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Mrs. Kingman

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May 1, 1945

Mr. H.S. Scott, Treasurer  
Committee on American Principles  
and Fair Play  
465 California Street  
San Francisco 4, California

Dear Mr. Scott:

This is to acknowledge my salary check for the month of April.

You asked me to advise you how much money I have in my revolving fund and to send a statement of expenditures.

I understood from Mrs. Kingman that I would receive \$25.00 as a revolving fund (or petty cash account) immediately, as of April 1, but to date, I have received no such fund and my expenses for the first month's work have been out of my husband's pocket. He can spare it of course, and it does not matter at all whether I have it in advance or not, but I would just like to have a clear understanding as to how to operate in that respect.

This first month of course, I have had a little extra expense because of there being no stamps on hand, putting my name on the door in place of Katherine Kaplan's, having a rubber stamp made for the stationery, going back and forth every day including Saturday to the office due to the fact the telephone company will not give me a phone. I do not have or drive a car, so travel completely by streetcar, bus, or taxi when necessary.

Twenty five dollars a month may be enough, but I very much doubt it if I am to get out into the outlying communities and do the job as it needs to be done.



Mr. H.S. Scott

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May 1, 1946

I stand ready to go whenever and wherever it is advisable if the extra expense of such traveling is justified.

Now as to another matter, I understood from Dr. Gillett that your office in San Francisco regularly sent fifty dollars toward our share of the expenses of this office. Nothing came for March, and nothing for April.

I find that the secretary's help is indispensable and with the heavy program that I, in cooperation with the WRA folk feel will be necessary, I must work from the office; and, regardless of whether I am on half, three-quarter, or full time I am working at top speed so I feel we must continue in this office.

Perhaps the monthly contribution of fifty dollars has been just overlooked as was my need for a revolving fund.

Enclosed is an itemized statement of my expenditures which total *37.19* for the month of April.

Sincerely,

*GR*

Gracia D. Booth  
Executive Secretary

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COMMITTEE ON AMERICAN PRINCIPLES AND FAIR PLAY

May 3, 1945

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Yours sincerely,

/s/ Homer D. Grotty

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Mrs. Kingman

May 4, 1945

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

Dear Mr. Crotty:

Elsie Newton, head of the International Institute, whom you probably know, telephoned the other day and asked if it would be desirable to have a representative from their institute on the Fair Play Committee Board.

She is doing a great deal of work with Japanese Americans as well as with other racial groups and felt that that institution should be recognized in that way, and that they would have something to contribute to the future of Fair Play Committee work in the Los Angeles area.

I told her that I would pass the request on to you. If you consider it advisable, I would like to see Elsie Newton herself placed on the Fair Play Committee Board.

The Anti-Defamation League (TUcker 3278) is the place to inquire regarding the Mantle Club. I am calling them a little later at the suggestion of Rabbi Magnin's Secretary who said to ask for a Mr. Coleman or Lewis. I thought perhaps you might want to call them yourself as well.

Tuesday I spent in the San Fernando Valley most of the time in the town of San Fernando where I found a number of individuals keen to get a coordinating council organized for definitely assisting the returning evacuees. I am sending some literature there and Raymond or I will be speaking to this group soon.



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Mr. Crotty

May 4, 1945

Yesterday, I was in Santa Ana and I am to return as soon as the WRA official Mr. Van Norden can arrange for a few key people to meet with him and me for the definite purpose of organization.

Torrence is the next place on my list after tomorrow which I spend in Long Beach. I am speaking to the Council of Church Women on Race Relations emphasizing the return of the Japanese Americans and will meet with two or three key people afterward. I understand they already have a committee, or the nucleus of one, and have had some good meetings. The Minister who asked me to speak at this meeting tomorrow is one of their most dependable leaders.

I understand that George Rundquist and Ruth Kingman will be down the first of the week, but I do not know how long they intend to stay. I will let you know as soon as I know. Perhaps we can get together for a conference in your office.

Sincerely yours,

GDB  
rmt

Gracia D. Booth  
Executive Secretary



C O P Y

May 7, 1945

Mr. Harry S. Scott, Treasurer  
465 California Street  
San Francisco 4

Attention Miss Murphy

Dear Mr. Scott:

I have today received a copy of Mrs. Booth's letter of May 1 to you.

About a week ago I spoke to Miss Murphy about funds to be sent to Mrs. Booth, but did not make myself entirely clear. I therefore advise the following procedure:

Continue to send Mrs. Booth her salary of \$150. a month. We expect her to stay with us for at least four or five months, depending on the plans adopted for tapering off the whole Committee.

Send her \$25. as general expense money, each month, as from April 1, requiring a monthly statement from her. Since she is doing more

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traveling than Mrs. Kaplan, this may not suffice. We'll know soon. If you did not receive an adequate accounting from Mrs. Kaplan for her "revolving fund" I believe it would be best for you to request it directly from her, not as I suggested to Miss Murphy, depending on Mrs. Booth to get it.

As to Mrs. Booth's request for \$50. a month for office expenses, including parttime of typist services, Mrs. Kingman will look into the matter while she is in Los Angeles later this week. We want to give the Los Angeles Committee strong backing, but it has been understood from the outset that they would carry part of their own budget, either directly, or by sending you enough in members' contributions to do so. Now that we are on the last few laps of our work, we don't wish to begrudge somewhat heavier outlays if necessary. Meanwhile, please await Mrs. Kingman's report on this point.

Sincerely yours

c.c. Mrs. Kingman ✓  
Mrs. Booth

Galen M. Fisher  
Asst. Treasurer



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May 9, 1945

Mrs. Gracia D. Booth  
Committee on American Principles and Fair Play  
1052 West 6th Street  
Los Angeles, 14, California

Dear Mrs. Booth:

This refers to your letter of May 1 in which you enclosed statement of expenses for April in the amount of \$37.19.

