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Dear

With so much being said in the press and on the air on the subject of Americans of Japanese ancestry, we feel confident that you will be interested in the enclosed booklets.

There has been too little carefully documented material prepared on this subject, and we are sending you these leaflets, feeling sure that you will appreciate a far minded and accurate presentation of fact and opinion on this highly difficult subject.

Very sincerely yours,

s/

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman
Executive Secretary

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EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
OFFICE FOR EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

WASHINGTON, D. C.

July 1, 1944
AIR MAIL

In Reply Refer To S-47

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

Attention: Miss Mary Jefferds

Gentlemen:

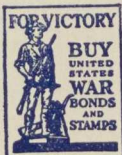
We returned to you on June 29th 1,110 additional copies of pamphlet entitled "American Fighting Men Speak Out".

Our order of 2500 copies was completed on June 26, 1944. These additional copies arrived on June 27, 1944 and evidently were the copies misplaced by the Railway Express as indicated in your letter dated June 5, 1944. Purchase Order 16843-44 was mailed to you on June 28, 1944 confirming our order.

Your cooperation is appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

for [Signature]
Bruce L. McDaniel
Acting Chief, Purchase Branch



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July 3, 1944

Congressman George E. Outland
Santa Barbara
California

Dear George:

I 'see by the paper' that you are now in your home baliwick, and it is natural to suppose that you are inordinately busy. I had hoped to get a letter to you before you left Washington, but as usual, the press of things kept me from it.

The immediate reason for this letter is to express a hope that you are planning an early trip to San Francisco. Aside from having several things in my mind I'd like to talk over with you, there is another very good reason for your adding a day to your stay in the north, if and when.

There is, here on the University of California campus, a fine group of students who are sincerely interested in government. Most of them are doing things in the Public Administration department, and many hold leading positions in the political organizations of the Associated students.

They want to Know All! In other words, they are eager to hear from someone who speaks their own language, whose motives spring from the same sorts of interests, and who has had experiences, good and bad, some satisfying(I hope), and some discouraging, in the public service.

I have told them that I would invite you to meet with them, at a very informal dinner-discussion in our home, at whatever date you could set. We hope that it will be soon.

Will you give my personal regards to Mrs. Outland, whom I was happy to meet while in Washington, and convey to her a most cordial invitation to meet with the students if and when you can be with us.

Incidentally, Welcome to California!

Very cordially yours,

July 3, 1944

Rev. K.L. Danskin
2641 Dalton Ave.
Los Angeles 7, Calif.

Dear Mr. Danskin:

I am sending some material unders separate cover which you may find of some interest and information.

Enclosed you will find a membership application. All our regular members receive our releases from time to time, and are not on our regular mailing list.

Sincerely yours,

Office secretary

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July ³ 1944

Mrs. Ruth W. Sears
333. Coughlin St.
Vallejo, Calif.

Dear Mrs. Sears:

In clearing out our files, I have discovered your letter and order of June 19th, which was inadvertantly filed prior to filling out your order. May we apologize for any inconvenience this delay may have caused you. The order was of course accompanied by your one dollar payment for the order which we mailed to you on July 1st.

I hope this will conclusively clear up the matter.

Very sincerely yours,

Office secretary

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July 3, 1944

Mrs. Marian Hyashi:
2215 N. Garrett
Dallas 6
Texas

Dear Marian:

I was very glad to hear from you last week, and to hear that Dr. Hayashi is now working in Dallas, instead in "furrin' parts". --You must be proud of Toyoko, for her ability to find work for herself, --I hope that the job presents a minimum of difficulties.

I don't know what rumors you have heard that have inclined you toward postponing filling out and mailing the forms asking for the forwarding of your property. There does not seem to be much that I can or should say at this time--however, "off the record"-- you are probably showing good judgement, and will probably not regret your decision.

I'm glad that there are persons who recognize the good work that WRA is sincerely trying to do. Anyone can see the many mistakes and injustices arising from their program, but I shudder to think how it might have been under other direction. Let's hope that the major part of their work will soon be completed. I think that history will show that they have instilled no small degree of democracy in a situation which constantly belies the very existence of such a factor.

My regards to the family. We look forward to seeing our friends again, before the end of "hostilities", at least.

Very cordially yours,

sent to: 1) those who bought quantity Balance Sheet (58)

July 3, 1944

(and July 11, 1944)

Dear

Your interest in the problems confronting Americans of Japanese ancestry has been shown in the past. We have prepared the enclosed pamphlet with the idea of presenting some of the thoughts and statements of some of our American fighting men on this general subject.

We feel that Yori Wada's experiences offer a definite challenge to what he calls "his America" -- a challenge more sharply expressed by the men quoted in "American Fighting Men Speak Out".

Additional copies are available, and we will be glad to receive any orders, as we hope for a wide circulation of these booklets.

Very sincerely yours,

s/

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman
Executive Secretary

RWK:mj

Encl. Wada
Fighting Men

July 3, 1944

Mr. Charles Petrie
President, Tehama Farm Bureau
Red Bluff, Calif.

Dear Mr. Petrie:

It has been brought to our attention that on June 19, the Tehama Farm Bureau adopted a series of resolutions relative to the Japanese and Japanese American problem in California. In order to carry through the program of the Committee on American Principles and Fair Play, we are seeking as much information as possible on these resolutions. Could you give me the answers to the following questions, suggested by the resolutions as we have noted them:

- 1) Resolution that all Japanese be placed under Army control. Does this include thousands of West Coast Japanese Americans now in the armed forces, who, together with their wives and families will return when the war is over? Does this include these wives and families, during the war period, when their husbands, sons and brothers are fighting as loyal American soldiers?
- 2) Full use of American Japanese in agriculture. Under what conditions other than those maintained prior to the war does the Farm Bureau propose using American Japanese in agriculture? Would this entail labor draft? If under "army control", would it result in labor under armed guard? If so, has the Farm Bureau given full consideration to the added maltreatment of our Americans interned by Japan which would inevitably result? And what effect such action would have on the mental attitudes of members of other minority groups now normally employed in California agriculture?
- 3) Deportation of all Japanese at the end of the war who were not born here. It is our understanding that there are existing laws which enable the Federal Courts to deport

lawabiding aliens? What effect would this have on the lawabiding parents, sisters, brothers, and even wives of our service men of Japanese ancestry who might have been born abroad?

4) That all disloyal Japanese be removed from the Pacific Coast. It is our understanding that such have already been removed, and that they have been taken into custody, some by the Department of Justice, some upon the advice of the intelligence services of the Government. What system do you propose for the determination of disloyalty?

5) No Japanese of American birth be granted citizenship unless their parents were American citizens before they were born. Does the Farm Bureau propose in its resolution that only the second generation of Americansborn Japanese be eligible to citizenship and does it propose a change in Article XIV of the Constitution which provides that any person born in the United States is eligible to citizenship?

It may be possible that we have been misinformed as to the context of some of these resolutions so we are requesting further explanatory information on them.

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman
Executive Secretary

RWK:mj

July 3, 1944

Mr. Gannor Lattimer
29 Landon Court
Cincinnati 29, Ohio

Dear Mr. Lattimer:

I believe that we have already sent you the copies of the "Balance Sheet" you ordered. Thank you very much, for asking for them. We feel that the material included is excellent.

You have referred to a seeming contradiction between the statements of Chief Gabrielson of Honolulu and Col. Fielder of G-2, stationed in Hawaii.

There has never been any understanding that there was no espionage in Honolulu prior to December 7, 1941. It is well known that the Japanese consulate maintained the "excellent system of espionage" to which Chief Gabrielson refers. This fact in no way contradicts Col. Fielder's statement that "There have been no know acts of sabotage, espionage, or fifth column activities committed by the Japanese in Hawaii either on or subsequent to December 7, 1941."

There seems to have been no general misunderstanding of this, as your questioning is the first to arise, to my knowledge.

Thank you very much for your interest. I showed your letter to Galen Fisher, who expressed his appreciation of your attitude.

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman

RWK:mj

July 3, 1944

Mrs. Russell P. Hastings
3525 Pacific Ave.
San Francisco 18, Calif.

Dear Mrs. Hastings:

Thank you very much for your letter, including the lists and your own contribution. It was good of you to reply so speedily.

The lists will be referred to, immediately, and carefully selected material sent to the persons named.

We can only hope that the sort of quiet education we are trying to do will in some way give ballast to the all too often wavering convictions of many liberal minded people who might otherwise weaken under public hysteria.

We feel, with you, that the coming of General Bonnesteel calls for a "cooling off" period before we offer him our cooperation. I don't envy him his position. The pressures must be terrific.

Thank you, again. It is good to have friendly cooperation.

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman

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July 3, 1944

Mr. Walter Godfrey
483 East Villa
Pasadena 4, Calif.

