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THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman

~~465 California St.~~

2234 Telegraph Ave. San Francisco, Calif.  
Berkeley, 4, California

Sept 9/6/43  
Dear Mrs. Kingman: - San José, Calif.  
We have had  
your further word from you & your office  
regarding letters to the 18 men &  
women of San José who might be  
approached by people of corresponding  
profession & interest in the Bay Area -  
relative to our forming a branch commit-  
tee here. We feel that we are not  
the people to approach these 18 first -  
& so are stymied for action. We desper-  
ately need a committee. Please help us.  
Cordially, Stephen Pentecost

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9/23/43

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group should be connected

2045 Le Droit Dr.  
South Pasadena, Calif.  
September 9, 1943

Dear Mrs. Kingman:

There are two young married women in Long Beach who are very interested in the sort of thing the Fair Play Committee is doing & may be interested in forming a chapter there if there is not one already.

Would you be so kind as to send Mrs. Jack Brown all the literature from the Committee plus any suggestions you have for starting a group? Her address is 2645 Oregon, Long Beach, 16

Thank you

Sincerely,

Margaret Sullivan Moritz  
(Mrs Paul M.)



Write you  
for me  
friendly letter -  
tell him "all my love"  
OK 9/20/43



Sept. 9, 1943.

UNITED STATES ARMY

Dear Mrs. Kingman,

Here's the copy of the  
"warsterpiece"; I submit it  
with an apology since it  
~~is an apology~~ since it is  
about 800 words too long.  
If the Cal Monthly editors  
think it too long, will  
you please "cut it" for me.

I haven't described my  
transfer to Camp Shelby,  
Mississippi, to join the  
all Japanese-American  
Combat Team, "demoted to  
Private without prejudice"  
from Staff Sergeant.

Too, the only mention of  
this school for  
publication is simply:



UNITED STATES ARMY

"Camp Savage, Minnesota."  
That's all which the  
C. O. will allow.

Thanks for the opportunity  
and I hope the article  
meets your standard.  
I'm anxious to hear  
what you have to say.

as ever

Yori

Co. E - Bn 13

School Bn

P.S. - Add an apology for the  
extra apology on page!

Wm, East. 2/27

# Hofstra College

Hempstead, Long Island

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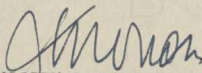
Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman

Pacific Coast Committee on American Principles and Fair Play  
465 California St.  
San Francisco, Cal.

Dear Mrs. Kingman:

I have just read about your work in COMMON GROUND. I was Visiting Professor at San Francisco State College twice and have followed the minorities problem on the Coast with great interest. Furthermore, I have several studies on the problem of minorities coming in print. Could you kindly send me whatever material you have and can spare?

Sincerely,



JOSEPH S. ROUCEK

Chairman, Department of  
Political Science & Sociology



September 10, 1943

Mr. Irvine P. Aten  
Helm Building  
Fresno, Calif.

Dear Mr. Aten:

It is necessary for the completion of our files that we have not only the total amount of money contributed to the Fresno Branch of the Fair Play Committee, but that we have a record of the amount each individual member contributed.

Would it be possible for us to have this information sometime in the near future?

Thank you for your trouble, I am sorry this was not made clear in the earlier communication.

Sincerely,

Secretary

mj

September 10, 1943

Miss Margaret Cosgrave  
1644 Van Ness  
Fresno, Calif.

Dear Miss Cosgrave:

We have just received a large supply of the material you requested in your letter of August 17th (W.R.A. comments on testimony before the Dies Committee), and these will be sent to all members of the Fair Play Committee sometime next week.

Sincerely,

Secretary

mj



*M. LK*

OCCIDENTAL COLLEGE  
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

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September 10, 1943

LIBRARY

Pacific Coast Committee on  
American Principles and Fair Play  
465 California Street  
San Francisco, California

Dear Sirs:

As a library we have undertaken to collect material concerning the evacuated Japanese in the United States. The college libraries in this area are cooperating in gathering together resources relative to the present war, and we have elected this relatively small area to develop in this library. Needless to say, we should like to have as much print and manuscript matter as it is possible to obtain.

May we please be put on your mailing list to be notified of any of your publications or notices pertinent to the relocation of the Japanese.

We shall appreciate whatever you may do to assist in our project.

Very truly yours,

*Elizabeth J. McCloy*

Elizabeth J. McCloy  
Librarian

M:N

*OK 9/30/43*  
ROBERT W. KENNY  
ATTORNEY GENERAL

STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
LEGAL DEPARTMENT

Los Angeles 12

September 10, 1943

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman  
Executive Secretary,  
Committee on American Principles  
and Fair Play,  
2207 Union Street,  
Berkeley, California

Dear Mrs. Kingman:

May we request that you inform this office if there is any representative of your committee in the Los Angeles area. The Senate Fact Finding Committee on Resettlement of Japanese will have a hearing in Los Angeles on October 15th and as your organization has taken an active interest in American-Japanese affairs we wish to contact such representative who may wish to appear before the committee.

Thanking you for a reply,

Very truly yours,

*J. H. Mulvey*  
J. H. MULVEY, Special Agent

JHM:J

*Mulvey touch  
get in touch  
with Ferguson - SW.  
is hearing where? Simply  
Ferguson. Suggest names -  
Baker  
Mulligan - Whelan  
tell her of this letter.*



# Liberty

205 EAST 42nd STREET · NEW YORK CITY, N. Y.

September 10, 1943

Miss Mary Jefferds  
Pacific Coast Committee  
on American Principles & Fair Play  
Room 203, 465 California Street  
San Francisco, Calif.

Dear Miss Jefferds:

Two thousand reprints of our article  
"The Truth About Jap Camps" which you ordered and  
paid for (\$62.00) on August 25th have been shipped  
to you via Railway Express, collect, on September  
9th under their number 316-700.

Enclosed is a copy for your reference.

Very truly yours,

*V. Sande*

Vivian Sande  
Promotion Department

/vs  
enc.

WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY

SAN FRANCISCO 3 CALIFORNIA, OFFICE  
WHITCOMB HOTEL BUILDING

In reply, please refer to:

FADO

SEP 11 1943

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from file.  
JH/gmy  
9/21/43*

Mrs. Ruth Kingman  
2234 Telegraph Avenue  
Berkeley, California

Dear Mrs. Kingman:

We received the attached article from Mr. Alton L. Hall.  
If he is not a member of your Committee, we thought you would  
be interested in reading the article and that you might wish to  
contact Mr. Hall directly.

Very truly yours,

*R. B. Cozzens*  
R. B. Cozzens  
Field Assistant Director

Enclosure



C O P Y

A L T O N L. H A L L

Fruit & Vegetable Grower

Route 1, Huntington Beach, Calif.

September 1, 1943

If, on reading the attached article, your George Washington love of the truth, your Abraham Lincoln sympathy for the oppressed, and your Our-Way-of-Life love of fair play, impel you to accept it for publication, I shall be pleased. The "Santa Ana Register" has used several of my articles, and is still in business.