Attached is check in the amount of \$62.19 which covers the \$37.19 advanced by you for April expenses, plus the \$25.00 revolving fund for May.

Yours very truly,

H. S. Scott, Treasurer

cc: Mr. Galen M. Fisher  
Mrs. Ruth Kingman ✓



May 3, 1945

Mrs. Maynard Force Thayer  
466 East California Street  
Pasadena 5, California

Dear Mrs. Thayer:

Mr. Fisher has just told me that you would like to have additional copies of the pamphlet "Homeward Bound", sample copies of which you had been sent. As he did not say how many you would like to have, I am sending 100 copies, under separate cover.

If you will let me know that you wish additional copies, I shall be happy to send them.

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary



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Mrs. Ruth Kingman  
2287 Telegraph Ave.  
Berkeley 4, Calif.

Dear Ruth:

I would like to know when you and George Rundquist expect to arrive in Los Angeles and how long you will be staying.

Unfortunately, we have no guest room so cannot offer hospitality. Would you let me know immediately how long you expect to stay, and if you wish me to arrange any sort of get togethers with Mr. Crotty or our WRA people here. I am unable to make any plans or arrangements until I will know how long you will be here.

I am hoping George can stay on a while and help me.

Sincerely,

*Gracia*

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Night Letter

5/4/45

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

RUNDQUIST ARRIVES LOS ANGELES MONDAY. WILL STAY SEVERAL DAYS.  
I WILL ARRIVE THURSDAY MORNING LEAVE FRIDAY NIGHT. SUGGEST  
AFTER YOU CONFER WITH RUNDQUIST MONDAY MORNING YOU ARRANGE  
MEETING WITH RUNDQUIST, BOOTH, THAYER, CROTTY, KINGMAN,  
THURSDAY AFTERNOON OR FRIDAY MORNING. RESERVE RUNDQUIST ROOM  
CLARK HOTEL.

Ruth W. Kingman



May 4, 1945

Mrs. Gracia Booth  
1052 West Sixth Street  
Los Angeles 14

Dear Gracia Booth:

I still recall with a glow my talks with you and Raymond. What a happy prospect that you are both to be in the same line of activity.

A few days ago I wrote Mr. Crotty, urging prompt approval of at least part of your excellent program plan, and I asked him to let you see the letter, as I wrote it on the bus, and therefore had no copy for you.

Now comes your important letter of April 30th to Mrs. Kingman, and one also to me. I expect to see her today or tomorrow, before she goes south, so as to discuss all the questions that you raise. Your contacts with outlying hot spots and your lining up of dependable persons in them all sounds good. But unless you get a few volunteer associates, it will obviously be impossible to keep so many irons hot. Even without too formal approval of your chairman, you can at least get the informal collaboration of such aides, both in L.A. and outside. It seems to me that getting several wise and active persons to help on Public Relations, with all its aspects, is very important, too.

As to reorganizing into a Southern Calif. Committee, the idea has all along appealed to me, provided folks now interested are not alienated in the transformation. I had supposed, however, that the headquarters must be in Los Angeles, not Pasadena. Perhaps I'm wrong. The best plan that occurs to me is to form a general So. Cal. Committee, which would include all the present L.A. and Pasadena members, presumably, and then have an Executive Committee, with Mrs. Thayer as Chairman. That is in effect the pattern of the Coast Committee, with its Advisory Board, and Executive Committee. I will discuss this with Ruth K. and George Rundquist, if he comes soon.

My best regards to Raymond.

Sincerely yours

Galen M. Fisher



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Mrs. Kingman

May 4, 1945

Mrs. Maynard Force Thayer  
466 East California Street  
Pasadena, California

Dear Mrs. Thayer:

Perhaps you already know from Ruth Kingman herself that she and George Rundquist expect to be in Los Angeles next week. I think they will arrive on the seventh. Ruth did not say how long she would be staying.

Would you like to have some time with us, or with her alone while she is here. If so, drop me a line or phone this office.

In a few minutes, I am going to Long Beach to speak to the Council of Church Women on race relations in the post war world, emphasizing work of Japanese Americans, and hope to meet with some of the members of the local citizen's committee.

When I see you again, which I hope will be soon, I have much to tell you about my trip this week out into the San Fernando Valley and to Santa Ana. I hope to get out to El Centro and Torrence and San Diego very soon now.

Cordially,

GLB  
RMF

Gracia D. Booth  
Executive Secretary



GALEN M. FISHER  
11 EL SUENO 2  
ORINDA, CALIFORNIA

May 7/45

Dear Ruth - Here are suggestions for resolutions by religious and social conferences, similar to those we supplied them last year. It is now time to do it again, & I believe, will be well worth while.

Chapman will be glad to cooperate, either by supplying a list of Protestant bodies, or by mailing them from his office. As to social agencies, Jews & Catholics, you will know how, or can ask Landrum, Farnham, Apul & race to help.

I leave early tomorrow for an emergency trip to Los Angeles with Cuth M.-G., hoping to be back Thursday am. If I have time, I'll telephone Mrs. Booth.

G.M.F.



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

Dear Mr. Crotty:

I was glad to get your letter of May 4 with the explanation of the relationship between our local committee here and the northern executive committee although I still do not quite completely "get it." It seems a rather awkward set-up to me.

The head of the International Institute is Miss Elsie Newton (not Meaton as you have in the 1 letter). She has asked to come on to the committee. Perhaps I should send her a membership card if she wishes to join the committee. But, I wish you could go out to the International Institutes and meet her yourself; or, perhaps when there is time, I will bring her into the office.

Raymond and I consider her one of the finest workers with minority groups we have ever known. She is a white-haired lady of great dignity and intellect. However, we can talk this over at some other time perhaps.