Dear Mr. Godfrey:

Thank you for your letter of June 14: I've just been too busy to write--no real excuse. I have given the name of Miss Janice Clayton to our Executive Secretary for Southern California, passing along your suggestions. She will know about the Hollywood Democratic Committee and how much of a carryover of our two programs there might or might not be.

The Poulson article in World is being questioned, I believe by the Public Relations of War Relocation Authority. I may be wrong. We are also writing.

How is the one man campaign going? I hope you have luck, for that specific sort of thing is invaluable. Let us know how things go.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman

RWK:mj

483 East Villa Street
Pasadena 4, California
July 13, 1944

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

Dear Ruth Kingman,

Thankyou for the letter off the 3rd. I am sure that the southern California office will take care of the matter. Since the Hollywood Democratic Committee is primarily interested in matters of legislation, I think it would be well to suggest they fight the McFarland-Robinson Bill which is to come up at the next session of Congress.

I received a letter from the editor of WORLD magazine recently to the effect that they had no "policy" except to support the government and the war effort, that Representative Poulson presented his own views only and didn't necessarily give the views of the magazine, and that they would be happy to present an article giving the other point of view.

At the suggestion of Carey McWilliams I have approached Congressman George Outland of Santa Barbara on the matter. He feels that Outland is very sound on this question and that he'd write a good letter,- article. Since I wrote to Mr Outland but two days ago, I've had no answer as yet.

On the whole I think I'm pleased with the way things are going here. I am much concerned that we move on as quickly as possible in anticipation of what MIGHT come to pass after the November elections.

I hope to get to the bay region again about the middle of August and will look forward to dropping in on you at that time.

Cordially yours,

Walt Godfrey

Walter Godfrey

July 3, 1944

Mrs. Thomas Fleming
1541 Lombardy Rd.
Pasadena 5, Calif.

Dear Mrs. Fleming:

Thank you very much for our letter ordering the additional copies of "American Fighting Men Speak Out". We are glad to have our members and their friends make the greatest possible use of the material we prepare.

You referred to the Nisei stationed in Menlo Park. I am very glad that the Sergeant (and I hope his two Nisei friends) were able to go to Southern California. I am sure that you will be glad to know that one of our members, who is one of the assistant editors of the San Francisco Chronicle, went with me to see the boys in the hospital, several weeks before they were well enough to go out for weekends. We got some good publicity in the local press, and sent the stories on to Honolulu. Later, all of the boys came to my home to dinner, and on to a student dance on the campus, where they were enthusiastically received.

Other of our members have entertained them, and I hear from the boys quite regularly. I am sure that they are having as good a time as possible, so far from their outfit.

Very cordially yours,

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman
Executive Secretary

RWK:mj

Dear Mrs Kingman: Your
letter was a joy to me
for I get so discouraged
when people condemn the
whole Japanese race. What
a very up and coming com-
mittee you have to do
such lovely things for the
Nisei at Menlo Park Hospital;
especially you having them
to dinner. That was wonderful
for Orientals whether born
abroad or here usually are
never invited into an American
(I mean Occidental-American)
home. I try to keep in touch

with my Japanese friends and
also to argue with the Amer-
icans of the only-good-Jap-is-
a-dead-one type even though
their minds are hermetically
sealed. Thank you when you
are so busy for taking the
time to write me what you
are doing. I appreciate it.

Sincerely

Margaret E. B. Fleming
(Mrs Theo. Fleming Jr)

July 8

7/14/44
u.s.s. Idaho
40 Fleet P.O.
San Francisco
3 July 1944

Dear Mrs. Kingman,

From the "Y's Bear", letters from Harry, letters from Bill Davis, and from other sources come reports and comments on Ruth Kingman and the Pacific Coast Committee on American Principles & Fair Play. It's very gratifying to learn of such an organization — one with such motives and resolve. Since being assigned to the Pacific Area I've gained an appreciation of what the problem is and the need for doing something about it now.

Eiji Wada's article brought home so concretely the possibilities of much injustice in the near future being done to the loyal Americans of Japanese ancestry. I thought it was an excellent bit of writing.

Because I feel so strongly the need for doing something, I wish to send the enclosed contribution to help out some. I shall certainly be interested in the progress your committee makes and the experiences it has.

Sincerely yours,
Reg. Mountjoy
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WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY

SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA, OFFICE
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In reply, please refer to:

July 3, 1944

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

Dear Ruth:

Pardon the informality of the typing, spelling, etc., but I can't wait for the stenos to put in an appearance.

RBC has written to the Bishop, telling him that you will forward a copy of the transcript of Larry Smith's commentary.

In the letter a notation is made that Smith opened his remarks with the statement that "two news items of recent date" might be considered a stab in the back to the boys overseas", listing No. 1 on the lend-lease diversion of equipment from General MacArthur and No. 2 being the Resolution adopted by the Southern California-Arizona Methodist Conference.

The girl who took the transcript neglected to get the opening remark, but it is there on the record and if the Bishop wants to go out to see Mr. Earl C. Anthony at KFI he could have the record played for him. I do not believe these people should take this slur lightly. Too many villainies are practiced under the "Right of Free Speech".

Sincerely,

Pat Trayner

P.S. - I have one more copy after sending one to D. S. Meyer

P.F.



Ref is from

Room 315

School of Education
Univ. of California
7-4-44

Dear Mrs. Kingman:

I recall our chat in the Coastal
LA last February. I suppose you know that
the Koroichi address has been published in current
issue of Common Ground.

You will be interested in the job
I have in the Rural Congress. Can't we get together
to compare notes? President Sprague gave an
excellent presentation of "fair play" on behalf of
your Committee in LA last week. I am the
working in the State for the next twelve months.
Can we not help each other?

Yours sincerely,

Stanley G. Cole

MADE IN U.S.A.

July 5, 1944

Mr. Saburo Kido
415 Beason Bldg.
Salt Lake City 1, Utah

Dear Mr. Kido:

Enclosed you will find the corrected proof of the Kuroki pamphlet which you sent us on June 30. Please note insertion of the words "Pacific Coast" in the paragraph re prices, to be included on page 2.

Our letter to you of May 27, 1944, was a confirmation of our order of 1000 copies of this pamphlet (changed as above) at your previously quoted price of five cents per copy. May we hope to have these as soon as possible, as the work should have the advantage of wide distribution.

Thank you very much for your cooperation.

Very sincerely yours,

Office secretary

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Check for
\$2.00 held
for deposit.
D.M.M.

119½ Cullen ave.
Glendora, Calif.
July 5, 1944

Dear Sirs:

I am enclosing a check in payment for my outstanding dues. My address has been changed from 816 Warner ave, West Los Angeles (24) to 119½ Cullen, Glendora, Calif. since last October when after graduation from U.C.L.A. I came to be near my husband in C.P.S. Camp. I would like to suggest that the aforementioned Camp would be a likely subject for some of your excellent literature because of the wide interest in social issues. I believe if any material would be sent to Cal Edinger, Box 65, Glendora, Calif., he would find the best channels for it.

In renewing my membership I reaffirm my hearty accord

(and my husband's) in the job
you're doing.

Sincerely,

Gretchen B. Pease
(Mrs. Kenneth D.)

*Called in person
7/14/44*

WILLIAM WINTER

July 5th 1944

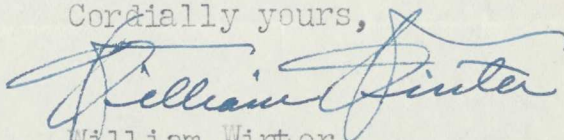
Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman,
Executive Secretary,
Committee on American
Principles and Fair Play,
Room 203,
465 California Street
San Francisco.

Dear Mrs. Kingman,

Not ~~on~~ only do I appreciate your sending me
the booklets dealing with discrimination against
Americans of Japanese ancestry, but I am intensely
interested in the work of your committee.

If there is any way in which I might
actively participate in the work of your committee,
I should be happy to have you call on me.

Cordially yours,



William Winter
Columbia Broadcasting System
Palace Hotel
San Francisco, 5.

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July 5th

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Dear Mrs. Kingman -

I showed the poop you recently put out to Prof. Bragdon of Smith; he is writing for copies for a race-relations workshop at Harvard, with which he is connected. It might be a good idea to give 'em the works from our propaganda department.

Sincerely
Joe Hodges.

July 6, 1944

Bishop James C. Baker
125 E. Sunset Blvd.
Los Angeles, Calif.

Dear Bishop Baker:

I am sending you the transcript of Larry Smith's commentary over KFI. I am sure that you will wish to take strong exception to the statement. I am quoting from the covering letter from Mr. Frayne of WRA who sent me the transcript.