However, if expediency wins, or if you don't agree, Perhaps you would run it in one column and shoot it full of holes in another; sending me a copy of the paper to effect my conversion.

I mimeographed with the idea of mailing to various organizations in your community, but printer's ink is more effective in getting to people. I have blocked off the top for your heading. A suggested one is "WERE THE FARMERS LED?"

Yours truly,

/s

Alton L. Hall



BY JINGO

In any controversy, such as the one over what should be done with the Japanese in relocation centers, a good way to tell who is in the right is to look at the line-up on each side, then listen to both of them as you do when Johnny comes home telling how mean his teacher is to him.

In this case, we have on one side the Government as represented by the War Relocation Authority, the War Manpower Commission and by the War Department; and these assisted by the Churches. On the other side we have the Chamber of Commerce, Native Sons, American Legion and the Press. Not perfectly clear-cut, is it? The Government and the Churches are not always right, the Chamber of Commerce may have been influenced by those who would profit by the elimination of Japanese competition, the patriotic organizations may have been influenced by retaliation, and the press by a desire for extra sales. And there may be unseen forces at work, too. I haven't mentioned the farm organizations; let's suppose them still at the crossroads.

Now to listen to both sides:-we are familiar with the resolutions adopted by the commercial and patriotic organizations. To offset these, we might look up the resolutions passed by the leading fourteen denominations. But here are recent statements by the press, and the War Relocation Authority's rebuttal thereto:-

THE PRESS: "The evacuees are well fed while we outside are rationed."  
THE W.R.A.: "They are rationed, too."

THE PRESS: "70% of the Japanese in one camp have refused to profess loyalty to the U.S.A."

THE W.R.A.: "It is completely untrue."

THE PRESS: "We have no evidence of proper check being made before releasing Japanese."

THE W.R.A.: "The Authority checks all available records. If there is any question about the individual, a further check is made of the records maintained by Federal investigative agencies...taking every precaution to safeguard national security."

THE PRESS: "Gasoline for pleasure driving."

THE W.R.A.: "No evacuee is permitted to use a personally owned automobile at any relocation center."

THE PRESS: "Five gallons of whiskey per person."

THE W.R.A.: "Untrue.....for medical use only."

THE PRESS: "Japanese quit jobs and return to the centers to get a second grant for traveling expenses."

THE W.R.A.: "No second grant allowed."

THE PRESS: "Disloyal."

THE SECRETARY OF WAR: "The War Department has recognized the loyalty of many Japanese-Americans. The record of Japanese-American units in the Army has been excellent indeed. A certain number have rendered service against the Japanese Empire for which they have been decorated."

So it appears that the Government, in its solution of a difficult problem, is being opposed by propaganda and by people patriotically unpatriotic. But because I am a farmer, it seems to me that farmers should be more discerning. How could liberty-loving farmers vote to continue confining the good with the bad, using Hitler methods in a country fighting to preserve liberty for the world?

It seems arrogant for me, a mere individual, to pass judgment on a great organization like the Farm Bureau, whose leaders I have always looked up to, and whose fellow-members are my friends. And I wouldn't do it if I hadn't been present at a meeting where these resolutions were adopted. The resolutions were similar to those previously adopted by city Chambers of Commerce. An imported speaker told of poverty life in Japan, arousing race hatred. The other side was not presented; there was no report on conditions in the centers, no mention of the aims and methods of the Authority in its separating the loyal from the disloyal, and its resettling the loyal in places distant from this coast. So the vote was taken; and good citizens, who would spurn the idea of interfering with the Government in its war effort, or in its operation of the Post Office, for instance, seemed unconscious of the fact that the men chosen for the Authority are men specially fitted for the task; and so they voted to take it from them and entrust it to the Army, an organization created for a different purpose. If the Farm Bureau finds that it has been unjust, undemocratic, unconstitutional, I have faith in it to believe that it will someday reverse its attitude.

Furthermore, now that a move is on, for China's sake, to repeal the Oriental Exclusion Act, but make an exception of Japanese immigrants, the exception need not be made. All that is necessary to avoid another congestion of Japanese on this coast is to secure federal distribution of immigration by quotas among the States. It should never be said of us, and we should never have to admit it of ourselves, that while we have been able to assimilate millions of slaves and other lowly peoples, we shut out a few hundred a year of a race whose farmers and merchants were at least our equals, whose children were the best behaved of any racial group, and whose young people took more than their fair share of honors in our high schools and colleges.

The way to prolong a war started by insults is to add more insults. The way to defend the Constitution is to do as it says, -grant liberty and justice to all. Must California continue to be Uncle Sam's problem child, demanding unwise policies, or will she cooperate with the Federal Government in putting its house in order and preparing for a lasting peace?

/s Alton L. Hall  
Route 1, Huntington Beach  
(Thirty years a California fruit  
and vegetable grower)



September 21, 1943

Mr. Robert B. Cozzens  
War Relocation Authority  
Whitcomb Hotel Building  
San Francisco 2, Calif.

Dear Mr. Cozzens:

Thank you very much for sending us the copy of Mr. Alton L. Hall's article. Mr. Hall had sent us a copy of his mimeographed form some time previously, but we are very glad to have an additional copy for the files.

Sincerely,

Secretary

mj

*Reply  
11/4/43  
RWT*

17 Macondray St.  
San Francisco 11  
California  
Sept. 11, 1943

Mrs. Ruth Kingman  
Berkeley, Calif.

Dear Mrs. Kingman,

I am enclosing two copies of the resolution in regard to Japanese Americans. The resolutions are the same as in the one Jean McKay showed you. However, there is a slight rewording of four of the "WHEREAS's".

I shall call you or see you Wednesday as I am anxious to have word from your Executive Committee.

Thank you for all your help and interest.

Sincerely yours,

*Jean Thoits Coolidge*

Jean Thoits Coolidge

*Mrs.*



*OK my  
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sent cc. price quote*

**FIRST UNITARIAN CHURCH**

2936 WEST EIGHTH STREET - LOS ANGELES 5  
TELEPHONE, EXposition 1356

ERNEST CALDECOTT, Minister

September 13, 1943

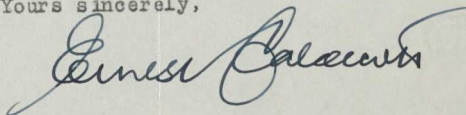
Dr. Galen M. Fisher  
c/o Pacific School of Religion  
Berkeley, California

My dear Dr. Fisher:

Having read your four articles on the Japanese situation in "The Christian Century", I wish to congratulate you on the breadth of vision you have presented. As one who believes in the rights of individuals, irrespective of race and nation, and who refuses to condemn all of any one class because of the sins of some of their number, I am glad you have been permitted the use of such an influential paper as "The Christian Century" to offset the prejudice so prevalent in the country and especially on the Pacific Coast, against persons of Japanese extraction.

It is heartening indeed to find men in your position ready to take a stand for conviction, rather than for convenience, which latter is the easy way followed by the vast majority of people who have something to lose.

