which was discussed over the telephone this morning.

Since it is being held until we know how many copies you want, if you are interested in adding it to your other material, we would appreciate it if you could let us know at your earliest convenience your decision on this.

Sincerely yours,

R. B. Cozzens
Assistant Director

Robert E. Gibson
(By H.B.)

By: Robert E. Gibson
Liaison Officer

Enclosure



April 13, 1944

Mr. Gale Seaman
1419 No. Rosemead
San Gabriel, Calif.

Dear Mr. Seaman:

I am writing for Mrs. Kingman to thank you for sending us the information which I am returning enclosed, at this time. Mr. Fisher has also seen the statements, and is most appreciative of your making them available.

Thank you very much.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary

mj

April 13, 1944

Allen's Press Clipping Bureau
142 Sansome St.
San Francisco, Calif.

Dear Sirs:

I believe the enclosed clippings were
sent to us by mistake.

Will you please make the correction in
our account.

Thank you very much.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary

mj

April 13, 1944

Miss Louise Rosenstiel
Box 292
Connecticut College
New London, Conn.

Dear Miss Rosenstiel:

Under separate cover we have mailed you
some material which I think you will find of
considerable interest.

Enclosed is a membershi card. All our
members receive material from time to time, and
are put on our regular mailing list.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary

mj

April 14, 1944

Mr. Wm. C. Carr
1360 W. Colorado
Pasadena, Calif.

Dear Mr. Carr:

I am sending along the enclosed post card request to you, as we do not have enough copies of the Harper's reprint on hand to be able to comply with Mr. Broy's request.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary

mj

AMERICAN FRIENDS SERVICE COMMITTEE
Northern California Branch
1830 Sutter Street
San Francisco 15, California

April 14, 1944

Homer Morris
Esther Rhoades

Dear Homer and Esther:

I do not know which of you should work on this, or whether both of you should, but I assume each of you will know what to do.

While talking to Mrs. Kingman this morning a call came from Miss Dorothy Lanyan of the Oakland Recreational Department. Friends of Miss Lanyan by the name of Mr. and Mrs. Hermit K. Fischer, Route 1, Doylestown, Pennsylvania, have written to the Philadelphia office of the Service Committee seeking to give employment to a couple from one of the relocation centers. Mr. and Mrs. Fischer have no children, and they would not have room for a couple who had children. They have a very small farm and wanted the Japanese-American couple to do general farm and house work.

They have had no reply from the Service Committee and would like to know how to find out what the situation is.

Mrs. Kingman pointed out over the telephone that very often people offer plans which do not provide income for the evacuees comparable to that of other workers in the community. She very ably showed that the need for equal income does not arise from cupidity on the part of the Japanese, but that the general labor situation made it necessary for the sake of public relations that evacuees should not undercut local labor.

Would it be possible for you, Homer, to find out the facts on this application and let me know just what the situation is, replying also to Mr. and Mrs. Fischer? I write to Esther Rhoades with the thought that she might indicate to Homer if she knows of people who would like this opportunity in case the standards offered are satisfactory.

Cordially,

Joseph Conard

Joseph Conard

Executive Secretary

JC:mf
cc: Mrs. Kingman
Miss Lanyan

Dictated by Joseph Conard and signed in his absence.

APR 14 1944

April 14, 1944

Mr. John W. Broy
C.P.S. Camp #59
McKinley, Ore.

Dear Mr. Broy:

I have forwarded your request for the Harper's
reprint to Mr. Carr of Pasadena. I am sending
under separate cover some information which I think
you will find of some interest.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary

mj

April 14, 1944

Miss Olive Steede
1244 College Ave.
Fresno, Calif.

Dear Miss Steede:

I am enclosing material connected with
Tule Lake, I am not sure just which information
you refer to in your postcard of April 12, re-
ceived today.

I hope this material will be of some aid.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary

mj

April 15, 1944

Mr. Willis G. Hoekje
297 Fourth Ave.
New York, 10, N.Y.