George Rundquist, Mrs. Thayer, Ruth Kingman and I all expect to be present at 9:00 a.m. on Friday for our conference with you in your offices.

I have just been talking with Earle O'Day whom I called inquiring for key names in Lomita and Torrance which are unusually "hot spots." Lomita is the home of post 1622 of the Veterans of Foreign Wars. Earle feels that there is an especial need to get local people of good will organized in this community. I am writing to one person in both places and asking for an interview with them. I will report on the results later.



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Mr. Crotty

May 9, 1945

Just now, I am awaiting a call from Gardena. There is a nucleus for a strong committee there, but because of violent anti-sentiment they are proceeding slowly and carefully, knowing that the Fair Play Committee stands ready to advise or help in any way that may be desirable. I am hoping that Goerge Rundquist will be able to go with me or go alone which might perhaps be much better.

Until Friday morning,

Sincerely,

GDB  
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Gracia D. Booth  
Executive Secretary



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May 14, 1945

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

Dear Mr. Crotty:

Enclosed is a letter which I thought you might be willing to sign and send to Dillon Myer with copies to Ickes and Portess, or perhaps you would prefer to incorporate the same ideas in a letter of your own phrasing and send it to them. I feel that it would be better to go over your signature than over mine. I would be glad to know what you do about it.

Mr. Rundquist and I have spent some time this morning discussing the communities where there is need for united friendly action upon the part of the residents on behalf of the returning Japanese. He plans to go tomorrow out to Whittier and perhaps to Montebello. In Montebello he will visit the chief of police who has been there twenty years and is O.K., and a Catholic priest who is very friendly toward Dan Marshall. Dan was city attorney there for a while as you probably know.

There is one newspaper whose editor is also a Catholic and quite friendly toward Dan and toward the Japanese Americans. The editor of the other newspaper is not friendly. There is also a Quaker buildings supervisor who is friendly and anxious to help. Mr. Rundquist will visit a similar group in Whittier whose names and addresses I have for him.

After he makes these visits, then he expects to go to El Centro and San Diego and to other outlying communities of tension. I feel that these "tours of investigation" will be of great help in the general over-all task of community organization in Southern California.



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Mr. Crotty

May 14, 1945

On Wednesday morning, Mr. Warren Smith, the YMCA Secretary of Gardena, and Rev. Mr. Elbath, the Presbyterian Minister of Gardena will meet with George and me at 9:45 in this office to discuss the Gardena situation and the advisability of organizing a committee there.

It was very helpful to have our little conference in your office last Thursday, and I will keep you posted as to all of our plans and developments.

Sincerely,

GDB:rar  
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Gracia D. Booth  
Executive Secretary



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## PACIFIC COAST

### Committee on American Principles and Fair Play

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Fair Play Committee  
2287 Telegraph Ave.  
Berkeley 4, Calif.

Dear Mrs. Kingman:

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You will be interested to know that I have contacted Katherine Kaplan and we are meeting for luncheon early in the week. I am preparing a list of communities which Katherine has contacted individually, most of whom she has had no reply. It will be very helpful to go over this list I am sure, before attempting further contact.

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Mrs. Kingman

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

Dear Mr. Scott:

This is to acknowledge the check in the amount of \$62.19 which covers my expenses for April as well as the \$25.00 revolving fund for the month of May.

Sincerely,

GDB  
rnr

Gracia D. Booth  
Executive Secretary



May 21, 1945

Mr. Harry S. Scott  
465 California Street  
San Francisco 4, California

Dear Mr. Scott:

Following is a statement of Mrs. Kingman's  
expenses on her recent trip to Los Angeles, May  
9; to May 11:

Fare--Round trip & Pullman (one way)---	\$26.34
Pullman (return)	6.91
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	\$33.25
Taxi	1.20
Meals	5.60
Hotel (no voucher)	3.00
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TOTAL -----	\$43.05

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman  
Executive Secretary

RMK:ech



GALEN M. FISHER  
11 EL SUENO 2  
ORINDA, CALIFORNIA

J. F.,

May 21/45

Dear Ruth - Here is a fresh  
try at Resolutions! Look  
em over critically.

I left written instruc-  
tions with Miss Murphy to  
send \$150. for office rent &  
see help to Mrs. Booth  
for Mar. Apr. & May 1945.

J.M.F.



Files Copy

5/21/45

Mr H Scott -

Mrs. Kingman & Mrs. Booth state  
that \$150. shd be sent at once to  
Mrs. Booth, in order to pay for our  
share of office rent & sec help at  
1052 W. 6<sup>th</sup> St., L.A. for the mos. of  
Mar. Apr. & May '45. You have  
already pd \$150. for that acct. to  
Mrs Kaplan, to cover Dec '44,  
Jan. & Feb '45.

I will write you & later as  
to our share for future months

G.M. Fisher



May 21, 1945

Mrs. Katherine Kaplan  
1732 Kelton Avenue  
Los Angeles, California

Dear Katherine:

Due, I hope, to having moved my office, and to having changed office secretaries, some way or another I can't locate either the minutes of the executive meeting authorizing that \$300.00 as our share of the funds for Los Angeles work, or any letter to you referring to it.

We are trying to straighten it all out. The only confusion is relating to procedure. My understanding coincided with the following report of Mrs. Booth's, made on May 16, after talking with you:

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Is that right? Or did that \$300.00 finally have come out of the money raised in Los Angeles (a part of the \$500.00 from Los Angeles Fair Play quota). If the latter is true, then the Congregational people owe us \$300.00.

If you can possibly spare a few minutes, will you jot down an account of your procedure of paying the \$50.00 per month to the Gillett office, so that we can regularize the payment of the remaining \$150.00?

Thanks a lot, and I do hope that you are liking your new job. I was in Los Angeles last week, but thought that I should not call you at the Police Department, and as I was there only one night, couldn't get you at home.