Yours sincerely,



Ernest Caldecott

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WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY

In reply, please refer to:

Photographic Unit  
Midland Savings Buidling  
Denver, Colorado

September 13, 1943

Mr. R. B. Cozzens  
Field Assistant Director  
War Relocation Authority  
Whitcomb Hotel Building  
San Francisco 3, California

Dear Mr. Cozzens:

In compliance with a telephone request <sup>from</sup> John  
C. Baker, Chief, Office of Reports, Washington, D. C.  
of September 9, we are enclosing the following 8 x 10  
glossy prints of Japanese-Americans at Camp Shelby:

"F" SERIES

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None of the picture data contains informaton  
about any former students of the University of California,  
as you desired, but of course a good many of them did  
attend. However, out of twenty-five pictures submitted to  
Mr. Baker for his selection and War Department approval,  
these nine pictures enclosed show a good cross section of  
activities at Camp Shelby and all have typical faces.

We sincerely hope these pictures will answer your  
needs.

Sincerely yours,

*Edna M. George*

Edna M. George  
Photographic Unit

for Tom Parker

Enclosures - 9



THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF  
CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AND MINISTERIAL RELIEF  
OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES

JEAN LISTON  
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HENRY H. SWEETS, SECRETARY

MAKE REMITTANCES PAYABLE TO  
WM. H. HOPPER, TREASURER

410 URBAN BUILDING, LOUISVILLE, KY.

September 13, 1943

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

Dear Mrs. Kingman:

I thank you for the material you have sent me at the request of Mrs. Emily Minton Center on the work of the Committee on American Principles and Fair Play.

I am glad to cooperate as fully as I possibly can in such a work. I spent several weeks in Japan in 1926 which gave me a very deep interest in those people. While we are filled with indignation with what they have recently done, we ought certainly to secure fair play for them.

Very cordially yours,

*Henry H. Sweets*

S:p



September 14, 1943

Mr. Dillon Myer, Director  
War Relocation Authority  
Barr Bldg.  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Myer

I am sending the entire Lundberg-Warren correspondence to date. We hope to have the Governor's permission to make use of his statement, publicly. Meanwhile, it should remain confidential.

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman

RWK:mj

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LEMONT, ILLINOIS

September 14, 1943

Mrs. Harry Kingman  
Care of University of California Y.M.C.A.  
Berkeley, California

My dear Mrs. Kingman:

I should have called you when I was in San Francisco this summer and I would have liked to have done so in order to renew my acquaintance with you and Harry. However, my vacation sent me into a complete lethargy and I did nothing. Now I must write and ask your assistance.

I am on a committee of the American Association of Social Workers here in Chicago commissioned to study pending legislation in regard to Japanese-Americans. Of course, the National Board of The Y.W.C.A. keeps us in touch with a good deal of the federal legislation but I am anxious to know what California is doing in this line. I have heard that a great many bills have been introduced into the California legislature regarding the return of the Japanese to California, etc.

I shall greatly appreciate it if you will send me any information you have along this line and putting me in touch with the sources which you think would be helpful to me in securing the information.

Sincerely,

*Rosalee*

Rosalee Venable  
Metropolitan Executive

RV:DC

*Heed!*



September 16, 1943

Mrs. Ruth Kingman, Executive Secretary of the Pacific Coast Committee on American Principles and Fair Play, has been requested by the Executive Committee of the organization to call upon you and other persons in high positions of responsibility and authority to present our views and the views of our members relative to fair play and the application of American Principles to people of Japanese ancestry in this country.

This Committee was organized about nine months ago and now has branches in Pasadena, Santa Barbara, Fresno, Palos Verdes, Los Angeles, and Seattle. Our immediate constituency numbers about four hundred and twenty five already and is constantly growing.

Yours,

Robert Gordon Sproul, Honorary Chairman

Arthur Cushman McGiffert, Executive Chairman

September 16, 1943

Major Chas. D. Winning  
New York University  
Washington Square  
New York City, New York

Dear Darnit:

Thanks for the fine letter. Haven't time to write. Thank God for understanding brothers. Arriving New York Central # 68 "Commodore" at 9:30 A.M. Tuesday, September 21. If I don't see you, will phone University. If you can, reserve room at hotel for me. If that's impossible, I can stay with friends, so don't worry.

Love,





# THE BETTER BUSINESS BUREAU

OF SAN FRANCISCO, LTD.

Telephone SUtter 3822

15 Stockton Street San Francisco 8, California

September 16, 1943

*Reply 9/23/43 Mij*

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman, Secy.  
Pacific Coast Com. on American Principles  
2234 Telegraph Avenue  
Berkeley, California

Dear Mrs. Kingman:

May we have a report on the Committee, including the following:

1. Exact name, and addresses of local and national offices.
2. Names and business connections of local officers; of national officers readily available.
3. How is the organization supported: memberships, donations, etc. Please give details.
4. Purpose, and program for carrying out that purpose.
5. Name and business history of one directly in charge of local office.
6. Copy of latest financial report, if available. If not, names and addresses of those receiving remuneration; amount, etc.
7. Any other information you wish to furnish for our records.

Please be assured that we shall appreciate having this information, which will make possible our supplying reports to present inquirers.

Sincerely

*Aurel Piersee*  
Aurel Piersee

September 23, 1943

Mr. Aurel Piersee  
15 Stockton St.  
San Francisco 8, Calif.

Dear Mr. Piersee:

In response to your letter of September 16th,  
I would like to offer the following information.

1. The address of the central office is  
465 California St., San Francisco;  
and Berkeley office is  
2234 Telegraph Ave., Berkeley.
2. See enclosed form marked A.
3. Support is by memberships (see form B)  
and individual donations.
4. See enclosed form marked B.
5. Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman: Housewife
6. See form marked C.  
Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman \$200.00 per month  
Mrs. Arthur Ferguson \$100.00 per month  
2266 Hidalgo, Los Angeles  
Miss Mary Jeffords \$140.00 per month  
699 Embarcadero Ave., Berkeley

I believe this will satisfactorily answer the  
stated questions.

Sincerely,

Secretary



10/4/43  
RWK

Rev. U. G. MURPHY  
305-17th AVE. SOUTH  
SEATTLE, WASHINGTON

Sept. 16, 1943

Mrs. Ruth Kingman  
2227 Union St.  
Berkeley, Calif.

Dear Mrs. Kingman:

Prof. O'Brien suggests that I write you relative to a suggestion I made to him a few days ago.

Now that Lt. Gen. Emmons is in charge on the Coast it seems to me that it would be a good idea for some representative persons, or committee, to call on him and see how far he will go toward loosening up these regulations governing the niseis from the Coastal Area.

Yesterday I sent to Gen. Emmons a statement relating to the return here of the wife and two small children of Tomeo Takayoshi, a volunteer for the Combat Team. Takayoshi is forty years old, his wife is half Japanese, making the two children three fourths Japanese, which, according to De Witt's ruling, makes them, the children, ineligible for return to the Coastal Area. I am sending Gen. Emmons the correspondence in the case, and feel that the former ruling will be eased off.