"In the letter a notation is made that Smith opened his remarks with the statement that two news items of recent date "might be considered a stab in the back to the boys overseas", listing No. 1, on the lend lease diversion of equipment from General MacArthur and No. 2 being the Resolution adopted by the Southern California-Arizona Methodist Conference.

"The girl who took the transcript neglected to get the opening remark, but it is there on the record and if the Bishop wants to go out to see Mr. Earl C. Anthony at KFI he could have the record played for him. I do not believe these people should take this slur lightly. Too many villainies are practised under the "Right of Free Speech".

I understand that the sponsor, Mr. Earl C. Anthony is rather a fine person, and is not felt to be as strongly biased as his commentator appears to be. I hope that you can either see Mr. Anthony personally, or will at least write him a very strong letter of protest.

You have probably seen the press accounts of Dr. Robert G. Sproul's talk before a large group of outstanding Los Angelenos last week on the rights of loyal persons of Japanese ancestry. I hope that many persons (among them you) will take this opportunity to congratulate Dr. Sproul for his attitude and courage in defining it publicly. He will doubtless be excoriated more than supported, and as he is peculiarly sensitive to both assurance and condemnation, I do hope that a large number of fair-minded people will take this occasion to give him a friendly word.

Very cordially yours,

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman

July 6/44

Dear Mary -

I've moved clear up
here to Glicker and had
to let a lot of my correspondence
slip for several weeks. Please
forgive the delay on the \$13.00
which I had left over
at Sacramento I sent down
to Dr. Dickson for the So.
Calif. conference at Pasadena.
It was well used there -
and sold out almost completely.
You can anticipate the
amount due in a short
while.

We gave out an amazing
amount of W.R.A. material
also - for which I'm
thankful.

I certainly want to thank
you & Mrs Kingman for
such fine co-operation.

I sincerely hope we can be
of increasing help to your
organization.

Bernard Weston

Rev. J B Watson
Rt #1 Union
Calif.



THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

Mary Jeffords
2234 Telegraph ave.
Berkeley 4,
calif.

UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY

WASHINGTON

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

JUL 6 1944

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

Dear Mrs. Kingman:

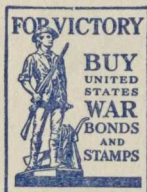
I have just realized that your letter of June 3, enclosing the revised release on the "Soldier and Civilian Nisei and Government Policy Today and Tomorrow" has not been acknowledged. I think the revision is excellent and am delighted that you sent it to Mr. McCloy and to Secretary Ickes.

One of the reasons for not answering your letter immediately was my intention to listen to the radio transcript "Who Got Yap" before writing, but I have to admit that I still have not listened to it. I just did not feel up to listening to this kind of stuff at the time the transcript arrived and have put it off. I have asked that it be checked by the school people to see what action can be taken to prevent the use of such material in the future. I am tremendously pleased with the developments on the Coast within the last month or two.

With kindest regards.

Sincerely,

D. S. Meyer
Director



7/12/44
[Signature]

NEW YORK RELOCATION HOSTEL
168 Clinton Street
Brooklyn 2, New York
Phone: TRIangle 5-7997

July 6, 1944

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

Gentlemen:

The annual conference of the Church of the Brethren, held at Huntingdon, Pa. on June 10, 1944, passed the following resolution:

"We recommend with respect to Americans of Japanese descent that our churches welcome into their services and fellowship those who are resettling in their communities; and that, as opportunity arises, we support the early return to their rightful homes of those who wish to resume residence on the Pacific coast."

I think this resolution will interest you.

Sincerely yours,

Ralph E. Smeltzer

Ralph E. Smeltzer,
Director

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MRS. RUSSELL P. HASTINGS
3525 PACIFIC AVENUE
SAN FRANCISCO 18
CALIF.

Dear Mrs Ringman,

I am enclosing a list which I
wish were longer, of people needing
education. So many I can think of
would only think your literature
waste paper & I believe would not be
worth while.

Thousands of those you would help
financially are even more happy
if more come to me I will let
you know.

I am very happy to contribute
myself.

Since Gen. Sumner is to be transferred
so soon I do not think I will
attempt that plan.

I seem to have lost the letter I
received with five of his pamphlets
ordered - May I have another.

Pardon for such inefficiency - I
have been ill with a cold.

Sincerely yours.

Francis S. Hastings

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR

Sheldon Building
461 Market Street

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JUL 8 1944

Dr. Robert G. Sproul
President, University of California
Berkeley, California

Dear Dr. Sproul:

Mrs. Kingman has advised me of your request for detailed information concerning the War Relocation Authority's leave procedure with particular reference to the use we have made of information obtainable from intelligence agencies:

First of all I would like to state that we have developed procedures aimed at bringing about the relocation into normal communities of the largest possible number of evacuated people consistent with national security. Any resident of a relocation center may apply for permission to leave the center, but permission is granted only if the following conditions are met:

- a. There is nothing in the record of the person to indicate that he would be dangerous to society or to the national security.
- b. He has a place to go and means of supporting himself.
- c. There is evidence that his presence in the community to which he proposes to go would not cause a disturbance.
- d. The evacuee agrees to keep the War Relocation Authority informed of his address at all times.

The War Relocation Authority has basic records on every evacuee seventeen years of age and over who is eligible for consideration for leave. Personal history statements on all evacuees, both citizen and alien, in this age group, totaling some eighty thousand, were transmitted to the Federal Bureau of Investigation for record check. That agency, in turn, made available to the War Relocation Authority any information in its files which might indicate that an individual evacuee, if granted leave, would prove harmful to the internal security of the country. In addition to this, complete records on all citizens of Japanese ancestry were submitted to the Joint Board in the Office of the Provost Marshal General, an organization comprising representatives of Army Intelligence, Naval Intelligence, the

Dr. Gordon G. Sproul--2

Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Provost Marshal General. Information in the files of those agencies was made available to the Authority, accompanied by a recommendation of the Board stating whether or not the individual should be granted leave to enter the Eastern Defense Command and/or allowed to work in a defense plant or any industrial concern believed to be vital to the war effort. These records are carefully checked when an evacuee applies for a permit to leave.

It is true that for a period of time, before the records of intelligence agencies were available on all evacuees, indefinite leaves were granted on the basis of information in our own files which included data on the evacuee's education, affiliations, foreign travel, employment, religion, in addition to his own statement on the matter of allegiance to the United States. In those few cases in which later investigation proved that an evacuee should not have been allowed to travel freely in the United States, the Department of Justice was immediately notified of his whereabouts, and the leave permit was cancelled.

Leave permits are not being issued to persons who have applied for repatriation or expatriation to Japan, those who have not pledged unqualified loyalty to the United States, or any others whose records indicate reason to question the advisability of their living outside the centers in normal communities during the war. Provision is made when requested for review of cases in which leave permits are denied. This is regarded as being necessary in fairness to those who may, because of mistakes, misinformation, misunderstanding or because of pressure from family or associations, have given negative or qualified answers on questions of loyalty.

The leave procedures of the War Relocation Authority were checked with the Department of Justice and with the War Department before they were instituted. It is our policy to consider each individual case carefully, and if there is reason to believe an evacuee would endanger national safety if released, no leave permit is granted.

We are deeply appreciative of your continued interest and help in trying to solve the many complex problems with which we are confronted. If there is any further information that we can supply we shall be glad to receive your request.

Sincerely,

R. B. Cozzens
Assistant Director

cc: Mrs. Ruth Kingman

July 10, 1944

Major General Charles H. Bonesteel
Commanding General
Western Defense Command
Presidio, San Francisco,

Dear General Bonesteel:

At the suggestion of Mr. Robert Cozzens, Assistant Director of the War Relocation Authority, I am sending you a marked copy of a clipping from the Westwood Hills Press of June 30, 1944.

Quoting Dr. Robert Gordon Sproul, President of the University of California, the Westwood Press reports some of the convictions and resulting policies of the Pacific Coast Committee on American Principles and Fair Play.

The Committee wishes to assure strenuous support of the War Department whenever, in view of the lessening of military necessity for their continued exclusion, it is decided to relax the order barring law-abiding persons of Japanese ancestry from the Western Defense Command.

We hope that it will be possible for you to set a time, preferably within the next two weeks, when our chairman and two or three of the most active members of our Advisory Board can meet with you to discuss any ways we may be of assistance. May I call your Chief of Staff on Friday, July 14, hoping that a definite date can be set by that time?

We wish to offer our full cooperation and support, in whatever way may be useful.

Very sincerely yours,

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

RWK:mj

GIBSON, DUNN & CRUTCHER
LAWYERS
634 SOUTH SPRING STREET
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

July 10, 1944

Mr. Maurice E. Harrison,
Pacific Coast Committee on American
Principles and Fair Play,
Room 203 - 465 California Street,
San Francisco, California.