Mrs. Kaplan

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5/21/45

Better luck next time, as I really want to see  
you for a good old "bull session" -- or would it  
be?

Cordially yours,

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman  
Executive Secretary

RWK:cch



May 22, 1945

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

Dear Mr. Crotty:

It was good to meet with you and Mrs. Thayer. The great detail of overall activity takes so much of the time of the central office that it is always gratifying to confer with the Southern leaders of the Committee.

As you have sensed, the emphasis in our program has changed from that of simply supporting the government on principle, to that of putting that principle into practice. Just how far the Committee wishes to go in that direction will be determined by the results of a poll we expect to make of all Board and Executive Committee members, in the near future.

I have been talking with the young woman who promised to do some regular writing for us, and she feels that as most of the material she would prepare is contained, in one form or another, in "Myths and Facts about the Japanese-Americans", there is no need for duplication.

I agree with her that it is by far the best compilation yet made, and am sending you a copy today, and upon receipt of the 2000 we have ordered from Washington, will send one to each of our members.



I asked W.R.A. in Los Angeles to send you one, but as they had very few on hand, they may have been unable to do so.

If all of our members have this material in hand, do you not think that they will be sufficiently well informed to do the "answering back" to the press that our program calls for?

I am fully aware of the desirability of letting our members know of the general trend and developments as they appear. However, it is almost impossible to make an accurate evaluation which does not involve so much "off the record" stuff as to make any finished product colorless and unsatisfactory.

What do you think about such reports? You suggested that I make out a tentative budget for the Committee's work if it were to go on to the end of the year--indicating how much should be carried by North and South. We did not go into a discussion of what the program would be, so I can't very well figure a budget.

What would you like to see done after September 1, that could be accomplished on a greatly modified scale? I do hope that you will make suggestions, and I am sending a copy of this letter to Mrs. Thayer, asking for suggestions from her, as well.

With the "Myths" I am sending a few copies of two editorials, and the covering letter sent to all of our state legislators, to the West Coast Congressional Delegation, and to the leading columnists, radio commentators and editors all over the country. We will follow it with another two or three within the next ten days.

We will greatly appreciate any suggestions you can make.

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman

Executive Secretary

RWK:cch

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May 22, 1945

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

Dear Gracia:

Enclosed find copies of a couple of letters which will catch you up on what goes. The Miss Ingham I wrote to in Santa Ana is a very fine person and should be used. Get George on her and sail to.

Did Mrs. Thayer send you her extra "Homeward Bound" and how many more do you need?

We're still finagling for 2000 copies of "Myths" from Tozier (copies from Tozier- not myths!).

I have asked Katherine Kaplan for her ideas on that \$300.00 so that we can regularize the payment, and will inform you as soon as possible.

My regards to Raymond.

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman  
Executive Secretary

RWK:ceh  
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Mrs. Maynard Force Thayer  
466 East California St.  
Pasadena 5, California

Dear Mrs. Thayer:

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letter to Mr. Crotty. I do hope that you  
will give me your ideas and suggestions.

How did the meeting go?

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman  
Executive Secretary

RWK:cch  
Enclosure



May 23, 1945

Dear Mrs. Booth:

Thank you for keeping me so well posted. Your activities in outlying communities will be productive, I believe. It is important to enlist groups in a lot of places, each of them a center of education and opinion-making, and rumor-scutching.

As to finances, Mr. Scott will have sent you the \$150. due on account of rent and office assistance for March, April and May of 1945. Mrs. Kingman says she will write Mrs. Kaplan to check on the financial arrangements that we made a year ago. As I recall, the Central Treasury was to pay \$25. for general expenses of the Los Angeles Secretary, and was to match the \$300. raised by the Los Angeles Committee toward Rent and Office assistance. The point on which I am in doubt is as to our paying anything beyond this \$300. Mrs. Kingman is examining our files to settle this point, as well as writing Mrs. Kaplan. We want to give you all possible backing, but want to stick to whatever agreements were made, pending their revision. We also count on the L.A. Committee becoming increasingly able to cover whatever expenses are called for in addition to the amounts paid by the Central Treasury. After all, the load on the Los A. members has not been very heavy, and we all want to go ahead full steam during this last critical year.

I had a good letter from George Rundquist, speaking warmly of your growing service in rounding up copperbottoms in many places.

Sincerely yours

Galen M. Fisher

P.S.

As to rendering a report, you are correct, it would be well for you to send one every month to Mrs. Kingman. It need not be too detailed, as your current letters will be giving most of the necessary details, and what we need is a general picture, with mention also of problems on which we may be able to help.

GMF



Mrs. Kingman  
COPY

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Dear Mrs. Thayer:

Enclosed is a letter Mr. Crotty wrote to the Governor which I promised to send you. I think it is exceptionally good.

Both Raymond and I enjoyed attending the meeting last night and visiting with the people afterward. It is always an inspiration to meet new people who are interested in doing the same type of work to which we are giving our time.

I quite fell in love with Priscilla Beattie and I am arranging to have her meet me soon for a real visit. I am sure she will be useful to us in some way. Such a fine and enthusiastic spirit as hers should be given opportunity for practical expression on behalf of those she so sincerely longs to help.

Thank you for inviting us to attend the meeting.

Sincerely,

GDB:rar  
Enclosure

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Mrs. Kingman  
COPY

May 25, 1945

Mrs. Maynard Force Thayer  
466 East California Street  
Pasadena, California

Dear Mrs. Thayer:

Thank you very much for sending me a copy of your letter to the governor. I think it is an exceptionally fine expression and should have some influence.

Monday June 4 is all right for me to come to the executive committee so far as I know. Perhaps Raymond can come too. I am not sure whether or not George will have gone North by then.