Now that the WRA find it impossible to go much farther toward emptying the evacuation camps unless these qualified for release are permitted to return to their homes on the Coast, it seems to me it will be a sensible thing to do to allow a slow return of those who have a living awaiting them—those who can get employment in American homes or businesses and those who are financially independent.

Just a few minutes ago I had a call from the head of the Women's Police Division asking me to let her know when a certain Japanese girl-nisei gets back. Has a place for her at any time.

I estimate that we could place 2,000 or 3,000 maids in homes on the Coast. Many farmers still own or lease land to which they should be permitted to go at once. By careful selection of the localities where Japanese will not be persecuted, I feel that we can make a start back to normal life.

We up here would like to know how far Gen. Emmons will go. Can you find out?

Sincerely yours,

U. G. Murphy

September 17, 1943

Mr. A. B. Ruddock,  
1000 Quinby Bldg.,  
Los Angeles, Calif.

My dear Mr. Ruddock:

I am truly pleased that you have taken action to have the Executive Committee in San Francisco clarify the issues as discussed in your office today. I shall be greatly interested in the nature of their response.

I feel very strongly that the position you have taken, if upheld by the San Francisco office, will add immeasurably to the scope of the work of the Committee and that such a broad basis of operation would be more acceptable to a larger number of those whose interest we hope to enlist.

Upon receiving a reply from your letter I shall want to meet with you and Dr. Munro at the California Club (such a meeting having been suggested by him) to discuss possible procedure for local action.

I shall advise you of my findings in connection with the Thiele statements - and shall hope to hear from you as soon as you receive a reply from Mr. Scott.

Sincerely,

Executive Secretary

Mrs. Arthur Pierce Ferguson,  
2266 Hidalgo Ave.,  
Los Angeles, Calif.

01. 5361.



Miles Carey (Honolulu)  
Elizabeth McClepy (Occidental)  
Mr. Joseph Roucek (Hofstra)

September 17, 1943

Additional material may be obtained  
on the American Japanese question by  
writing to Mr. M. M. Tenier, Acting Chief,  
Office of Reports, War Relocation Authority,  
Washington, D.C.

I hope the enclosed material from the  
Committee will aid you to some extent.

Sincerely,

Mary Jeffords, secretary

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September 17, 1943

Miss Mary Jefferds

Dear Mary,

Enclosed is a copy of Yori Wada's article together with the pictures which you so kindly offered me for publication in the California Monthly.

I am very sorry that we must return the article at this time because it is so long that we haven't the space to devote to it. I think the article is exceptionally fine and I regret that it did not seem politic to condense it.

Thank you for your kindness and co-operation in this matter.

Sincerely,

*Jean L. Backus*

Jean L. Backus  
Assistant Editor

Enc.  
JLB/lad





# TREASURY DEPARTMENT

WASHINGTON

FOREIGN FUNDS CONTROL

In reply please  
refer to: 52399

SEP 17 1943

Dear Mrs. Kingman:

Your letter of July 1, 1943 addressed to State Department has been referred to this Department for reply.

You have inquired as to the agencies which are controlling Japanese assets and whether such assets could be utilized for the support of relocation centers.

There are enclosed for your information copies of Executive Order No. 8389, as amended, and Executive Order No. 9193, pursuant to which the Treasury Department and the Office of Alien Property Custodian are administering Japanese assets located in this country. Your attention is invited to Section 2 of Executive Order No. 9193, which defines the respective jurisdiction of the Custodian and the Treasury with respect to such assets. You will note that the main categories of Japanese assets under the control of the Treasury Department are credits, bank deposits, currency, bullion and securities.

At the present time the Treasury Department is adhering to a policy of keeping frozen all Japanese assets under its jurisdiction and not permitting the transfer or withdrawal thereof except under special circumstances. In this manner such assets will be preserved until such time as an equitable disposition thereof can be made in the light of the governmental policy then existing.

It should be noted, however, that this policy does not apply to assets of Japanese within this country. The great majority of such Japanese have the same rights and privileges with respect to the use of their funds as American citizens have. In this connection you may be interested in General License No. 68A, a copy of which is enclosed, extending generally licensed national status, with certain exceptions, to Japanese who have continuously resided in the United States on and since June 17, 1940. As generally licensed nationals they are regarded,

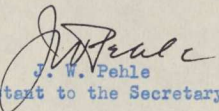




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as far as freezing control is concerned, as though they were not nationals of a blocked country.

Very truly yours,

  
J. W. Pehle  
Assistant to the Secretary

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

Enclosures - 3

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September 17, 1943

*F. H.*  
Mrs. Afton Dill Nance  
355 No. El Molino  
Pasadena, Calif.

Dear Mrs. Nance:

I too regret that you did not join our group at Teachers College, Columbia this past summer. It seemed to be generally agreed that everyone of us, including the director himself, learned much from the project and at the same time enjoyed deeply the enterprise.

In the second paragraph of your letter you ask about the possibility of pursuing graduate work in the field of intercultural education at Columbia. I suggest that you write directly to Professor Donald Cottrell with whom I was closely associated this summer and who entertains a most sympathetic attitude to this subject in which you and I are so deeply interested.

I am obliged to you for sending me a copy of the circular describing the interest of Pacific Coast Committee on American Principles and Fair Play. If this Committee desires to implement its purposes through school and community, then I should think it would desire a program of intercultural education. It may be that our Bureau would be quite helpful in working out some of the implications of that educational program. If the Committee chooses to call upon us for help, we should be glad to cooperate in any way within our power. You might inform Professor McGiffert, whom I happen to know, that we do stand ready to help the Committee.

The letter from your young Japanese-American friend is quite revealing. We read not a few of this general nature.

With good wishes,

Yours sincerely,

*Stewart G. Cole*  
Stewart G. Cole

SGC:ed

MY  
9/25/43

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH  
THIRD AND SAN ANTONIO STREETS  
SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA

STEPHEN C. PEABODY  
MINISTER

September 18, 1943. 1

Dear Mrs. Kingman:-

I am glad that the letters to our representative group here have now gone out from your office. In talking with Mrs. Empey, we feel strongly that the next move now should be the calling of the group together- preferably at a lunch period- after the college opens after October 4th- for a meeting when either you or Galen Fisher be our guest of honor and be the occasion for getting just as many of the 18 together as we can, for organization and definition of program. Could you or he- preferably yourself- come down for a noon meeting shortly after the 4th- and possibly stay over for a few hours to call on key people of that group after the luncheon adjourns. The Chamber of Commerce groups- American Legion- city and county Councils and many other groups under the pressure of Representative John Z. Anderson- recently back from Washington- have been coming out with resolutions never to permit any Japanese back after the war. Our newspapers are unwilling to publish the materials that individuals send them regarding Japanese camps and service men, etc. It would need the backing of strong men and women to make any impression here now- since so many groups have gone on record against the Japanese indiscriminately. I do hope that you can come. When we know dates when you could come, we will contact the 18 and set up the meeting.

Very cordially yours,

Stephen C. Peabody.



September 23, 1943

Rev. Stephen C. Peabody  
First Congregational Church  
Third and San Antonio Sts.  
San Jose, Calif.