Dear Mr. Harrison:

On Thursday, June 29th, President Sproul addressed a meeting at the California Club of a number of prominent citizens of Los Angeles interested in the problem of the Japanese in California. At the conclusion of the meeting a request was made for the names of those people who were interested in volunteering to have their names used on the Advisory Board. About two-thirds of those present responded.

After consultation with Dr. Sproul, it was believed unnecessary to create a separate Los Angeles chapter of the Committee on American Principles and Fair Play, but rather to offer the names of many of those who volunteered, at the meeting, as additional members of the Advisory Board of the Pacific Coast Committee on American Principles and Fair Play, subject to the approval of the existing Advisory Board as to taking these additional persons on its membership.

Dr. Sproul suggested that there be a smaller committee of perhaps seven or nine persons to act as members of a Stand-by Committee, to which emergency matters could be referred. Various names have been suggested for this committee, such as "Los Angeles Executive Committee". We do not hold any particular brief for the designation of such a committee except one, that the Executive Committee will not be thought of as the Los Angeles Committee as distinguished from the entire Pacific Coast Committee on American Principles and Fair Play.

From the names of the persons who have volunteered to serve as members of the Advisory Board, we suggest the

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Mr. Maurice E. Harrison

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July 10, 1944

following persons, subject to the approval of your Committee, for members on the Advisory Board:

Lloyd A. Mashburn
Philip M. Connelly
Archbishop Cantwell
James R. Page
Alphonzo E. Bell
Joe Crail, Jr.
Homer D. Crotty
Ludwig Schiff
Ben R. Meyer
Mrs. Chauncey D. Clarke

George S. Behrendt
P. G. McDonnell
Irving M. Walker
Harold A. Black
John Henry Russell
Mrs. Maynard Toll
H. F. Whittle
Henry Duque
Samuel M. Haskins
Walter F. Wanger

If this course is satisfactory and you further wish us to ask seven or nine of the above mentioned persons or of Southern California men and women already on your Advisory Board, we shall be glad to do so.

We think that Mrs. Kaplan should be the Executive Secretary in Southern California for the Committee, reporting to the Executive Committee in San Francisco. We also believe that her work should include the raising of the budget for carrying on the local program. We are somewhat in the dark as to the extent of the activities which the Committee has in mind carrying on in Southern California. We believe that the least which should be done is that Mrs. Kaplan should obtain information of the activities concerning the Japanese, both in their favor as well as against them, and report to Mr. McGiffert as well as to the Los Angeles Stand-by Committee. This might be done by subscriptions to a number of newspapers in the area which would reflect the feeling in the local communities. We would like to have a co-ordinated program worked out for speakers. We do not believe that as effective a campaign can be carried on by radio or extensive circulation of pamphlets as can be done by sending speakers to particular organizations. We also believe that the character of the literature which the Committee sends out should be as simple and as direct as possible. In these days a great deal of material is put in the mail on all varieties of subject, and unless the material is short and easily read a good deal of it is consigned to the wastebasket. We are therefore anxious that this should not happen in connection with the work of the Committee.

Mr. Maurice E. Harrison

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July 10, 1944

We will appreciate your views.

Yours very truly,

Robert A. Millikan

Homer D. Crotty

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BROBECK, PHLEGER & HARRISON

ATTORNEYS AT LAW
ONE ELEVEN SUTTER STREET
SAN FRANCISCO 4

July 17, 1944.

Homer D. Crotty, Esq.,
c/o Messrs. Gibson, Dunn &
Crutcher,
634 South Spring Street,
Los Angeles 14, California.

Dear Mr. Crotty:

I was delighted to receive the letter of Dr. Mil-
likan and yourself of July 10th, and to learn of the fine
start being made in Los Angeles. Dr. Sproul's address was
excellent and our Committee is planning to distribute copies
of it in somewhat condensed form.

All of the persons mentioned in your letter were
added to the Advisory Board of the Pacific Coast Committee
by resolution of the Executive Committee adopted on July 7th.
We agree, of course, that Mrs. Kaplan should act as Executive
Secretary in Southern California, reporting to the San Francis-
co Executive Committee. We also approve of the suggestion
that you select a smaller group of seven or nine persons
from Southern California who are members of the Advisory
Board, so that they may be in touch with Mrs. Kaplan and
decide upon matters requiring immediate action. I suggest

Homer D. Crotty, Esq. - 2.

that you select the members of this committee and forward their names to me or to Mrs. Kingman, so that we may have a record of its personnel. The By-laws permit the appointment of any required committees by the main Executive Committee (which is described in the Articles and By-laws as the "Board of Directors"). Personally, I see no objection to the designation "Los Angeles Executive Committee." As I understand it, the Southern California group will be responsible for the local budget, so that the proposed Los Angeles Executive Committee may well provide for a subcommittee on finance or may itself handle this matter as you may deem best.

Mrs. Kaplan is in touch with Mrs. Kingman about proposed programs of action and has been sent a memorandum of the tentative plans of our Executive Committee, so that they may be discussed with your group. With this memorandum before you as a basis for discussion, I have no doubt that you will be able to work out with her a satisfactory program. Mrs. Kingman suggests that your local Executive Committee should have authority to prepare and distribute such printed material as your committee may deem advisable, upon the understanding that releases, before being made, shall be checked by the Pacific Coast Executive Office as to

Homer D. Crotty, Esq. - 3.

general policy and content.

I hope that the foregoing answers the questions contained in your letter. If not, do not hesitate to call on me again.

With our congratulations upon the fine start which has been made, I am

Yours very truly,

Maurice E. Harrison

MEH:MFM

July 19, 1944

Mr. W.R. Hall
Lakewood Village
Long Beach 8, Calif.

Dear Mr. Hall:

In answer to your letter to us of July 7th,
we have sent you a packet of material under separate
cover which you may find of some interest and infor-
mation.

Enclosed you will find a membership card. All
our enrolled members are placed upon our regular
mailing list, and receive timely documents periodically.

Very sincerely yours,

Office secretary

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Japanese American Citizens League

An All American Organization of American Citizens

National Headquarters

413-415 BEASON BLDG.

TELEPHONE 5-6501

SALT LAKE CITY 1, UTAH

July 10, 1944

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman
Executive Secretary
PC Committee on Am. Principles and Fair Play
2234 Telegraph Avenue
Berkeley 4, California

Dear Mrs. Kingman:

Within a few days, your order of Kuroki's speech should be on its way. After the Common Ground published it, we have been receiving considerable order. What gives us the most satisfaction is the request from libraries and schools for use in classes. On the other hand, it is a drain on the treasury. We have distributed the 5000 we printed and had 1000 more printed. The reception seems to be very good all over.

At the present time, we are having Mike's "These Are The Japyanks" printed. It is a reprint from the servicemen's magazine, The Link. We can have 5000 printed for \$50.00. If I can get Larry's copy, I shall send the original to you for perusal. And if you want to order your share, we shall be glad to place a joint order. The cuts were sent to us so the reprint will be exactly like the magazine article. We are not placing the JACL name on the reprint. As you may have noticed in the latest PC, one of the soldier boys from Hawaii was objecting to the use of the word, "Japyanks". However, we feel that it is a catchy word and we need not take offense at the use of the wording, "Jap".

Also we are having our printer estimate the cost of reprinting General DeWitt's report - the first 3 chapters. It should make good reading and also should be educational to all of us so that we can profit from whatever unintentionally suspicious acts committed and which was used against us.

I hope the latest ACLU test case is not going to disrupt your program. It has been under consideration since last year June. A court case should be held in reserve so as to strengthen our position in case the Western Defense Command does not live up to expectation. That is how I look at the new suit.

Regards to all.

Sincerely,

Taburo T. T. T.

For Better Americans in A Greater America

JAPANESE AMERICAN CITIZENS LEAGUE

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MILLER FREEMAN

71 Columbia Street
Seattle 4, Washington

July 10, 1944.

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

Dear Mrs. Kingman:

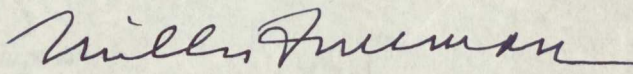
Acknowledging your letter of July 3, I am disappointed to have you tell me that Mr. Galen Fisher has refused my request for a copy of the correspondence he exchanged with Ambassador Joseph Grew on the question of the divinity of the Japanese Emperor, on the ground that "he wrote his friend, the Ambassador, in a purely personal vein, and that the correspondence should be regarded as personal."

I do not agree that correspondence on this subject, between the Ambassador to Japan and Mr. Galen Fisher should be carried on privately. Mr. Fisher is not only a member of the Executive Committee of the Pacific Coast Committee on American Principles and Fair Play, but is advisor and trustee of the Institute of Public Relations, and a member of the Japan Society of San Francisco. His office is in the Pacific Coast headquarters of the Institute of Pacific Relations, San Francisco.