I am sending the copy of "Reader's Scope" as you suggest and will pick it up when I see you, as it is the only copy I could procure.

Sincerely,

GDB  
rnr

Gracia D. Booth  
Executive Secretary



Mrs. Kingman  
COPY

May 23, 1945

Mr. Homer D. Grotty  
Floor 10  
634 South Spring Street  
Los Angeles, California

Dear Mr. Grotty:

Thank you very much for sending me a copy of your letter to Governor Warren. I think it is very well worded and should surely claim his attention. I am especially glad that you brought in the possible effects on other minority groups of "official silence" regarding these midnight shooting incidents.

Enclosed is a copy of a letter I just received from Paul Robertson. Please give me your advice as to the part our organization might play in securing sponsors for parolees.

The \$150.00 for extra office expenses, rent, etc. for March, April and May just came to my desk from the Northern California treasurer, Mr. Scott. I will send it on to Dr. Gillett immediately.

Sincerely,

GDB:rar  
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Gracia D. Booth  
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# PACIFIC COAST

## Committee on American Principles and Fair Play

(INCORPORATED)

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

May 24, 1945

Mrs. Ruth Kingman  
2287 Telegraph Ave.  
Berkeley 4, California

Dear Ruth:

I just came back from a very profitable two-hour conference with Katherine Kaplan. We had lunch together at the little hotel across the street.

Your letter was on my desk when I returned. Thank you for the copy of your letters to Mr. Crotty and from Mrs. Ingham. I would be interested in knowing how she wrote the sheriff. The young lady to whom she refers was in Raymond's office a day or so after the incident and we got the full story and she made up her mind then not to run away.

Paul Robertson visited Santa Ana immediately and I have heard a great deal of conversation around WRA offices about the incident. I hope things work out all right.

George Rundquist and I were going down together, but since a number of things came up here to claim first attention on my part, George went alone to get the "lay of the land".

I know about the group of influential people in Santa Ana who have been meeting to discuss whether they should organize into an active committee or not for a fear of stirring up antagonism by working openly. They know through my recent trip to Santa Ana and correspondence and phone calls that I stand ready to come or send someone to meet with them and plan their organization and work. The next time I go I shall look up Edna Ingham whose name is not on the list I have.

Thank you also for the two enclosed editorial reprints which I had not seen before. Paul Robertson writes that you showed them a copy when you were down and has asked me to send him some more. He wants to

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Mrs. Kingman

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distribute them (or wants me to) to different relocation offices in this area. If you have them on hand would you send me several hundred of each.

Yes, Mrs. Thayer sent the copies of "Homeward Bound" that very day, but we are out again. I find most people writing in ask for that and the one I wrote along with the brochure of the Fair Play Committee.

I have received several copies of "Myths" since you were here and I am going through it carefully as Earle O'Day has asked me to break it down into five or six editions for mimeographing. I will phone Mr. Crotty, and if WRA has not sent him a copy, I will do so at once.

The \$150.00 that I was worried about came to hand yesterday. Dr. Gillett will be back on the job here soon and he will understand about the financial arrangements with the Congregational Committee here. I will turn the check over to him and leave it all in his hands.

I am meeting Mrs. Chauncey D. Clarke at her earliest convenience for a discussion of conditions, sentiment, personalities, etc. in the Coachella section of the Imperial Valley.

You will have received by now among the many other carbons, the very interesting copy of Major Hartney's letter from El Centro. Today I received a similar letter from San Diego. WRA Officer John McClendon there says that some twenty odd interested people <sup>are</sup> meeting tomorrow evening for the express purpose of working out some form of organization in working out a civic unity or fair play committee for helping the returning evacuees. May I say, for your information, that over the six-weeks period since I have been in this office, I have had many contacts at the WRA office over the telephone and by correspondence with this man and others in the San Diego area and have been constantly prodding them (ever so gently) toward the very thing that they are doing.

I will keep you advised as to what the results of their meeting are. Katherine Kaplan and Clarence Gillett made a visit there early in the year to start the ball rolling. He <sup>(W.R.A. man)</sup> ordered two hundred copies of my pamphlet "How Can We Help Japanese <sup>American</sup> Evacuees?" and "Homeward Bound" and twenty-five brochures on the Fair Play Committee which we have sent, special handling, since his letter came so late.



Mrs. Kingman

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The group at San Fernando which I mentioned at the Conference in Mr. Crotty's office last week are planning to get together very soon for a definite organizational meeting at which time either I am to go or will send someone else--as they choose. In San Fernando there are one or two ministers working sort of behind the scenes so that when the group does meet to organize, the mayor, the head of the American Legion Post, a banker and some labor people will think it was all their own idea. The legion man by the way has made many trips to Manzanar to advise with former residents regarding their return and on the occasion of one visit, a big party was thrown for him in one of the mess halls.

I could go on and name a number of other communities which are right on the verge of organizing their own community council, citizen's committee, civic unity council, or "what have you". Of course I could go or send someone else out to hurry them up, but I ~~feel~~ increasingly confident that the more enduring organization and work will emerge if we down here at least are willing to make haste slowly, taking the long view far far ahead as well as the short view without forgetting for one moment the emergent need of the Japanese Americans.

At Burbank a group is gradually ~~revolving~~ revolving on their own strength more or less with an occasional prod from me, Ataloea, or one of the WRA people who happens to visit there, and I am sure that when they finally organize, it will be to them their very own organization which they thought of themselves.

The Glendale people will be having me out soon, early in June, I believe. They are definitely on the way to some organization.

Lomita and Torrance will do pretty much what is done in Gardena, and I am hoping that George will be able to spend a day <sup>or</sup> afternoon and evening in Gardena among the people whom Rev. Mr. Eidsath and Warren Smith, the YMCA secretary, know to be friendly and cooperative.