Dear Dr. Peabody:

Mrs. Kingman is, at present, en route to Washington, and will not be back until October 24th. However, I have consulted Mr. Galen Fisher in regard to your letter of September 18th, and he has suggested the 11th or 12th of October as a possible meeting date for a San Jose group. The date for the meeting must necessarily come between October 8th and October 12th, for Mr. Fisher is leaving town after that time.

Will you please let us know if this is satisfactory and the exact date upon which you decide? It would also be helpful, if you could give us some idea of the sort of material that Mr. Fisher would take with him, that would interest the 18 people we have already contacted.

It would also be very helpful if we had some notice of the groups in San Jose that have gone on record against the Japanese, if you have any such information at hand.

Thank you very much. I hope to hear from you soon.

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary

Dear Sir:

I have just finished reading the last article of your splendid series on the "Japanese" problem, which is currently appearing in the Christian Century magazine. I want to congratulate you on the fairness and honesty displayed and certainly hope you will continue to do your utmost to bring a satisfactory conclusion to this most deplorable situation. It is one of the greatest blots on American democracy and something that all true Americans should be thoroughly ashamed of. It is heartening and encouraging to find men of your vision and aggressiveness to rise above race prejudice and hysteria to point out the inconsistencies and un-American tendencies of the so-called Japanese evacuation program.

John F. Menuez  
Box 387  
Fillmore, Calif.



THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

Mr. Galen M. Fisher  
Trustee, Inst. of Pacific Relations  
Orinda, Calif.

*9/22/43*  
*Sent him circulars + invited to*  
*join Com. on Fair Play*





THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS



Miss Mary Jeffers  
2234 Telegraph Ave  
Berkeley, Calif.

Hi! - OKing ~~a/21/43~~

Sacramento

Please air-mail, as soon as possible

entire Lundberg - Warren correspondence  
(marked confidential) to the following unless  
it has already been sent - I forget.  
Mr. Henry F. Grady (His "Kit" should  
also go to this address)  
300 P Street  
70 Mrs. John Davies  
Washington, D.C.  
Beck  
RK

September 20, 1943

Miss Margaret Anderson  
Editor, Common Ground  
222 Fourth Ave.  
New York City, New York

Dear Miss Anderson:

Mrs. Kingman wishes me to express here thanks for the write up about the Committee on American Principles and Fair Play in the Autumn issue of Common Ground. We were very happy to be of any help in providing information for your use, and will be glad to help you as far as possible if you need any further informative material in this matter at any time.

Thank you also for the clipping you sent for our files.

Sincerely

Secretary

mj



September 20, 1943

Young Women's Christian Association  
1040 Richards St.  
Honolulu, Hawaii

Dear Madam:

Mrs. Kingman wishes me to express her gratitude for the copy of the article on some of the effects of the war situation upon the alien Japanese in Hawaii. This sort of material is very helpful to us as reference sources in our work.

Thank you very much for adding to our reference file.

Sincerely,

Secretary

mj

September 20, 1943

Pvt. Yori Wada  
Co. E, Brk 13  
School Bn.  
Camp Savage, Minnesota

Dear Yori:

Mrs. Kingman left last Friday for a trip to Washington and was anxious that you be informed of the action regarding your very powerful manuscript.

The article was submitted to the editor of the California Monthly who was tremendously impressed by the work (very favorably), but was dubious about the reaction of some members of the Alumni board. She submitted the work to Mr. Sibley and both were very anxious to have it for the monthly as an illustrated article (with the pictures taken by the WRA in Camp Shelby and sent here) but felt that some cutting would be necessary. Mrs. Kingman was unable to check the cutting herself, due to the Washington trip, and felt anyway, that any cutting would result in a weakening of the article, and so asked that the entire manuscript, with the pictures, be returned to this office.

I believe the idea is to get the work in some other publication, in toto, and Mrs. Kingman will take some moves to this end when she returns from Washington, if our Executive Board hasn't taken some action in the interim. At any rate, you will be informed as soon as any definite plan is worked out.

Everyone who has seen the article has been most favorably impressed. Thank you very much for your promptness in meeting the deadline. Wherever published, the article will be of inestimable value. Thank you again.

Sincerely,

Secretary



September 20, 1943

Miss Mildred Bartholomew  
Y.W.C.A. Building  
Bellingham, Washington

Dear Miss Bartholomew:

An executive secretary for the Committee has been appointed for the Northwest area, a Mrs. Roscoe Siegley of Seattle. Mrs. Kingman was unable to answer your letter of August 19th, herself as she has been out of town on a trip to Washington, D.C., but she was anxious that you know of Mrs. Siegley's appointment, and also the name of the chairman of the Seattle Branch of the Fair Play Committee, a Mrs. Mosiman.

You will probably hear from Mrs. Siegley sometime in the near future. We will send her your new address.

Sincerely,

Secretary

mj



September 20, 1943

Dr. Elam J. Anderson, President  
University of Redlands  
Redlands, Calif.

Dear Dr. Anderson:

Mrs. Kingman is out of town at present,  
on a trip to Washington, but was able to see  
the letter you wrote to Senator Ralph M. Swing  
before she left.

Thank you very much for sending us a copy,  
for we are anxious to have all possible commun-  
ications of this sort for our files. Mrs. Kingman  
was eager to express her personal gratitude and  
interest.

Sincerely,

Secretary

mj

SAN JOSE STATE COLLEGE

SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA

OFFICE OF THE DEAN OF MEN

September 20, 1943

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

Dear Mr. Fisher:

Yes, you may certainly count on both my interest  
and help.

Very truly yours,

*Paul M. Pitman*  
L.R.

Paul M. Pitman  
Dean of Men

PMP:r



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September 20, 1943

Mr. Galen M. Fisher  
Room 203-465 California Street  
San Francisco, California

Dear Mr. Fisher:

You may look forward to receiving my interest and co-  
operation in this worthy cause.

Very sincerely yours,

*Irving W. Langendorf* —

IDL/mm



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September 20, 1943

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Mrs. Ruth Kingman  
Committee on American Principles  
and Fair Play  
2207 Union Street  
Berkeley, California

Dear Mrs. Kingman:

While I have already suggested to the Christian Century that Galen Fisher's articles be reprinted as a pamphlet and made available for a much larger reading public, we would also like to urge your Committee to give full backing to such a project.

I have reason to know that if the pamphlet went out under your endorsement it would have a very good effect on certain people in the State of California who feel that you do not take a strong enough stand on certain questions. For instance, one Pasadena lady told me that she was disappointed because your Committee was opposed to the return of the Japanese to the Pacific Coast, and although I informed her that this only applied to the duration, she expressed the hope that you would be as outspoken as Galen Fisher was in his Christian Century article. I pass this on not to criticize, but simply to let you know how some of the people feel.

Did you receive my letter with check enclosed?

With cordial regards,

Very sincerely yours,

*Gordon K. Chapman*

Gordon K. Chapman

GKC:al

Signed in Mr. Chapman's absence

Hi! ok my  
9/24/43

Please send 3 entire  
sets of Daily Cal. to  
Mr. Tom Shibutani  
Social Science Bldg  
University of Chicago  
Chi. Ill.