No official or representative of such organizations as the Pacific Coast Committee on American Principles and Fair Play or of the Institute of Pacific Relations should be allowed to privately conduct correspondence on public questions with which they are dealing.

I recommend Mr. Fisher be requested by your Board of Trustees to turn over all copies of letters he exchanges on such questions to be of record in its office and open to public inspection.

Respectfully yours,


Miller Freeman.

Keep for Fisher

July 14, 1944

Mr. Miller Freeman
71 Columbia Street
Seattle 4, Wash.

Dear Mr. Freeman:

Mrs. Kingman has shown me your letter of July, 10 to her, in which you urged that I send you a copy of my correspondence with Mr. Joseph Grew concerning the Japanese Emperor. If you were not so earnest in making this request I should be inclined to think you were jesting, for I wrote Mr. Grew as a private individual, on my own letterhead, and see no reason for showing it to any one. On the other hand, I do not recall saying anything to him on that subject which I have not said in substance to others, such as Professor W.C. Johnston, and various audiences which I have addressed upon the subject of post-war treatment of Japan.

If I could find the time I should write out my present ideas on that subject, and send you a copy, but for the present, other matters are absorbing all my time, - including a ten day trip to the High Sierras with Col. White, of the Sequoia National Park - where we shall ramble over many subjects as well as many mountains and trout streams. I trust you may yourself enjoy some similar holiday, and I hope we may have opportunity some day to talk through the many problems in which we are both deeply interested.

Sincerely yours

Galen H. Fisher

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MARJORIE ELKUS
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

July 10, 1944

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman, Executive Secretary
Committee on American Principles and Fair Play
2234 Telegraph Avenue
Berkeley 4, California

My dear Mrs. Kingman:

I have gone over the data you left with me concerning the continuance of the Committee's program and as I explained to you when you were in my office, the Board is not planning to meet again until September.

However, I shall request the Board to make an exception in this case and ask that your request be considered prior to the September meeting. Nevertheless, I cannot expect a reply from the Board much before August 15th, but you may be assured I will let you hear from me at the earliest possible date.

Very truly yours,

Marjorie Elkus
(Mrs.) Charles deY. Elkus, Jr.
Executive Director

ME:ma

July 11, 1944

Mrs. Marjorie Elkus
Columbia Foundation
Russ Building
San Francisco, Calif.

Dear Mrs. Elkus:

Thank you very much for your letter of July 10.

We appreciate your willingness to carry our request to your Board prior to its regular meeting in September.

I am enclosing a copy of Dr. Sproul's speech in Los Angeles on June 29. We are expecting to edit it slightly (for the purpose of shortening it) and look forward to wide circulation in printed form. I shall send you dozen copies when they are ready.

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman
Executive Secretary

RWK:mj

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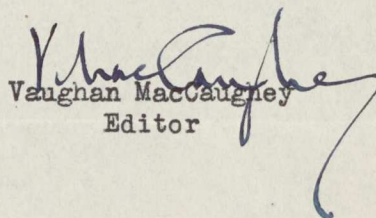
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Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman
Executive Secretary
Committee on American Principles and Fair Play
465 California Street, Room 203
San Francisco

Dear Mrs. Kingman:

Thank you for your note of June 22 and the three excellent bulletins which we shall be happy to give notice in an early issue of Sierra Educational News.

Yours truly


Vaughan MacCaighey
Editor

VMC:L

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July 10, 1944

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

Dear Mrs. Kingman:

Mr. Kaiser has asked me to acknowledge your letter of June 22 and to express his appreciation of being included in the distribution of the booklet on American born Japanese.

May I add my personal thanks for these various data?

Very truly yours,

HENRY J. KAISER COMPANY



Paul F. Cadman
Director of Research

PFC:mh

7/14/44
[Signature]

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In reply, please refer to:

SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA, OFFICE
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JUL 10 1944

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

Dear Ruth:

I am enclosing an editorial which Pat and I
think you can answer better than we.

In regard to the comment in this editorial con-
cerning the treatment that might be meted out to the
Japanese on the return of our boys from the South Seas,
we suggest that you send the editor a copy of your
pamphlet "American Fighting Men Speak Up". We believe
that your office can take care of this editorial better
than we can here.

Yours sincerely,

R. B. Cozzens
Assistant Director

Robert E. Gibson

By: Robert E. Gibson
Liaison Officer

Enclosure



Committee on American Principles and Fair Play:

Here is a suggestion which I think important enough to be brought to the attention of your members:-

- 1) secure a (free) permit from your postmaster for the use of precancelled stamps. This enables mailing not less than 200 at one time of pamphlets unwrapped, at 1¢ for 2 oz.
- 2) Have made two rubber stamps, as on the back of this letter.
- 3) Write the War Relocation Authority, 461 Mkt. St., S.F., Cal. asking for samples of their free literature for distribution.
- 4) Make selection; order from WRA sufficient copies for your rural mail routes. My selections were The Displaced Japanese-Americans, Relocation of Japanese-Americans, These Are Our Parents, and Ben Kuroki's Story. I am sending from Santa Ana (4), Huntington Beach and Anaheim, about 500 copies per route, 1¢ ea. no wrapping or folding; after a fortnight send a different one.

My suggestion to you is to send list of members to The Pacific Citizen, Beason Bldg., Salt Lake City, Utah, asking them to send a sample copy to each. I am also distributing this paper as above.

Yours truly,

Alton L. Hall

7-11-44

Alton L. Hall, rt. 1, Huntington Beach, Calif.

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July 11, 1944

Lt.(jg) L.L. Mountjoy U.S.N.R.
U.S.S. Idaho
care of Fleet P.O.
San Francisco, Calif.

Dear Roy:

Thank you very much, not only for your very generous check, but more particularly for the fine letter which accompanied it.

It is always encouraging to hear from the old Stiles men -- they are consistently "holding the line" of the highest of Stiles traditions in these confusing days.

You may be sure that Harry's and my work, being in such challenging areas is made less difficult by our consciousness of the support of you men who are "on the job".

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman

RW:mj

July 11, 1944

Mr. Joe Hodges
Oper. Anal. Sect.
Hq. Second Air Force
Colo. Springs, Colo.

Dear Joe:

It was a good suggestion of yours -- proposing that we send "dope" to Professor Bragdon for his workshop at Smith.

What's his name and how do you suggest I address him?

Thanks

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Amache, Colorado

July 11, 1944

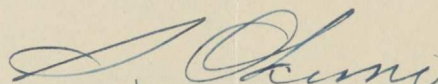
Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman
2234 Telegraph Ave.
Berkeley, California

Dear Mrs. Kingman,

Your kind attention to my interest in the future of Japanese Americans and Japanese in America is very much appreciated. I enjoyed the pamphlets you sent me immensely.

Please let me take this opportunity to congratulate you for your noble work of upholding the American principles of fair play and humanity. After this great chaos is over, I earnestly wish that this world would be a better place to live in. I am,

Very truly yours,


Seijiro Okuno

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125 EAST SUNSET BOULEVARD
LOS ANGELES 12, CALIFORNIA

July 11, 1944

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

Dear Mrs. Kingman:

Thank you for sending me the transcript of the address of Larry Smith over KFI. He is one of the most unreliable and untempered, not to say ill tempered, commentators we have in this part of the world. It is too bad that a concern like the Security Bank should keep him on. It is also too bad that Mr. Earl C. Anthony should allow him on the radio.

Unfortunately I have been so tied up with Conference duties and I am now obliged to go immediately to Salt Lake City and on east, so I cannot find time to go and hear the record nor to talk with Mr. Anthony. I am asking some of our people to do so.

I also had to miss Doctor Sproul's talk here in Los Angeles. I have however written him an appreciation of what he said.

With cordial greetings, I am

Sincerely,

James C. Baker

JCB/lbf

*(Dictated but
not signed.)*

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In reply, please refer to:

SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA, OFFICE
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JUL 11 1944

Miss Jeffers
Fair Play Committee
2234 Telegraph Avenue
Berkeley, California

Dear Miss Jeffers:

I am sending you 75 copies of "Evidences of Americanism
Among Japanese-Americans".

I am not sending copies of Eberharter's "Minority Report
on Tula Lake" since we only have a few of these left. However,
I wrote to Washington today for 500 extra copies and will mail
you 75 copies as soon as they arrive.

Yours sincerely,

R. B. Cozzens
Assistant Director

Robert E. Gibson

By: Robert E. Gibson
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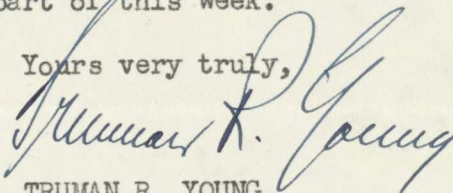
Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman
Committee on American Principles and Fair Play
465 California Street, Rm 203
San Francisco 4, California.