Riverside and Redlands I am investigating, and by the way, I have been asked to be the Sunday speaker at a YWCA camp near Redlands early in June.

Lucille Day writes of the splendid welcome being given to the returnees to their homes there. Lucille is a long-time personal friend of mine and I can keep my fingers on the pulse of that community very easily without making a special trip out there. Lucille knows that she can call upon this office at any time for help or advice. ~~Lucille~~ <sup>She</sup> has asked for Nisei to fill several jobs and I have sent the offers



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on to him. Miss Dunning of the local YWCA has asked me to provide ten girls between the ages of ~~16~~ 12 and eighteen years for both the junior and senior camps in June. I immediately thought of Priscilla Beattie and called Mrs. Thayer who approved my idea of asking Priscilla to take on this task advising with me of course all along. It will give her a real job to do and provide a much needed medium of expression for that great enthusiasm of hers and her real love of the Japanese people. I met her for the first time at the Fair Play Committee meeting in Pasadena on Monday night and liked her extremely well.

You will find in the carbons which we sent on to you, a copy of a letter from Paul Robertson regarding sponsors for parolees. I telephoned Mr. Crotty and we are both agreed that although this is not a responsibility which the Fair Play Committee should take on, it would be of great service to the WRA if we could turn it over to some groups or individuals who would assume some responsibility in this direction. I have placed it in the hands of Dr. Farnham of the Church Federation and Dr. Dreier Superintendent of the Southern California Congregational Conference. Mrs. Thayer also had a few suggestions as to people who might be willing to back Paul up in this need. Dr. Gillett just now blew into the office and I imagine he will have some ideas.

I am expecting a call from Mrs. Hathaway the Long Beach YWCA woman any minute now. They have a number of very interested friendly people there. There is no need for education or "needling" there, but maybe a "pat" or two and a little shove will soon produce a strong local committee. I am spending Saturday in Long Beach, and will let you know if anything develops.

The Whittier girls work secretary, Portia Perry, wrote to ask me if I would be willing to spend eight days in July in three different camp set-ups presenting the problems of returning Japanese Americans emphasizing the idea of Fair Play, etc. to the girls and the counselors who will be there. What do you think? I have not yet answered her.

I am seeing Rabbi Magnin, Mrs. Curtis Albro YWCA Board Chairman and others in a few days. I will write you about these interviews later.

I have been giving a great deal of thought to the idea of our committee putting out some sort of small pamphlet or mimeographed folder containing information regarding the various communities of this area with names of friendly people to whom the evacuees may go, in regard to housing, jobs, etc. to be distributed throughout the camps, the aim being to acquaint the evacuee with the attitude of the community to which he may wish to return and give him a



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sense of security in furnishing names of people upon whom he may depend for friendly assistance, all this in the name of Fair Play Committee.

In your letter to Mr. Crotty of which you sent me a copy you mention the sending of literature to the Fair Play Committee members. Please instruct me as to how much circularizing I am free or supposed to do of our Southern California group. There is no need of our efforts being duplicated and at the same time, I do not want to fall down on this task if it is my responsibility. Personally, I would like to see my executive and advisory board at least receive some sort of information regarding the progress of relocation plus up to date information regarding the developments of committees, etc. in outlying communities. I would appreciate your advice along this line since you are an old hand at the job.

Now, I must stop to talk with Dr. Gillett who is going on to Long Beach in a short time. Could we have as many copies of "Homeward Bound" as you can spare and also of the Fair Play Committee brochure and membership cards and also copies of each of those editorial sheets.

I never did raise a cent in my life except out of Raymond's pockets and don't know whether I could or not but a letter from Galen Fisher just came to my desk expressing the hope that the Southern California branch could take more responsibility in a financial way (Is I is or is I ain't the goat?).

Sincerely,

*Gracia*

Gracia D. Booth  
Executive Secretary

GDB  
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### Committee on American Principles and Fair Play

(INCORPORATED)

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

May 25, 1945

Mr. Galen Fisher  
11 El Sueno 2  
Orinda, California

Dear Galen Fisher:

Dr. Gillett came into the office for a short time yesterday on his way to Long Beach. He will be around here for several days, and the matter of continuing in this office, etc. perhaps can be gone into at that time.

In going through Katherine Kaplan's papers I have run across some report blanks which she said she used in rendering reports to Mrs. Kingman, and I will begin sending them in immediately as you suggest.

A copy of my lengthy letter to Ruth Kingman is being sent on to you and will bring you up to date on my efforts and activities in the field outside Los Angeles.

I am contacting a number of other communities today and tomorrow by telephone and letter and some visits early in the week perhaps, and will keep you both posted as to progress and results from time to time.

Thank you for prompt action in clearing up the matter of \$150.00 to this office. I turned it over immediately to Clarence Gillett who understands the whole arrangement better.

Katherine and I met for lunch on Wednesday and she gave me a great deal of valuable information and explanation regarding certain aspects of the work here. We plan to meet more or less regularly and I feel that she is one hundred per cent behind my efforts, busy though she is in her own job. The Fair Play Committee work will always be close to her heart.

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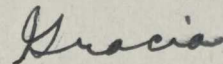


Mr. Fisher

May 25, 1945

Please send any suggestions as to contacts you feel I should make (if I am not) or as to procedure which you may deem wiser than that which I am following. Your advice and support are invaluable to me in this work.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Gracia".

Mrs. Gracia D. Booth  
Executive Secretary

GDB  
rmr



1732 Kellton Ave  
Los Angeles 24-  
May 25, 1945.

Dear Ruth -

It was nice hearing from you,  
even though it was a business letter.