Thanks,  
RK



THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

Miss Mary Jeffers  
2234 Telegraph Ave  
Berkeley, California



September 21, 1943

Mrs. Mary Farquharson  
2126 East 47th St.  
Seattle, Washington

Dear Mary Farquharson:

I'm so glad that you and Bob have secured such a fine sounding executive secretary for the Northwest. I wish that I were not having to go to Washington today for there is so much material and information that should be sent up to her immediately.

I am asking my secretary, Miss Mary Jefferts, to send her a lot of stuff--through you--so we hope that after you have conferred with her and your chairman, and Bob, she will have a good idea of what it is all about.

When you feel that she is sufficiently well informed to take over, will you please tell me, and I shall ask our Treasurer, Mr. Henry S. Scott, 460 California St., San Francisco, to put her on the "payroll" and to officially inform her of the move.

I am enclosing a copy of a Memorandum on financing Executives of Southern California and Northwestern Fair Play Affiliated Committees which will tell you of the proposed financing of the work in the Northwest. Bob knows (or did) that the local Seattle quota is \$400 for the year. The rest of the suggested amount should be easily raised in the general area (including Portland).

I wish that you were to be in Washington while I'm there, I don't know when I've enjoyed being with anyone more than I enjoyed being with you, and I hope that it won't be too long before I can see you again.

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman

RWK:mj

September 21, 1943

Mrs. Mary Farquharson  
2126 East 47th St.  
Seattle, Washington

Dear Mrs. Farquharson:

In checking our recent correspondence in the office, I find that your past two letters of September 3rd, and September 9th, have not been marked reply. In one letter you requested some additional material that I will be very glad to send if you have not already received it. You also asked several questions regarding organization, and advisory board members. If you have not yet received information on the points you specified, I will be glad to refer the matters to members of the Executive Board here, and notify you of the decision, immediately.

I am very sorry if any inconvenience was caused you by the delay, and shall make every effort to rectify the previous omission.

Sincerely,

Secretary

mj



September 21, 1943

Mr. John C. Baker  
War Relocation Authority  
Office of Reports  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Baker:

We are in receipt of the posters you mentioned in your letter of September 8th. As Mrs. Kingman is en route to Washington at this time, I am not sure of how we will use these posters to the greatest possible advantage. However, thank you very much for sending this group and for your kind offer of providing additional copies if we need them. All such material that you have supplied is of very great help to us in our work here.

Thank you again.

Sincerely,

Secretary

mj



September 22, 1943

Mrs. Marjorie Elkus  
Columbia Foundation  
612 Russ Bldg.  
San Francisco, Calif.

Dear Mrs. Elkus:

Mrs. Kingman thought you might be interested in the enclosed articles about the Committee and its work. Both were unsolicited.

We would appreciate it very much if you could return them for our files when you have finished with them.

Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

Secretary

mj

September 8, 1943

Miss Margaret Cosgrave  
1644 Van Ness  
Fresno, Calif.

Dear Miss Cosgrave:

Mrs. Kingman requested that I thank you, very much, for your letter of September 7 and the enclosures of the California Citizens Council. She is on her way down to Los Angeles, but was able to see the letter and the enclosures before she left. She would appreciate it very much if you could obtain a few more copies of the pamphlet and the windshield sticker that we might keep on file in this office.

We would be very glad to have a copy of the proposed amendment, if you find it possible, or if not, we would appreciate the loan of your copy, and promise faithfully to return it unaltered.

Mr. Allen did send in an accounting of the total financing, but we are interested in an account of individual contributions, for each individual member. I am getting in touch with him about this, today.

Thank you again for sending the "propaganda".

Sincerely,

Secretary

mj



September 9, 1943

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

Dear Mr. Peattie:

I had not hoped to have you take on this job yourself--honest--I was simply asking for suggestions. However, if you do see it that way it will be so much better. I am sending the series air mail, together with copies of the Lundberg-Warren correspondence.

As Governor Warren suggested that Mr. Lundberg convey his ideas to members of the Committee, we feel quite free to circulate it within our membership. We will ask his permission to give it wider publicity, for we feel that his position should be known--particularly when accompanied by Mr. Lundberg's two letters.

As for a speaker--why don't you write to Mr. Lundberg about the letters, and urge that he make the effort? I know that this is his primary interest at this time. Don't say that I suggested it --he'd flay me, for I know how busy he is -- but he is a "good guy", and I wouldn't be at all surprised if he'd go down, if you could assure a large and representative hearing.

Thank you for your possible help on the Fisher stuff.

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman

REK:mj



September 9, 1943

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940 Mission Canyon Rd.  
Santa Barbara, Calif.

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Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman

RWK:mj

September 9, 1943

Mr. Dillon S. Myer, Director  
War Relocation Authority  
Harr Building  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Myer:

Thank you very much for answering all of my questions even before you received my letter. Your little black book is to be congratulated for its efficiency.

Please do not feel that the studentbody meeting was merely a "no damage done". Quite to the contrary it was most constructive, and I heard Mrs. Sproul expressing both her own and Dr. Sproul's great satisfaction with your presentation.

As I am trying to get things wound up here before going East, I am delighted to be able to report that the Seattle thing is finally booming and I am to meet with an excellent group in Los Angeles tomorrow night at the Biltmore. They have been called together by our newly appointed secretary for Southern California, and she's a veritable dynamo-- makes me look like slow motion itself.

Bob Cozzens has relayed to me your very kind offer of the cooperation of W.R.A. facilities en route and in Washington. As you may well imagine, the entire prospect of an eastern trip is thereby made immeasurably brighter. As I am eager to see Mr. Sherrill in Chicago, I shall probably ask for a bit of help from him, and of the office in St. Louis. Needless to say, I shall need help in Washington, and an occasional lift will be a godsend.

One of the specific ways in which you can give me the most help will be in getting me in to see the "hard to gets" like Mr. McCloy, Mr. Biddle, and Mr. McNutt. If Mrs. Roosevelt doesn't decide to spend October in Chunking, I would certainly



like to see her, and there again the good office of the Director of the War Relocation Authority would have to be relied upon. I shall count on seeing as many as possible of the West Coast Congressional Committee (Washington and Oregon, as well as California), and the Civil Service people. If you think I will have difficulty in getting to them (I have no idea on that) perhaps you can help there.

I'm counting on Mrs. Henry Francis Grady to see that I meet with the right womens' national organization heads. If he is in New York, while I am there, I shall see Roger Baldwin. Otherwise I shall look him up in Washington. You may remember from the conversation at Alex Meikeljohn's that we San Franciscans have a "beef" with him, so I'll do some A.C.L.U. work confidentially.

At any rate, you will see me on the W.R.A. doorstep on October 24th, eager to be of help in any way I can, willing to take suggestions, and determined to stay "on the beam".

We are happy if you feel that our Committee has been helpful. We don't have to tell you that we have a terrific job--neither do we have to tell you that we are determined to take on the opposition on their own ground, any time, any place!

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman

RWK:mj



September 9, 1943

Miss Edna N. Ingham  
407 East Pine  
Santa Ana, Calif.