Dear Madam:

In the absence of General Bonesteel, who is presently away from San Francisco, receipt is acknowledged of your letter of July 10, 1944, inclosing at the suggestion of Mr. Cozzens, Assistant Director of the War Relocation Authority, a clipping from the Westwood Hills Press of June 30, 1944, and requesting an appointment with the General for your chairman and two or three members of your Advisory Board.

Your letter and inclosure will be brought to General Bonesteel's attention immediately upon his return to the city during the latter part of this week.

Yours very truly,



TRUMAN R. YOUNG
Major, Air Corps
Aide-de-Camp

July 12, 1944

Mr. Paul F. Cadman
Director of Research
Henry J. Kaiser Company
Latham Square Bldg.
Oakland, Calif.

Dear Dr. Cadman:

When we received your letter in this morning's mail, acknowledging the receipt of the booklet we sent to Mr. Kaiser, I was reminded of an earlier intention to write a note of welcome to you personally.

I am glad that you are back in California, and hope that Harry and I will see you and Mrs. Cadman before very long.

The work of the Fair Play Committee grows increasingly interesting, as well as demanding of our best thinking. We look forward to being able to seek your good counsel from time to time, and are glad that you are here.

Very cordially yours,

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman
Executive Secretary

RWK:mj

July 12, 1944

Mr. Pat Frayne
461 Market St.
San Francisco 5, Calif.

Dear Mr. Frayne:

In this morning's mail I received another item for your all too small collection of "pro" Resolutions. In case you are interested ---

The annual conference of the Church of the Brethren held at Huntingdon, Pa. on June 10, 1944 passed the following resolution:

"We recommend with respect to Americans of Japanese descent that our churches welcome into their service and fellowship those who are resettling in their communities; and that, as opportunity arises, we support the early return to their rightful homes of those who wish to resume residence on the Pacific Coast."

Cordially yours,

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman

RWK:mj

July 12, 1944

Mr. Ralph E. Smeltzer
168 Clinton St.
Brooklyn 2, New York

Dear Mr. Smeltzer:

Thank you very much for sending me a copy of the resolution passed on June 10, 1944 by the Church of the Brethren in Huntingdon, Pa.

I have noted the resolution for our own reference, and have sent a copy to Mr. Pat Frayne, Public Relations Director for WRA in San Francisco. Mr. Frayne is listing all of the pro and con resolutions, and the one you sent is a welcome addition to the smaller file.

I have noted with greatest interest, largely through the columns of PM, the progress of your hostel. I hope that all goes well with it, as it might well prove to be a pattern for further development of the same plan in other portions of the country, as the need may arise.

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman

RWK:mj

July 12, 1944

Dear Miss Hikoyeda:

I am sorry not to have mailed this letter sooner, but I have been trying to bring things up to date a bit. In the first place, Professor Lehman called me, and I gave him most of the information I had written in the enclosed letter, and since then I have been trying to sound out several prospective employers.

Everyone seems to need to know of any specific skills, as general background doesn't seem to be enough.

If you will answer the questions in the last paragraph in the letter, it will be helpful.

My best regards to your mother.

Very cordially yours,

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman

RWK:mj

July 12, 1944

Mr. Jesse Steinhardt
111 Sutter St.
San Francisco, Calif.

Dear Mr. Steinhardt:

At Mrs. Kingman's request, I am sending
the enclosed speech to you as you will probably
wish to have it available before your interview
with Mr. Calen Fisher in the next few days.

Very sincerely yours,

Office secretary

mj

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July 12, 1944

In reply, please refer to:
Transp. Sec.

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

Dear Mrs. Kingman:

Mr. Gibson has advised that you have been requested by the Railway Express Company to surrender to them the original accomplished Government Bills of Lading No. 10 TRL-16971-44 and 10 TRL-16976-44 in order that they may recover their charges for the transportation of these two shipments.

It appearing that the original Government Bills of Lading may have been misplaced or lost, we are enclosing two certificates in view of the lost original bills of lading and you are requested to complete them by filling out "Certificate of Consignee" and to surrender them to the carrier to support its bill for charges against the Government.

Should the original Government Bills of Lading later be recovered, will you kindly forward them to the writer in order that they may be cancelled to avoid a duplicate payment of the charges on these two shipments.

Thanking you for your cooperation, I am

Yours very truly,

Hugh W. Hendrick
Hugh W. Hendrick,
Transportation Operations Officer

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

Dear Mrs. Kingman:

Thank you for your subscription to the California Farm Reporter,
and also for your reply to the resolution on the Japanese question
passed by the Tehama County Farm Bureau.

I hope that you will find the program we have outlined for inter-
national cooperation in California agriculture practical and will
help us wherever possible.

We have a considerable number of extra copies of the June issue
of the reporter on hand. If you could use a number of these,
we would be glad to send them to you without charge. One copy
is enclosed in case you have not seen this issue.

Sincerely yours

Grace McDonald
Mrs. Grace McDonald, Editor

4526 Eastern Ave.
Seattle 3, Wash.
July 13, 1944

Dear Mrs. Knigman,

I wish to thank you for the material the Committee sent to me, and I enclose a dollar for a dozen copies of "American Fighting Men Speak Out." Perhaps I can send a few copies out on extended travels to reach as many people as possible.

I am a graduate in anthropology from the University of California and am at present on a fellowship here at the University of Washington working on race and race relations. I am far from your center of activity at the moment, and yet I want to ask if there is any way in which I can use my knowledge of race to help you in your work. Although this letter, scribbled hastily at midnight, is no indication of the fact, I have a certain facility with words and do all I can in my own private correspondence to acquaint people with the facts of race and fallacies of racism, but it seems hopeless to work with such a restricted audience.

Is there anything I can do?

My husband, a lieutenant junior grade now in the Pacific, writes that nothing I could do would give him greater pleasure than to work in the fight against prejudice here at home.

If I could write, or do some research, something that would reach people, I would work with all my energies toward that goal. All I need is directing, from people such as you, who know better than I how to find outlets for information. Dr. Louis of the University of California or Dr. Erna Gunther of the University of Washington will assure you of my competence.

I will welcome any suggestions you may have to make.

Very sincerely yours,

(Mrs.) Shirley Suttles

P.S. I am not, obviously, asking for a job, in case my letter gives that impression. I am volunteering my services in the field I know best.

July 14, 1944

The Robert Marshall Civil Liberties Trust
150 Broadway,
New York, New York.

Mr. Simon Gross, Manager

Dear Mr. Gross:

We are appealing to the Robert Marshall Trust for a grant toward the activities of this Committee on American Principles and Fair Play for two reasons, namely: 1) because all our energies are directed toward vindication of the civil liberties of law-abiding American citizens of Japanese ancestry and resident aliens of Japanese stock, especially those who have been evacuated from the Pacific Coast States; and 2) because the most critical stage in the struggle for that vindication will probably occur during the coming six months. Let us explain.

The entire activity of the Committee until now has laid the groundwork for the task just ahead: it has developed vigorous Chapters in several cities, the most powerful having lately taken shape in Los Angeles; and it has supplied leadership, prestige and printed materials for a host of cooperating agencies and individuals. The counsel of its Executive Secretary and officers have been freely drawn upon by Government authorities, and they have repeatedly expressed their deep appreciation. Although the most telling achievements of the Committee are of such a nature that they can not be recounted in print, the enclosed Exhibit A outlines its activities for the first ten months.

Time has fully justified the soundness of the early declaration of principles embodied in Exhibit B. A reaffirmation of them was made by its Honorary Chairman, President Sproul, in his address at the inaugural meeting of the Los Angeles Chapter of the Committee. A large printing of this address will be issued shortly as one item in the campaign to counteract the vicious anti-Japanese propaganda on this Coast.

The critical character of the situation now confronting the Committee arises from certain facts stated in Dr. Sproul's address (Exhibit C).

The legal right of the evacuees to return will doubtless be assured by the Federal Courts, in case either State or local governing bodies attempt to debar them. But the practical question is this: Will there be a social and economic boycott against returning evacuees sufficiently strong to prevent them from earning a living or dwelling in safety? The answer is: just such a boycott will probably confront them in many communities, unless the tide of contempt and discrimination against all evacuees is turned into a tide of constitutional liberty and tolerance.

Since there is good reason to expect the War Department to revoke the exclusion order within a few months, it is obviously imperative that the Committee and all cooperating agencies launch the proposed civil liberties campaign at the earliest practicable moment. An outline of the program to be followed is given in Exhibit D. It should be noted that most of the proposed activity during the first period is to be of a quiet, personal character. Wide use will be made of printed matter, and appropriate release will be fed to the press and radio, but if prominent attention were drawn to the campaign at that stage, it would only serve to arouse the bitter counter-efforts of the opposition.