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Ruth W. Kingman
Executive Secretary
Committee on American Principles
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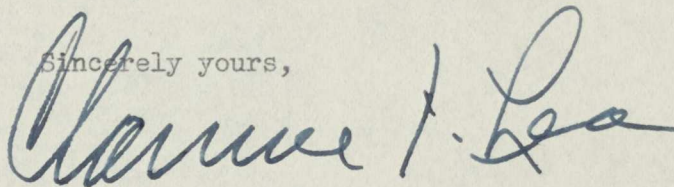
April 15, 1944

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

Dear Mrs. Kingman:

Some weeks ago I received your interesting
booklet as to Japanese evacuation, for which I
thank you.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Clarence F. Lea". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Clarence" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "Lea".

cfl/y

April 17, 1944

Mr. Robert E. Gibson
War Relocation Authority
Whitcomb Hotel Bldg.
San Francisco, Calif.

Dear Bob:

Thank you very much for sending me the copies of the two letters, one of which I am returning. More and more of this type of thing is coming in. Tomorrow we are getting a pamphlet from the printers--made up of letters from service men, Caucasian and Nisei. We'll send you one, and will appreciate it if you have any suggestions as to persons or groups who might make use of a number of copies.

You will find in it sections of the other letter you included. We have had it for quite some time, Phil Webster, I think, having sent it to me.

Thank you again for sending us the stuff we need, so promptly and so generously.

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ruth W. Kighman

R&K:mj

April 17, 1943

Mrs. Terry Hayashi,
2215 N. Garrett Ave
Dallas, Texas.

Dear Marian,

May I warn you at the outset that this letter will not be properly written, because my very competent secretary is over in the U.C. Y.M.C.A. doing some mimeographing, and my peculiar style of typing is unique, to say the least.

I was delighted to hear from you last week -- heavens, it was a lot longer ago than that, wasn't it? Please do not think that I have waited until today to carry out your request for the blanks from the property division of W.R.A. I presume that they have been delivered by now, and are probably on their way back to S.F.

I am more and more impressed with the determination of W.R.A. to do everything possible to ameliorate the suffering resulting from the evacuation. Having been given an overwhelming task, and, as Director Myer says, having "Thank God-- no precedent in the U.S.A. for such a procedure"-- they have worked out channels for giving every type of assistance for which they can possibly expect Congressional (financial) support. I am very glad that you can have your property sent on to you. I think that Ruth and Earl Tanbaras's things are en route, or will be, shortly.

My family is busy, and well. Harry is the Regional director (Five Western states) of the Presidents Committee on Fair Employment Practices, (F.E.P.C.), and is trying to integrate into defense work and government offices, persons qualified "regardless of race, creed or national origin". With the present influx of Colored workers, new and trying problems continue to arise, and as you have good cause to know, California's attitude on race is no longer a thing to view with confidence.

Beverly is finishing her third year in college, the last two semesters being spent in Chicago University, where she is studying sociology--particularly race relations. She lives in a coop (co-op would look better!) and has a darling Nisei room-mate.

I'm working all hours on this Fair Play thing-- all of which got going at that tea in my home before evacuation, Remember?

I must stop--don't let my sec'y see this typing!

April 17, 1944

Mrs. Anna M. Clark
12 Garden Road
San Anselmo, Calif.

Dear Mrs. Clark:

Due to a clerical office error, you were solicited for renewal of your membership fee for the Committee. Your membership does not expire until December 1944.

Dr. Paul Taylor has just left your letter here in our office. He suggested that you might wish to come in to talk with us sometime when you are in Berkeley. We were happy to tell him that you are a member of the Committee and that we are in receipt of a good letter from you.

I do hope that you will come in when you can. It would be a fine thing if a group could be organized on your side of the bay (or should I say Island), and we would greatly appreciate any help you can give us in drawing together interested persons.