That deal with Gillett was  
that \$150 was to be paid toward  
his expenses by the Committee in Los  
Angeles, which, of course has its money  
in San Francisco, and \$150 was to be  
paid by the Committee in Berkeley. Galen  
Fisher sent me that \$150. This total of  
\$300 was to be the Fair Play's contribution  
to the work he has been doing for  
6 months, at a rate of \$50 a month.  
I never did know exactly what the  
Congregationalists' contribution was to be,  
other than match what we gave.

While I was with the Committee, I  
paid Gillett \$150, and I understand  
from Mrs. Booth that she has  
received \$150 from Mr. Scott &



pay for the 3 months after I left. This completes the Fair Play Committee's obligations in this matter unless we want to renew it. If the Congregation does give us \$300 - that will carry the expense for which we are responsible for another 6 months. But just what that church does, I don't know - Sister probably does.

How was your trip to Washington? From all reports, you had a marvelous time - It must have been terrific.

So sorry I missed you while you were here - As Mrs. Basch probably told you, I'm working nights - at the City Jail. It's really an amazing experience & I love every minute of it - I go to juvenile next month and will then work into the agency program.

Give my best to all, and let me know how things are -

Best always.

Katharine



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Miss Constance Halliday  
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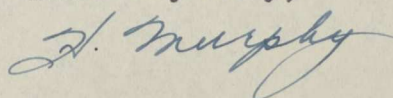
Dear Miss Halliday:

With reference to our 'phone conversation of today, I am listing below expenses incurred in connection with the January Conference of the Committee in San Francisco:

Palace Hotel		\$90.00
Pacific Tel. & Tel. Co.	Jan. 24 Invoice	74.07
(Above average monthly bill of approximately \$43.00)		
Pacific Tel. & Tel. Co.	Feb. 16	87.51
(\$55.00 above average monthly bill)		
Gift to Ed Banfield		100.00
S.F. Commercial Club Luncheon		20.00
Clarence S. Gillett		28.20
Dr. Hubert Phillips		9.94
Ann Madsen		90.11
R. Priscilla Beattie		24.84
Antonio A. Gonzales		20.18
Mrs. M. Thayer		17.19
Katherine F. Kaplan		24.50
Rev. S. Kubo		55.70
F. Yasuda		16.73
Marie S. Watkins		6.38
Shughak L. Kim		23.65
Saburo Kido		59.95
Galen M. Fisher		47.09
Col. P. G. McDonnell		<u>23.77</u>
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Miss Wierch

Yours very truly,



H. Murphy



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Committee on American Principles and Fair Play  
PASADENA CHAPTER

466 East California Street  
Pasadena 5, California  
May 26, 1945

Dear Mrs. Kingman:

Enclosed is a copy of the letter I wrote to Governor Warren. I think it is quite time he or some one takes more of a stand. We need a conviction or two to stop all this.

Our meeting was good and Mr. Booth and Mr. Marshall gave fine talks. Unfortunately it was the smallest crowd we have ever had, partly because Mr. Marshall's name was not known here but especially, I believe and told the group that night, because we have had no open opposition over here lately and people take it for granted that the crisis is over. I do not agree it is so even in Pasadena, possibly, as through W.R.A. I learn that the local American Legion has put out a pamphlet recently on the subject, I telephoned two Legion members trying to get a copy but both, one being Lowell McAdam, our former vice-chairman, said they had not seen it. Will keep on trying.

I think the two editorials you sent are very fine, especially the one from U.C. I always like anything broken up into short statements like that as it catches the eye and people will read it. It seems to me that would be good for wide publicity. "Myths and Facts" is good but *it is too long* might be broken up a bit. I do think our members like to have some facts or report of activities occasionally. I know they will lose interest unless they do.

I hope very much the Los Angeles office can be kept open until the first of the year. Mrs. Booth will be so well informed after the summer work that I think she could do it with little direction. I find her a wonderful organizer, enthusiastic, full of ideas and very practical. I supposed that Mr. Crotty wanted some idea of the cost of carrying that on with your general directive. It is too early to know just how things will work out on relocation by September 1st but I fear there will be plenty of difficult places to watch. Mrs. Booth and George Rundquist seem to me to be making fine progress on contacting key people. We are to have an executive committee meeting on June 4th and Mrs. Booth will be here. That will be the last for me before I go to New York.

I am glad to send the telegram about "Nisei in Uniform" as you suggest.

Sincerely yours,

*Maynard Force Thayer.*



*The Governor's letter was better typed.*

466 East California Street  
Pasadena 5, California  
May 24, 1945

Governor Earl Warren  
Sacramento, California

Dear Governor Warren:

A few days ago Pasadena Chapter of the Pacific Coast Committee on American Principles <sup>at our play</sup> of nearly three hundred members, held a meeting at our Public Library. Several speakers referred to the outbreak of shootings into the homes of returning Japanese-American evacuees and to the fact that only in one case has there been an arrest and in not one a conviction.

A United Nations Conference is being held in San Francisco to plan a World Organization under which nations large and small, of different races and religions and cultures can live peaceably together, yet within two hundred miles acts of terrorism against a racial minority group are being committed and there is evidence of no concerted effort on the part of government officials to stop them. Surely delegates of Oriental and other races at San Francisco are well aware of California's lack of desire or ability to stop this persecution of a racial minority.

The thirteen wounded soldiers from DeWitt General Hospital, Auburn who on May 1st published a letter in the Sacramento Bee did not hesitate to voice their disapproval when they wrote - "We, the undersigned, have returned having suffered various injuries, from a conflict in which we felt we were fighting for the ideals of freedom and justice for all. -- Upon our return we are confronted with acts of terrorism no more justifiable than those committed by our enemies in Europe and the Pacific. --- What kind of freedom is this? Is this the way the affairs of our country are to be conducted in our absence? Men guilty of such behaviour are not worthy of citizenship in our United States of America. "

An editorial in the Washington Post of May 1 in speaking of these California "incidents" said -- "Incidents do injury to us all, not only to our good name but to the institutions upon which our secure and orderly way of life is founded. If California authorities can not uphold the law and protect the citizens of their own State, they should call upon the Federal Government for help. Terrorism is no less ugly at home than abroad."