The total cost of the proposed program for the coming six months will be approximately \$10,000. Toward this amount, we have reasonable hopes of receiving one-third from one local Foundation, and can count on about \$2,000.00 from our members. We are appealing to you for \$3,500. The balance of \$1,200 will be raised from other sources, such as social action groups of religious bodies.

We hope you will be able to reach an early and favorable decision, but of course shall be happy to supply any further information you may wish.

Sincerely yours,

Robert Gordon Sproul
Honorary Chairman

Arthur C. McGiffert, Jr.
Chairman, Executive Committee

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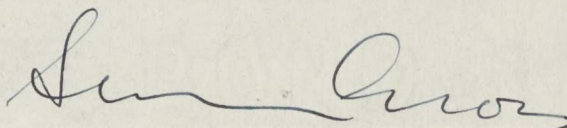
Committee on American Principles and Fair Play,
Room 203,
465 California Street,
San Francisco, Cal.

Gentlemen:

I am in receipt of your letter of July 14th requesting
a grant of \$3,500. The application will be submitted to the
Trustees at their next meeting, which will probably be held in
the Fall.

It will be necessary for you to complete and forward to
me five copies of the enclosed form.

Very truly yours,



SG:Y
Encl.

C O P Y

July 14, 1944

The Trustees of the Juliette M. Atherton Trust
Mrs. Theodore Richards, President
P.O. Box 150
Honolulu, T.H.

Dear Friends:

In May of 1943, you generously granted the sum of \$500.00 to the work of this Committee, and we are now writing to request that you kindly make a similar grant again.

The Committee has been at work in its present Coast-wide form only since February 1943. That it has accomplished in great measure what it set out to do is only very inadequately recounted on the enclosed sheet, entitled "Activities in 1943" for the reason that some of the most significant achievements have come from personal dealings with high Government officials or with influential private citizens. To give details of certain accomplishments resulting from such contacts would sound boastful, but apart from that, we are estopped because of their confidential nature. See Exhibit A.

Time has fully justified the soundness of the early declaration of policy and principles embodied in the leaflet enclosed, dated June 15, 1943, Exhibit B. An up-to-date exposition of the Committee's principles was made by its Honorary Chairman, President Sproul, at Los Angeles, two weeks ago. His address made a deep impression on his hearers and also on the public who read extracts in the press. We are soon to issue a large edition of it as a potent antidote to the vicious anti-Japanese propaganda which disgraces our State. See Exhibit C.

The Committee is now facing the most challenging mandate of its career, as a paragraph will make clear.

Dr. Sproul has well said: "We now contend that since the army ordered the evacuation grounds of military necessity, the army should decide when the process is to be reversed and the evacuees allowed to recover gradually their civil rights." They have already declared that the "military necessity" no longer exists, and there is good reason to expect the War Department to revoke the exclusion order before the end of the war and to allow law-abiding evacuees to return gradually to this Coast. The

legal right to return will doubtless be assured by the Federal Courts, in case State or local bodies attempt to debar them. But there is grave danger of a social and economic boycott against returning evacuees, unless a vigorous campaign of education and persuasion creates a strong public attitude of tolerance and friendliness. The proposed program to this end is outlined in Exhibit D. To measure up to this challenge will require doubling the staff and the budget of the Committee for the last four months of 1944.

Only a deep sense of duty as defenders of constitutional liberties would make us undertake to raise the extra funds required, for it has been far from easy to raise the \$10,000.00 spent during the last seventeen months. But we draw not a little encouragement from the fact that at length forty of the prominent leaders of Los Angeles have resolved to constitute a Chapter of this Committee, and the further fact that we have previously received generous support from a local foundation. The balance to be raised is approximately \$4,000.00

We are therefore emboldened to make this request of you, knowing how sensible you are to the far-reaching bearings of the policies adopted on this Coast upon the fate of civil liberties for Japanese-Americans and other minorities all over our country.

Sincerely yours,

Arthur C. McGiffert, Jr.
Chairman, Executive Committee

Galen M. Fisher
Assistant Treasurer

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July 14, 1944

The Robert Marshall Civil Liberties Trust
150 Broadway
New York, N.Y.

Mr. Simon Gross, Manager

Dear Mr. Gross:

We are appealing to the Robert Marshall Trust for a grant toward the activities of this Committee on American Principles and Fair Play for two reasons, namely: 1) because all our energies are directed toward vindication of the civil liberties of law-abiding American citizens of Japanese ancestry and resident aliens of Japanese stock, especially those who have been evacuated from the Pacific Coast States; and 2) because the most critical stage in the struggle for that vindication will probably occur during the coming six months. Let us explain.

The entire activity of the Committee until now has laid the groundwork for the task just ahead: it has developed vigorous Chapters in several cities, the most powerful having lately taken shape in Los Angeles; and it has supplied leadership, prestige and printed materials for a host of cooperating agencies and individuals. The counsel of its Executive Secretary and officers have been freely drawn upon by Government authorities, and they have repeatedly expressed their deep appreciation. Although the most telling achievements of the Committee are of such a nature that they can not be recounted in print, the enclosed Exhibit A outlines its activities for the first ten months.

Time has fully justified the soundness of the early declaration of principles embodied in Exhibit B. A reaffirmation of them was made by its Honorary Chairman, President Sproul, in his address at the inaugural meeting of the Los Angeles Chapter of the Committee. A large printing of this address will be issued shortly as one item in the campaign to counteract the vicious anti-Japanese propaganda on this Coast.

The critical character of the situation now confronting the Committee arises from certain facts stated in Dr. Sproul's address. (Exhibit C).

The legal right of the evacuees to return will doubtless be assured by the Federal Courts, in case either State or local governing bodies attempt to cobar them. But the practical question is this: will there be a social and economic boycott against returning evacuees sufficiently strong to prevent them from earning a living or dwelling in safety? The answer is: just such a boycott will probably confront them in many communities, unless the tide of contempt and discrimination against all evacuees is turned into a tide of constitutional liberty and tolerance.

Since there is good reason to expect the War Department to revoke the exclusion order within a few months, it is obviously imperative that the Committee and all cooperating agencies launch the proposed civil liberties campaign at the earliest practicable moment. An outline of the program to be followed is given in Exhibit D. It should be noted that most of the proposed activity during the first period is to be of a quiet, personal character. Wide use will be made of printed matter, and appropriate releases will be fed to the press and radio, but if prominent attention were drawn to the campaign at that stage, it would only serve to arouse the bitter counter-efforts of the opposition.

The total cost of the proposed program for the coming six months will be approximately \$10,000. Toward this amount, we have reasonable hopes of receiving one-third from one local foundation, and can count on about \$2,000.00 from our members. We are appealing to you for \$3,500. The balance of \$1,200.00 will be raised from other sources, such as social action groups or religious bodies.

We hope you will be able to reach an early and favorable decision, but of course shall be happy to supply any further information you may wish.

Sincerely yours,

Robert Gordon Sproul
Honorary Chairman

Arthur C. McGiffert, Jr.
Chairman, Executive Committee

Galen M. Fisher
Assistant Treasurer

July 14, 1944

Dear Miss Hikoyeda:

Thank you very much for your letter which arrived this morning. I had a V-mail letter from Tad last week and have already replied. I'm going to try to get a letter of to each of the boys who write to me, at least every couple of weeks.

I have been very happy to know of Mrs. Shiraki's returning to California. Mrs. Duveneck, who is a member of our Committee, and a friend of mine, as well, told me of it within an hour of receiving word herself, so I've been happy with her.

Your idea of local sponsorship is good. I'm delighted that you could write to me about it. There is a specific procedure which seems to be acceptable just at this time, acceptable I mean, to the Commanding General of the Western Defense Command-- and it is as follows.

1. Locate a job. (Get promise of such in writing from prospective employer.)
2. Secure living accommodations. (Have assurance of such in writing.)
3. Write to Major General Charles H. Bonesteel asking for permission to return. Include the following.
 - a. Fact of Brother's Voluntarring and his serial number.
 - b. Name of prospective employer.
 - c. Address of prospective living quarters.

This method might be used by an person closely related to a man in the service, though I think that wives and sisters will have the best success.

As to your suggestion of sponsorship, while I'd be more than happy to assume such a position, I honestly think that the very best procedure is to act on you own. I shall put every effort toward locating a position for you, and will gladly give you a personal letter if you wish it, but my feeling, at this time, is that Tad's sa

Do you have office training, even a little? So many social agencies, welfare, etc, start their staff at jobs including a little secretarial or clerical work that is it seems desirable to have some such skills to offer if possible.