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman

RWE:mj

April 17, 1943

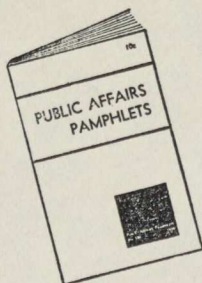
NIGHT LETTER

Assistant Secretary of War John J. McCloy
Washington, D.C.

Fifteen representative members of our Committee in off the record meeting with Secretary Ickes in San Francisco assured Secretary of our support of any progressive policy of War Department in relation to solution of problem of reestablishment of loyal evacuees to normal life urging strong public relations program. We are now informed of new restrictive order applying to Nisei defense worker in 2nd Service Command of Eastern Defense Command, and are completely baffled by seeming lack of compliance with our understanding of your general policy. May we request an immediate clarification, as our entire program, based upon our understanding and support of War Department policy grievously deterred by inferences to be drawn from new Eastern Defense order. Our members request clarification of policy, by wire if possible.

Ruth W. Kingman
Executive Secretary,

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

Dear Mrs. Kingman:

I am deeply grateful to you and Harry
for having read and commented on Carey McWilliams'
pamphlet.

I have taken your suggestions very much
to heart. I believe that you will find that
changes have been made to take care of all the
points you queried.

With best wishes.

Sincerely yours,

Maxwell S. Stewart
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April 17, 1944

Mr. Galen M. Fisher,
Assistant Treasurer,
Committee on American Principles
and Fair Play,
465 California Street, Room 203,
San Francisco, California.

Dear Mr. Fisher:

Thank you for your letter of April 8, 1944, in which you express your appreciation to the Attorney General for his letters of July 10, 1943 and February 8, 1944, addressed to Congressman Samuel Dickstein, Chairman of the Committee on Immigration and Naturalization.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Hugh B. Cox". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "H" and "C".

Hugh B. Cox
Assistant Solicitor General

9/21/94
Letterman General Hospital (ward 0-1)
San Francisco, California
April 17, 1944

Executive Secretary
2234 Telegraph Avenue
Berkeley 4, California

Dear Sir:

It is very interesting and surprising that there are organizations in California that beleive and support the principles in the Constitution of the United States. With deep interest, I read the pamphlet, Written by Mr. Galen M. Fisher, "Balance Sheet on Japanese Evacuation", which was given to me by Mrs. Jean Coolidge who represents the Freinds and Service Committee here in San Francisco.

I am very grateful to this organization, the effort it is working on, to stamp out all false rumors, that was spread in the west coast so thickly after the attack of Pearl Harbor. This false rumor has caused distrust and hatred toward us especially in the west coast.

I am a former member of the 100th Inf. Bn., first unit of its kind, comprising Americans of Japanese extraction to enter combat as a unit. This unit was organized in Hawaii and later was transfered to the continental United States to further our training to fight in the European Theatre of War. Our first action was in the vicinity of Salerno.

Soon, I will return to Hawaii and will appreciate if I am able to be admitted as a member of your organization as I am very interested in the progress on this problem. Please reply to your earliest convinience as to the requirements. I expect to be here another two weeks.

Thank you very much.

Very truly yours,

Hideo Uchida

Cpl Hideo Uchida (30182337)

UNIVERSITY OF REDLANDS
REDLANDS, CALIFORNIA
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

April 17, 1944

I will acknowledge.

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Mr. Galen M. Fisher
Pacific Coast Committee on American Principles
and Fair Play
Room 203
465 California Street
San Francisco, California

Dear Galen:

I am enclosing my check for five dollars because I think that the project of the Committee is so important. As I go about trying to make my little contribution to this very worthwhile objective of securing fair play. I find some evidence at least of an improvement. What do you discover?

Cordially yours,

Elam

Elam J. Anderson
President

Enclosure

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April 18, 1944

Mr. Dillon S. Myer
Barr Building
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Myer:

Your gift of the \$75, which the Forum in Pasadena gave you for your address there was most welcome. It redounds to the credit both of your good self and of the Forum, which differs from most of the forums that I happen to have addressed in its sound notions as to reciprocity, - dollars for ideas. This Committee has no angel with gold-tipped wings, but it does have a slowly growing list of members each of whom adds his bit to our modest budget. Your gift decidedly raised the average.