Dear Miss Ingham:

Mrs. Ingham left town for Southern California today, but was able to read your letter of September 8th before she left. It is always encouraging to find persons of good will in a controversial field such as this.

In addition to several pamphlets that I am enclosing, you will find extra material that may be of interest to you. We will be glad to supply any number of copies of this sort of data that you might be able to use, on request. We will also be glad to provide answers to specific questions when you are unable to find the necessary informative facts.

Thank you again for your interest.

Sincerely,

Secretary

mj

September 9, 1943

Miss Marian Brown Smith  
715 South Hope St.  
Los Angeles, Calif.

Dear Mrs. Smith:

The Daily Californians which you mentioned in your letter of September 7th, were mailed to you today under separate cover, with the relevant writing indicated with red pencil.

The Daily Californian editors would be delighted to have you use the editorials in any way you wish, and there would certainly be no question about using them in the INTERCOLLEGIAN.

Mrs. Kibben left for Los Angeles today, but will be back in Berkeley on Sunday. She is leaving your name with the half time executive secretary for the Fair Play Committee in Los Angeles (Mrs. Arthur Ferguson, or 8288 Hidaigo), so that you will be able to co-operate with the work of the Committee most effectively through direct contact.

We have, as yet, received no word from Alice James on the work of the regional commission on the Japanese-American minority group problems.

Sincerely,

Secretary

mj



COUNTY OF SANTA CLARA

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WELFARE DEPARTMENT

45 WEST ST. JAMES ST.

SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA

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

September 22, 1943

Dear Mr. Fisher:

I am in entire accord with your organization's principles as they have been described to me; and I shall be glad to attend the meeting you anticipate in San Jose.

However, I am having a belated vacation beginning next week, and will not be back until the 18th of October, as nearly as I know now. I hope the meeting will be later, but if not, perhaps I can receive a report from others attending.

Very sincerely yours,

COUNTY WELFARE DEPARTMENT

*Laura Fittinghoff*  
(Miss) Laura Fittinghoff  
Executive Secretary

ZLF:mn



September 23, 1943

Miss Margery Carpenter  
City Hall  
Berkeley, Calif.

Dear Miss Carpenter:

I am enclosing duplicates of the material I have sent the Better Business Bureau of San Francisco. You may be interested in the supplementary information below.

1. The address of the central office is 465 California St., San Francisco; and the Berkeley office is at 2234 Telegraph Ave., Berkeley.
2. See enclosed form marked A.
3. Support is by memberships (see form B) and individual donations.
4. See enclosed form marked B.
5. Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman; Housewife
6. ~~See the form marked A.~~

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman	\$200.00 per month
2234 Telegraph Ave., Berkeley	
Mrs. Arthur F. Ferguson	\$100.00 per month
2266 Hidalgo, Los Angeles	
Miss Mary Jefferds	\$140.00 per month
699 Ansonada Ave., Berkeley	

I believe this information will satisfactorily answer the questions that were raised.

Sincerely,

Secretary

September 23, 1943

Mr. A. B. Ruddock,  
1000 Quinby Bldg.,  
Los Angeles, Calif.

Dear Mr. Ruddock:

I talked with Mr. Lyman W. Theal, 601 So. Lake Ave., Pasadena, Calif., yesterday, and he substantiated his statements made to you that letters have been written to Congressmen; and while the action was unfortunate you will be relieved to know, as I was, that such letters were written, not by members of the Executive Committee, but rather by Pasadena residents, as individuals. The fact that the names of those writing the letters also appear on the list of members of the Pasadena Committee on American Principles and Fair Play led to the assumption on the part of Mr. Theal and his group that the approach used by them represented the policy of the American Principles Committee.

Mr. Theal stated that he saw a copy of a letter directed to Congressman Hinshaw wherein the writer threatened to withdraw support of the Congressman and even personal friendship if his position against the return of Japanese to the Pacific Coast were not changed.

Mr. Theal also stated that he understood letters of like nature had been received by Congressmen Voorhis and Hollafield, although he had not seen the letters. If such letters were received by them it is improbable they could have been sent by individuals who are members of the American Principles Committee for there are no such committees operating in their districts, as the Los Angeles Committee is only now in the process of being organized. It is just possible that this is a matter where assuming has played a large part, not on the part of Mr. Theal, but perhaps of those from whom he got his information; although this does not make the rumors any the less injurious to the cause and does not preclude the need for action to clarify the position of the Committee in the minds of those now holding these entirely wrong impressions of the purposes of the Committee. Of course, both the manner of approach and the cause in which such ill-considered letters were written - namely - the return of the Japanese to the Pacific Coast at this time - are contrary to the policy of the Committee, and although the Executive Committee cannot be held responsible for the actions by individuals who happen to be members, it might be well to suggest that two possible actions be taken by them.



1. Direct a letter to Congressman Hinshaw stating it has been brought to their attention that individuals who happen to be members of the Pasadena Committee on American Principles and Fair Play have addressed such letters to him and that such action and method of approach is not in accordance with the principles and purposes of the Committee, and giving Congressman Hinshaw the true picture of the purposes of the Committee.

2. That the Executive Committee advise the Pasadena acting Chairman, Mrs. Maynard Force Thayer, 466 E. Calif. St. Pasadena, Calif. to get in touch with Mr. Theal and if possible arrange a meeting with him and his group for the purpose of setting right in their minds the real position which the committee takes, and thus quiet any such rumors as are being circulated.

Mr. Theal, I feel sure, now understand that the Committee operates on the broad basis of defending the constitutional rights of all law-abiding citizens, particularly of minority groups, and that it takes no position on suggestions that the Japanese be returned to the Pacific Coast at this time, as such a decision rests entirely with the Military. I believe my interview with him quite changed his ideas of the objectives of the Committee and he now seems quite sympathetic.

I do not feel that the policy of this Committee should be interpreted as being that as expressed by individuals who are of its membership, although this is the danger, as you have stated, in approaching the problem by singling out any particular minority, thus, to quote your letter "limiting supporters to individuals who have reached a conclusion on the basis of emotion, not reason".

While my investigation, I feel, absolves the Executive Committee from any blame - I do realize that such rumors are harmful to the success of the movement and I should be glad to get your reaction as to the above suggestions for possible action which might be taken by the Executive Committee in regard to this incident.

Sincerely,

Executive Secretary  
Los Angeles Committee

F:B

CC to:  
Mr. Theal  
Harry S. Scott



September 23, 1943

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

Dear Mr. Carr:

We are having several thousand more copies  
of our release of June 16th printed, and will  
be able to mail them to you within two weeks.

I hope this will be satisfactory.

Sincerely,

Secretary

mj

September 23, 1943

Mr. Tad Hikoyeda  
Block 19-2-C  
Central Utah WRA  
Tepaz, Utah

Dear Mr. Hikoyeda:

Mrs. Kingman is, at the present time, en route to Washington. However, she was anxious that I notify of the following arrangements she made before she left.

Mr. Ruth of W. R. A. has taken over all of the papers and has promised to put all of the weight of the government influence toward either getting back payments or release of the car. He will get in touch with you in the near future.