Did you, like your brothers, go to Cal? When? All of this information will be helpful.

I shall be glad to hear from you soon.

Very cordially yours,

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman

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July 14, 1944

Editor
San Bernardino Telegram
San Bernardino, Calif.

Dear Sir:

We note in your editorial of June 15, that "five hundred persons of Japanese ancestry already have been permitted by the War Relocation Authority to return to their homes in California".

As the statement is apparently based upon inaccurate information, we feel sure that you will welcome a correction.

The War Relocation Authority has no power whatsoever to permit persons of Japanese ancestry to enter the Western Defense Command, and have authorized no such return. The only authority empowered to issue entry permits to Japanese or to Americans of Japanese ancestry, is exercised by the commanding General of the Western Defense Command. There are no persons of Japanese ancestry in the Western Defense Command without permits from the commanding General, and no permits have been issued by the War Relocation Authority.

You may also be interested in the enclosed booklet which expressed the feelings of many of our service men on the subject of Americans of Japanese ancestry.

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman

July 15, 1944

Mrs. Katherine Kaplan
1732 Kelton Ave.
Los Angeles, Calif.

Dear Mrs. Kaplan:

Please send, immediately, 50 additional copies
of Dr. Sproul's address. We shall be glad to stand
the extra cost. Please let us know what it comes to.

Thank you very much.

Very sincerely yours,

Office secretary

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In reply, please refer to:

WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY
UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
461 Market Street
San Francisco 5, California

SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA, OFFICE
WHITCOMB HOTEL BUILDING

JUL 15 1944

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

Dear Ruth:

Enclosed is a copy of the editorial which
appeared in the Call Bulletin on July 12, and which
we discussed yesterday.

Yours sincerely,

R. B. Cozzens
Assistant Director

Robert E. Gibson

By: Robert E. Gibson
Liaison Officer

Enclosure



Editorial

San Francisco Call Bulletin, July 12, 1944

SOGGY PROPAGANDA

WRA "News" Releases Appealing for Pro-Jap Sympathy Swamp Newspaper Offices

Newspaper offices are swamped these days with War Relocation Authority "news" releases soggy with the tears of WRA publicity men bemoaning the fate of Jap internees.

Ill concealed in these alleged news stories are appeals for pro-Jap sympathy and even for additional funds and equipment for relocation centers.

Two WRA releases this week--emphasizing, as usual, the "American" qualities of internees--tell of relocation center high school graduations.

One story describes commencement exercises "patterned after...schools in California, Washington and Oregon," replete with the singing of "America the Beautiful" and "The Star Spangled Banner."

This, mind you, includes the Tule Lake center for admitted Jap subversives.

Jap-American graduates, the release adds slyly, have high scholastic standards although "handicapped by lack of buildings and equipment."

Perhaps the classic example of pro-Jap propaganda is the story leading off with a quotation from a speech by a Japanese-American valedictorian.

Supposedly referring to the plight of peoples abroad, "little Miss Ouita" declares Jap internees "are not the only ones who have been driven out of our rightful homes."

How long will public funds, appropriated to the WRA to keep in check Japs who might endanger the lives of thousands of Americans, be turned to financing sentimental apologies and sugar-coated propaganda for the Japs?

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SAN FRANCISCO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT

CIVIC AUDITORIUM

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July 15, 1944

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

Dear Mrs. Kingman:

The San Francisco Board of Education has asked me to secure the opinion of various organizations, associations, societies, church groups, and other bodies with regard to the releasing of children from the public schools for instruction in religion and morals in church schools of their choice. The State law which covers this matter permits action by the Board of Education without making it mandatory. Our Board has been petitioned by a number of groups to arrange for release time, but it hesitates to take action until it has received a wider sampling of public opinion.

If your organization is willing to put itself on record either as favoring or opposing release time, I should appreciate having on file your attitude towards this question. You can communicate with me by letter or by telephone, or perhaps we can arrange for a personal conference.

The State law providing for release time reads in part as follows:

Pupils, with the written consent of their parents or guardians, may be excused from school in order to participate in religious exercises or to receive moral and religious instruction at their respective places of worship or at other suitable place or places designated by the religious group, church, or denomination . .

In addition to receiving your reaction to this matter of release time, I should appreciate knowing just how representative your attitude is of the total group which you represent, and I should like to know the device which you used in securing the group's opinion.

Very truly yours,

Curtis E. Warren
CURTIS E. WARREN,
Superintendent of
Public Schools

July 16, 1944

Mr. Sol Silverman
Emmanuel Journal and Publishing Co.
251 Kearny Street
San Francisco, California

Dear Mr. Silverman:

Enclosed you will find the text of a talk given by
President Robert Gordon Sproul on June 29, in Los Angeles.

Presented as coming from the Honorary Chairman of the Pacific
Coast Committee on American Principles and Fair Play, the
address holds significance to friends of all minorities.

At the suggestion of some of our members, and with Dr. Sproul's
consent, I am sending you this copy, hoping that you will
wish to use a part or all of it, according to its usefulness
to you.

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman
Executive Secretary

NIGHT LETTER

July 16, 1944

David P. Barrows
Bohemian Grove
California

Sproul Harrison and Rowell meeting with General Bonesteel
Monday July 17, two thrity pm. Most eager that you also attend.
Mas. Kingman driving to presidio from Berkeley. Please
wire reply collect Kingman Ashberry 5390.

Galen Fisher

July 17, 1944

Mr. Robert deRoos
Time Magazine
155 Montgomery Street
San Francisco, California

deRoos

Dear Mr.

Enclosed you will find the text of a talk given by Dr. Robert Gordon Sproul in Los Angeles on June 29. We have just now received the full speech, and feel that you will be interested in some of the things Dr. Sproul has said.

Dr. Sproul, Mr. Maurice E. Harrison, Mr. Chester Rowell, Mr. Frank S. Gaines and Mr. Arthur Cushman McGiffert are calling on General Charles Bonesteel this afternoon to assure him of the Committee's cooperation, if and when the War Department decides to modify the orders excluding lawabiding persons of Japanese ancestry from the Western Defense Command.

I am marking, in Dr. Sproul's speech, the emphasis we wish to make to the War Department, thru General Bonesteel.

Very sincerely yours,

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

AGRICULTURAL COMMUNITIES FOUNDATION

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19⁷6 No. Roosevelt Ave.
Altadena, California

July 17, 1944

Mr. Ruth Kingman
465 California Street
San Francisco, Calif.

Dear Mr. Kingman:

You have recently received a preliminary statement describing the purposes of AGRICULTURAL COMMUNITIES FOUNDATION. To summarize the information in that letter and to bring it up to date, the following points may be noted:

1. Recent researches by Japanese scientists, agriculturalists, and technicians at Manzanar, in cooperation with scientists at the California Institute of Technology, have made great advances in the culture and processing of guayule, so that it is now possible to produce more and better guayule rubber per acre than ever before, and at lower cost.

2. The rubber most recently extracted at Manzanar is equal in quality to tree rubber.

3. The yield of rubber per acre is not great enough to make it profitable to grow this crop on high-priced land, as has been attempted in some of the Government projects, but there are large areas of semi-arid land available at low cost where guayule can be grown with excellent profits.

4. The growing of guayule is not an emergency measure. The expected demand for natural rubber after the war, and the probable price, assure that the production of guayule by the newly developed methods will be a permanent and increasingly important industry in the United States.

5. "Agricultural Communities Foundation" is now established as a non-profit corporation. All donations which it receives will be tax-exempt.

6. This corporation is now ready to proceed with the purchase and development of a 10,000 acre site in a very favorable location. Water in abundance has been tapped near this site. The California Institute of Technology is ready to establish a research station in conjunction with this project.

7. The development of this site - the initial project of the Foundation - will provide for the location of 200 agricultural families and an added number for the other occupations in the community. The primary object is to relocate Japanese families from the camps.

8. The Foundation is now undertaking to raise \$100,000 to start this project. The resources of the Foundation will become a revolving fund, for as soon as profits accrue and as soon as families are able to buy their farms from the Foundation, the money will be used to start other such projects.

Development of the plans up to this point necessarily consumed time, but now the preliminaries are out of the way. From this time on, the speed of development of this project and the resulting rehabilitation of Japanese families will be determined solely by the rate at which money can be raised.

May we ask your earnest consideration of this project, and may we ask your specific aid in the following:

1. Your authorization to print in our literature a statement from you commending this effort and signifying your support of the Foundation.
2. The names of groups and individuals that you would like to have informed of this resettlement program and those who might be willing and able to help financially in the Foundation.
3. A statement of the extent to which you will contribute financially to the Foundation.

Sincerely yours,

Hugh Anderson ^{SRP.}
Hugh Anderson, Sec.-Treas.