You have already heard of the gratifying consultation which a dozen of our Committee members enjoyed with Secretary Ickes. His forthright and constitutionally sound position favorably impressed every one. He evinced a remarkably good grasp of the problems of the whole situation facing the nation, no less than the WRA, in relation to the evacuees. It seems to us clear that if the Army continues to press for gradual restoration of full civil rights, the opposition on this Coast will be in large measure dissolved. The reassertion of the good sense and loyalty to the Army in wartime of the great majority will shun into silence most of even the mercenary and politically warped race-mongers.

I hope that Mr. Ickes' conviction that greater emphasis should be laid on public relations, both by the WRA and by other Federal agencies concerned with the evacuees, will enable you to strengthen that wing of your staff. I have always hoped that you and the OWI in combination might get more fair and adequate treatment by the radio newscasters and commentators. When next you are in New York, it might pay to have a conference with Dr. James Angell, Educational Consultant of the NEC. They have an excellent feature broadcast called "Pacific Story" every Sunday at 7:30 N.Y. time, and might perhaps work in resettlement some time. I found Arnold Marquis, who runs that feature from Hollywood, much interested when I told him something of the WRA and its progress.

Sincerely yours

Galen H. Fisher

UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY

WASHINGTON

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

MAY 5 1944

Mr. Galen M. Fisher
11 El Sueno, Route 2
Orinda, California

Dear Mr. Fisher:

Thanks very much for your letter of April 18. I am genuinely glad to have had the opportunity to make a contribution to the work of your Committee.

Secretary Ickes was pleased about his conference with the Committee members while in San Francisco and this, combined with other things, has lead to the desired result. The trend of events at the moment is most satisfactory and the Secretary and his staff have been quite helpful in promoting the program and the principles we have developed over a period of the last two years.

We have been in the process for some time of strengthening our public relations staff but find this a very difficult problem. We will follow up on your suggestion of contacting Dr. James Angell.

There are some difficult times ahead but I am delighted with the prospect of an opportunity to get a constructive job done and want to personally express my appreciation for the fine work you have done in relation to this whole problem. I doubt that anyone has made a greater contribution than you have.

With kindest personal regards.

Sincerely,

D. S. Meyer
Director



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April 18, 1944

Committee on American Principles and Fair Play
2234 Telegraph Avenue
Berkeley 4, California

Gentlemen:

Thank you for the material that you have just sent to me. I wonder if you realize that one of the most effective speakers for your cause is Dr. F. W. Heckelman, who spent thirty-eight years in Japan. His address is 512 Lexington Avenue, El Monte, Calif.

Very truly yours,

FREDERICK W. ROMAN

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April 19, 1944.

Mr. Charles E. Hope
White Canada Research Committee
Fort Langley, B. C.

Dear Mr. Hope:

I must apologize for my long delay in answering your letter of March 6 but I have just returned from an extended trip.

Respecting your inquiry as to whether there is any association devoting its energies to a dispassionate study of the problem of what to do with the Japanese in this country, there is an organization which has been set up in San Francisco called the Pacific Coast Committee for American Principles and Fair Play.

With this letter I am sending a copy of their leaflet. I suggest you address that committee asking them to put you on their mailing list. A copy of self explanatory letter written by me to that Committee on January 24, is also included. There has been some additional correspondence between us, copies of which I shall send you in a few days.

Sincerely yours,

Miller Freeman.

MF:AB

April 21, 1944

Mr. Miller Freeman
71 Columbia St.
Seattle, Washington

Dear Mr. Freeman:

In response to your request, we are sending you the additional copies of our correspondence.