We respectfully call upon you as Governor of this great State which is right now on trial before the eyes of the world, to initiate some policy which shall rid us of such acts of terrorism or if necessary to call upon the Federal Government to take over and stamp them out.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Maynard Force Thayer, Chairman



UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

May 28, 1945

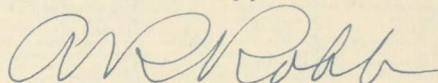
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(and to Osgood)*

Mrs. Harry Kingman  
535 San Luis Road  
Berkeley, California

Dear Mrs. Kingman:

In President Sproul's absence, I  
am wondering whether you would wish to reply to  
the enclosed letter from Major Hopkins, sent to  
Dr. Sproul by Mr. Robert S. Osgood. The speech referred  
to is, of course, Dr. Sproul's remarks before the  
Committee on American Principles and Fair Play.

Yours sincerely,



Secretary to the  
President



May 28, 1945

Mrs. Maynard Force Thayer  
466 East California Street  
Pasadena 5, California

Dear Mrs. Thayer:

Under separate cover I am sending you copies of a 'finance letter' which we have distributed to northern California members.

The Pasadena group may wish to distribute them among their members. I have also sent some to Mrs. Booth; perhaps it would be best to consult her so as to avoid possible duplication.

If additional copies are needed they may be had from this office.

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary



May 28, 1945

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

Dear Mrs. Booth:

Under separate cover, I am sending you copies of the 'finance letter' which we have distributed to members in Northern California asking for a renewal of their contribution.

You may wish to distribute this letter to members in the Los Angeles area. Mr. Fisher wished me to clarify his suggestion to you that you seek to raise money in the Los Angeles area. He meant that you should seek to get the members to renew their grants. I believe that either Mr. Fisher or Mrs. Kingman will write you more fully on this matter.

If you find the 'finance letter' helpful, additional copies may be had from this office.

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary



May 28, 1945

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman  
Apt. 3 Beverly Terrace  
Carmel, California

Dear Boss:

Called Mr. Fisher this a.m. as per your instructions. He said that he suggested to Mrs. Booth that she try to get members to renew their membership. He did not say definitely how much he expected the Los Angeles group to raise or make any arrangements as to how it was to be done.

I told him we had extra 'finance letters' here and he thought it a good idea to send Mrs. Booth some to distribute, explaining that he had only meant her to seek renewal of membership fees.

Hope the sun holds out!

Sincerely,



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## Committee on American Principles and Fair Play

(INCORPORATED)

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

May 29, 1945

Dr. Galen M. Fisher,  
11 El Sueno 2,  
Orinda, California.

Dear Dr. Fisher:

In answer to your letter of May 28th, I thought you would be interested in the sequel of my correspondence with Governor Warren, so I am enclosing a copy of his reply and my rejoinder. I hold no very deep conviction that the Governor is going to do a great deal about this matter. There will have to be more letters written to him on the subject from additional people. Perhaps Maurice Harrison could help out.

I have also felt that some of the other minority organizations should get on the job. I am strongly of the opinion that unless the sort of thing which is being done against the Japanese is stopped right now, there will be trouble for the other minorities in the very near future. There are too many dangerous tensions to let this get out of hand. I cannot understand why the Governor does not see this.

The Fresno incident was reported in the Los Angeles Times this morning in which the man pleaded guilty to using a dangerous weapon in a threatening manner, which is a brand new term for shooting at one. The six months suspended sentence is enough of a comment without more.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

HDC:JRB  
Enc.  
CC Mrs. Booth

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STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Earl Warren  
Governor

GOVERNOR'S OFFICE

Sacramento 14  
May 23, 1945

Mr. Homer D. Crotty, Chairman  
Executive Committee of Los Angeles  
Committee on American Principles and Fair Play  
1052 West Sixth Street  
Los Angeles 14, California

Dear Mr. Crotty:

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

I have collaborated with the Army and the relocation authorities on this subject since the problem first arose and am doing everything that can reasonably be done to create a tolerant public opinion in connection with the problem.

The Attorney General and I have collaborated on many of the incidents to which you allude. In Placer County, trials were conducted but without avail. I know that the Attorney General, who is the chief law enforcement officer of the State and who has supervision over district attorneys and sheriffs, has used the facilities of his office to establish proper standards of law enforcement in this regard. It must be remembered, however, that law enforcement in this State, except for the supervision of the Attorney General - with a very small staff - is a matter of local responsibility. The State is not equipped to protect the homes of thousands of people over an area of 150,000 square miles. I have personally urged every Mayor and every principal law enforcement officer in the State to support the government and do his full duty in this situation. I believe most of them are trying to do their jobs.

You may be sure, however, I will continue to do everything I can to see that these people have their constitutional rights protected, but the sentiment for doing so and the law enforcement measures must come from the communities in which these people live. I would therefore suggest that your major effort be directed to that end.

Sincerely

Earl Warren  
Governor

EW:fl



May 25, 1945

Hon. Earl Warren,  
Governor of the State of California,  
Sacramento 14, California.

My dear Governor Warren:

Thank you very much for your letter of May 23rd. You may be sure that the Committee on American Principles and Fair Play will continue its efforts to create in the communities in this state respect for the rights of the returned Japanese Americans.

We are convinced, however, that our efforts in this regard can be materially strengthened with renewed publicly expressed statements on your part of the State's firm determination to protect the constitutional rights of these people.

Yours sincerely,

Homer D. Crotty

Chairman, Executive  
Committee of Los Angeles

HDC:JRB  
BC Mrs. Booth