Sincerely,

Secretary

mj



September 23, 1948

Miss Margaret Cosgrave  
1644 Van Ness Ave.  
Fresno, Calif.

Dear Miss Cosgrave:

Some material sent to Miss Dorothy Fisher of 1336 McAnley, Fresno, Calif., was returned marked "no such number". Would it be possible to check you files to see if that address is correct, for it is the only one we have here in this office for her.

Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

Secretary

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September 23, 1943

Dr. James Blaisdell  
7803 Prospect Place  
La Jolla, Calif.

Dear Dr. Blaisdell:

Mrs. Kingman is, at the present time, en route to Washington, but she was anxious that you be informed of the meeting at Claremont on September 11th.

The names on the enclosed sheet all attended, and showed interest in the work of the Committee. Dr. Bernard, particularly gave many good suggestions.

Mrs. Arthur Pierce Ferguson, of 2266 Hidalgo, Los Angeles, has just been appointed as part time Executive Secretary for the Committee in the Southwest area, and from now on much of the work in the South will be conducted under her supervision.

We will keep you informed of any further developments in Los Angeles.

Sincerely,

Secretary

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September 23, 1943

Mr. Louis J. Meillette  
P.O. Box 459  
Honolulu 9, Hawaii

Dear Mr. Meillette:

Mrs. Kingman is, at the present time, en route to Washington. However, she was able to see the material you sent and was eager to express her thanks, for both the material and your interest.

Your name has been placed on our mailing list so that you will receive all our future releases, and I am enclosing some material which we have sent out recently, that you may not have seen.

Mrs. Kingman also expressed the hope that she might hear from you often.

Sincerely,

Secretary

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September 23, 1943

Miss Mabelle C. Reeder  
729 So. Madison Ave.  
Pasadena 3, Calif.

Dear Miss Reeder:

Mrs. Kingman is, at the present time, en route to Washington. However, she felt that you would be interested to know that a part time Executive Secretary for the Southwest has been appointed to carry out the work of the Committee in that area. The name of the new secretary is Mrs. Arthur Ferguson of 2266 Hidalgo, Los Angeles.

Mrs. Ferguson has Mrs. Ringer's name on her list, and would probably appreciate it very much if you could get in touch with her on this matter.

Thank you very much for your activity in this connection. It will doubtless be of great help to Mrs. Ferguson, and will certainly further the work of the Committee.

Sincerely,

Secretary

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September 23, 1943

Mrs. Paul W. Moritz  
2045 Le Droit Dr.  
So. Pasadena, Calif.

Dear Mrs. Moritz:

We have written to Mrs. Jack Brown of Long Beach, suggesting that she affiliate with either the Palos Verdes or Los Angeles Branch of the Committee, and also enclosed some material about the work and program of the Committee issued from the central office.

Thank you very much for informing us of her interest. We shall endeavor to keep her supplied with appropriate material.

Sincerely,

Secretary

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September 23, 1943

Mrs. Jack Drawn  
2645 Oregon  
Long Beach 16, Calif.

Dear Mrs. Drawn:

Mrs. Paul Moritz has suggested that you might be interested in the sort of ~~work~~ the Committee on American Principles and Fair Play is attempting to do. I am enclosing some of our recent releases and a form explaining the principles and program of the Committee itself.

You may be interested to know that the Committee has several branches on the West Coast, and that a Branch is already established at Palos Verdes, with Mr. Clarence Lee as Chairman. The secretary of that group, Mrs. Cora R. Conklin (Palos Verdes Estates), could probably be very helpful to you, in providing information regarding the work of that particular Branch.

Mrs. Arthur Pierce Ferguson (2366 Hidalgo, Los Angeles) is the newly appointed executive secretary for the Southwest area, and will be able to give you such further material or information as you desire.

Please don't hesitate to let us know if this office can be of any assistance.

Sincerely,

Secretary

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September 23, 1943

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

Dear Miss Jefferds:

Thank you very much for the articles which  
you enclosed with your letter of September 22nd.  
I have found them very interesting.

Mrs. Elkus is at present in the east where  
she will remain until the 4th or 5th of October.  
I shall be very happy to return the clippings as  
soon as she has seen them.

Very truly yours,

*Madeline Albers*

(Miss) Madeline Albers  
Secretary

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Common Am. Print, & Fair Play,  
465 Calif. St.,  
San Francisco Cal.,

Dear Sirs:

Checking over my files  
I find your letter of June 30<sup>th</sup>  
over Mr. G. M. Fisher's signature, as  
yet un-answered.

As one who has been very closely  
associated for a period of thirty <sup>years</sup> with  
Japanese of all walks of life and  
having studied Japanese religious  
and ethical philosophy I am  
deeply concerned with your  
letter and stand as exhibited  
therein.

I realize fully that many  
rash things are done in the  
heat of war. Also history has  
proven the apathy and lethargy

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of mass movements in so called normal times. These times are but times of slowly sliding, letting things have their own way. Simply the following of the line of least resistance, promiscuity to please the crowd is no way to build a nation or a national policy.

Knowing what I know about the philosophy and ideals of the Japanese people I fear your efforts at this time are merely creating a greater problem for the future. This will but prove that the sins of the parents descend to the third and fourth generation.

If even good Americans citizens of Japanese ancestry are finding themselves, as I know some have done, as carriers for the Blow Flies of Shintoism, I will not stand idly by and recite the "Feed the Soil and It Will Feed You"

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problem be shifted on to the  
shoulders of my grand children  
who must fight to win back  
the lost prize of freedom and  
wade in blood because I floated  
blindly <sup>can with</sup> their life on flowery  
beds of <sup>disregard</sup> of my duty.

Neither your group or I  
can say we have a monopoly  
on facts or the broad view.  
I shall be glad to offer any  
information or assistance  
to any program that would  
appear to make for permanent  
settling of this problem  
and foster international  
Good Will.

Yours truly  
C. A. Talbott

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SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA

September 23, 1943

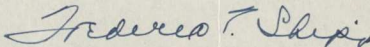
Mr. Galen M. Fisher  
Committee on American Principles and Fair Play  
Room 203  
265 California Street  
San Francisco, California

Dear Mr. Fisher:

As you know, I am very much interested in the whole racial problem, and I will be glad to cooperate with any local group which is interested in your Committee on American Principles and Fair Play.

With all good wishes,

Sincerely yours,



Frederic T. Shipp  
Principal  
Abraham Lincoln High School

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Mo.

September 24, 1943

To whom it may concern:

It is with considerable pleasure that I take this opportunity to recommend Mass Obata for any position for which she might feel qualified to apply. I have no knowledge of her professional ability, other than to know that she has worked in the Assembly Center and Relocation Project as Dietitian. I have heard her superiors speak well of her work.

Personally, however, I can vouch for her fine character, utter loyalty and fine spirit. I know both her mother and father, her husband, and her parents-in-law, all of whom have shown high courage and spirit during these difficult months.

There is no doubt in my mind but that Mass Obata can and will prove successful in any work that is given her to do.

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman

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