May I make a suggestion, which you may or may not wish to follow. As you know, the McClatchey family, whose members feel very much as you do toward the early arrivals from Japan, has expressed no desire to conduct any kind of a campaign against American citizens of Japanese ancestry. I have had one very good conversation with Miss Eleanor McClatchey in her office in Sacramento, and am sure that she holds the same respect for the rights of citizenship as you do.

However, in pursuit of their long time policy against the more unprinciples of the Japanese immigrants, they seem to have allowed themselves to get involved in such a way that much of their staff is aimed rather indiscriminately against enemy alien and American citizen alike.

I am wondering if you would care to write to them, perhaps a covering letter accompanying a copy of our correspondence. I feel confident that they can be

Much more clear out in their attacks upon the group they feel to be a real danger, at the same time differentiating much more definitely between those and the American citizens. Their whole attitude toward dual citizenship, based upon the same feeling toward it that we hold (i.e. that there should be no such thing as dual citizenship, in any of the many countries which hold to the practice) might well be clarified.

I feel that you could do no more constructive thing at this time than to point out some of these things to Miss McClathrey and her brother, and as they doubtless have great confidence in your judgement, they will probably give real consideration to any suggestion you wish to make.

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman

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April 19, 1944.

Mrs. Ruth Kingman,
2234 Telegraph Avenue,
Berkeley, Calif.

Dear Ruth Kingman:

I have just received a phone call from Dillon Myer. He told me that he is being quoted as stating that the relocation centers will be closed by July 1, 1945 and that the source of the leak of that information has been traced to statements that I had made. This, of course, is proving extremely embarrassing to Myer.

If there is anything that you can do to prevent the circulation of that statement, I would greatly appreciate it. The story can be pinned on me, as my idea. I have good broad shoulders and I am not embarrassed and would think that I was pretty smart to propose such a thing. If you can help me to get credit for this particular idea, I will welcome the enmity of the people who might oppose plans for the closing of the centers and the return of the evacuees to their former homes.

Will you keep me informed about the situation on the coast?

Sincerely yours,

George E. Rundquist

George E. Rundquist
Executive Secretary.

GER/R.

April 20, 1944

Mrs. Nace Satterlee
Warner Hot Springs
San Diego County, Calif.

Dear Mrs. Satterlee:

I am sorry that I cannot give you all of the information you have asked for concerning Sgt. Kuroki's appearance in San Francisco. To get the full information, I would have to spend much more time than I can afford away from the office. However, I might suggest that you can get any information you require regarding the Commonwealth Club from Mr. Stewart War, Executive Secretary, Commonwealth Club, Palace Hotel, San Francisco, who would be glad to tell you anything of the meeting you might wish to know.

As the Commonwealth Club is closed to women, I did not attend the meeting. The President of the Club, Dr. Monroe Deutsch, Provost and Vice-President of the University of California, (also a member of our Executive Committee), asked me for suggestions as to who might be suitable as a speaker on the general subject of the Japanese American. Upon consideration, I suggested Sgt. Kuroki, and secured clearance from the War Department for his appearance.

I do not know where the Sergeant stayed while here--he was with Major John MacFayden of the Army Air Force Redistribution Center of Santa Monica, who accompanied him north.

I am enclosing a pamphlet which we have just published, which carries a picture of Ben.

I am sorry that I cannot be more specific in my reply. I am sure that Mr. Ward will be glad to add to this information.

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman

RWK:mj

5/9/44
Ward

Warner Hot Springs
San Diego County, California
May 4, 1944

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman
465 California Street
San Francisco, California

Dear Mrs. Eastman-

Thank you for your letter of April 20, telling me
Mr. Stewart Ward's address, and enclosing the pamphlet
of soldiers' letters.

I shall write Mr. Ward about Ben Kuroki, on this same
mail. I thought Kuroki's picture very appealing and
I'm so glad to have it. I had pictured him entirely
differently...more rotund, and graver.

I think the pamphlet a most effective piece of literature
and its wide dissemination should help your Committee's
splendid educational program immeasurably.

I am enclosing a dollar bill. Will you please accept it
to cover the pamphlet you sent me and forward me all
others. I shall see that they get into the right hands.

Yours cordially,

Mrs. Nace Satterlee
(Mrs. Nace Satterlee.)

Also sent: Mr. Tats Nakamoto
5-8-A, Topaz Relocat. Ctr., Topaz, Utah
Mr. Kim Obata
540 Summit Ave., Webster Groves, 19, Mo.
Pvt. I Imura, 39916625
582F. A Bn., Med. Det., Camp Shelby, Miss.

April 20, 1944

Pvt. Ed. Iino
Co C. 442nd Inf.
Camp Shelby, Mo.

Dear Eddie:

This isn't a letter -- just wanted you
to see the new pamphlet we've just put out.
Hope it helps.

Let me know if you want more.

Cordially,

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman

RWK:mj

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April 20, 1944

Sgt. Kiyoshi Ikeda
Cp. Kenichi Iha, and
Pfc. Takeo Daido
New Dibble General Hospital
Menlo Park, Calif.

Dear boys:

Miss Eleanor Breed has just let me read your letters, and of course I was very glad to see them. It is good to know that you are all recovering so rapidly. I wish that it were possible for me to get to see you again, but this gas situation, plus my very heavy schedule as Executive Secretary for the Committee, makes it improbable. I am sending you copies of a couple of things which you may enjoy. Some of the letters quoted in the "American Service Men Speak Out" are probably from persons you know very well. If you would like additional copies sent to your families or friends in Hawaii, I shall be more than glad to see that they get them. Please do not hesitate to ask.

I had a letter from Cpl. Hideo Uchida in Letterman, just this morning. I hope to see him before he leaves San Francisco. In the meantime I shall send him copies of these same pamphlets.

Some of the students in the University of California YMCA were much interested in your being in California, and expressed a desire to get in touch with you at least "indirectly". I gave them your names and address, so you will soon hear from them, if you haven't already done so. They will also get in touch with Hideo Uchida.

It had been good to have you here. I hope that the War Department sees fit to send many more of your outfit this way, as your presence here on the coast is the best possible public relations program the JAs can hope for.

My best wishes, or should I say Alohas?
Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman

HWK:mj

April 20, 1944

Mr. George Kuroki
Hershey
Nebraska

Dear Mr. Kuroki:

As you may know, it was at the suggestion of this office that Ben was invited to speak before the Commonwealth Club of San Francisco, and the necessary permission secured from the War Department.

Naturally, we were delighted to have him in California, and I personally was more than glad to meet him. We do want you and your mother to know what a fine job he did.

Since he was here, we have compiled a pamphlet which is self-explanatory. I've just sent Ben a copy and told him that I would send you a couple. If you would like more, please let me know, and I shall be happy to send them. Please do not hesitate to ask for them.

Most cordially yours,

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman

RWK:mj

Hershey, Nebraska
May 8, 1944

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman
2234 Telegraph Ave.
Berkeley, Calif.

Dear Mrs. Kingman:

I want to thank you for your kind letter of April 20th and also for the enclosed pamphlets.

We are deeply grateful to you and the Fair Play Committee for being instrumental in obtaining a speaking invitation for Ben at the Commonwealth Club. The aid that you have given him is deeply appreciated by the family and I take this means of expressing our debt to you.

These are indeed trying times for all of us, especially so for Japanese Americans. Our test, our struggle for recognition and acceptance by America is not without heartaches and at times very discouraging. The good will and principles of fair play set forth by such good citizens as yours will greatly sustain us as a guiding star of hope.

May the courageous stand of such citizens as your committee be strengthened and enriched in the years to come by all grateful racial minorities, by a stronger America and by a world opinion, especially from across the Pacific that shall make peace and goodwill so much easier after this terrible war, thus enhancing the prestige and our moral position of leadership among nations.

Likewise it is our sincere desire as Japanese Americans to be ever conscious of our obligation to America and God assisting us we shall try to contribute in some measure to the moral and well being of America.

Most cordially yours,

