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August 2, 1945

Dr. Henry T. Tyler, Vice-President
Sacramento College
Sacramento 14, California

Dear Henry:

I'm sorry to be so slow in replying to your letter, but I was out, ill, for a few days and have, as a result, been swamped with work since my return.

I have telephoned Larry Hewes' office, and he will send you the \$5.00 for postage, and \$5.00 for the phone calls, if you will send him a signed notation of the amount called for.

If you will send me the statement from the hotel, and a personal statement, signed by you, covering "Luncheon service", for \$12.79, I shall send the \$20.29 immediately. I'd send them now, only our books are kept very officially, and all checks must be written to vouchers presented.

I think that we should pay Mrs. Gardiner for her work, and if it seems an adequate amount, and if you will give me her address, I shall send her a check for \$50.00. If you feel that it should be more, I shall increase the amount.

Grandstaff is swell, isn't he? We're mimeographing his Commonwealth speech (July 27). Would you like some copies?

The minutes of the Conference will be out next week and will be sent to all groups originally invited to attend.

Very cordially,

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman
Executive Secretary

RWK:cch

August 2, 1945

Major General H. C. Pratt
United States Army
Commanding,
Headquarters Western Defense Command
Presidio of San Francisco,
California

Dear General Pratt:

May I express to you our very real appreciation of your fine statement of July 30 which so fully and clearly expressed the attitude and responsibility of the War Department in the return of persons of Japanese ancestry to the Pacific Coast.

Enclosed you will find a copy of our letter to Mr. McCloy, in which we expressed to him our appreciation of your fine statement.

I do not see how the most obdurate of my fellow Californians can fail to understand, this time, that you meant exactly what you said.

Thank you again.

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman
Executive Secretary

RWK:cch
Enclosure

August 2, 1945

Mr. John J. McCloy, Assistant Secretary
War Department
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. McCloy:

May we express our appreciation of the fine statement released on July 30 by Major General H. C. Pratt? His calling public attention, once more, to the War Department's attitude toward and responsibility for the return of persons of Japanese ancestry to the Pacific Coast is precisely what we have needed, and what I asked for in my letter to you, dated June 22, 1945.

May I thank the War Department again, for this reemphasis upon its own responsibility, and assure you that such statements, together with the fine work being done by Colonel John T. Geary, Lt. Colonel Lyle E. Cook and Captain George H. Grandstaff, contribute immeasurably to the task of educating a rather recalcitrant California on the subject of loyal persons of Japanese ancestry.

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman
Executive Secretary

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8/2/45

Notes to Mr. Harrison

1. The excellent report made by Mrs. Booth has been recognized by both the Executive Committee and by the Executive Secretary of the Columbia Foundation who read it with great interest.
2. Mr. Crotty is in receipt of minutes of the meeting of July 2, called by Mr. Harrison. Action at that meeting called for the creation of a sub-committee whose responsibility called for the development of a proposed plan and tentative budget to be presented to the Executive Committee not later than August 15.
3. The sub-committee meeting was held on July 16 (see minutes, enclosed) and the minutes sent to Mr. Crotty, for his consideration. A copy of his reply is enclosed.
4. The Executive Committee has approved this report of the sub-committee, and its recommendation can now be recognized as established policy.

I feel that Mr. Crotty's letter expresses pretty well what they are thinking in the South, and as that thinking is pretty definitely in line with what we feel will be the natural evolution of the work of the Committee, it seems entirely in order.

August 2, 1945

Mr. Maurice E. Harrison,
111 Sutter Street,
San Francisco, California

Dear Mr. Harrison:

Your secretary asked Mrs. Kingman to make some notes with respect to Mr. Crotty's letter of July 19, 1945. You will find them enclosed.

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary

August 3, 1945

Dr. Arthur Cushman McGiffert, Jr.
Pacific School of Religion
1798 Scenic Avenue
Berkeley, California

Dear Dr. McGiffert:

Enclosed you will find a copy of a letter which the Committee is considering sending out. Dr. Paul Taylor will call you tomorrow (August 4) to explain what it is about and to see if you think it is O.K.

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary

IRVING BABOW
SUITE 705-B • 110 SUTTER STREET
SAN FRANCISCO 4

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August 3, 1945

Mrs. Harry Kingman
2287 Telegraph Ave.
Berkeley, Calif.

Dear Mrs. Kingman:

As we discussed on the phone today, I am sending you a supply of the Look Magazine article, "Prejudice: Our Post-War Battle" which you have kindly offered to mail to the Councils for Civic Unity. It would be fine if you indicated in your letter that quantities are available gratis from me at the above address.

You might be interested in some of the other pieces, of which I have enclosed samples, in the package. If you wish more copies will you please let me know.

I hope that I can be notified of any future meetings of the state-wide organization of the Councils for Civic Unity. Naturally, I or Mr. Eugene Block, who is associated with me and is also in the San Francisco Council will be glad to help any way we can.

Thanks a lot for your help and for sending me the list of the various councils.

Sincerely yours,

Irving Babow
Irving Babow

AMERICAN CIVIL LIBERTIES UNION

170 FIFTH AVENUE
NEW YORK CITY



August 3, 1945

To the Members of the National Committee,
State Correspondents, Local Representatives,
and organizations in the race relations field:

Friends:

The Navy Department alone of all departments in the federal government still bars all its services to Japanese Americans. They are the only minority barred by the Navy. The excuses for this policy rest on grounds of practical military considerations, said to have been determined by commanding officers in the field. The restrictions even apply to service in the WAVES, where no military considerations could prevail. The reason given for that is that if they bar the men, they should in fairness also bar the women.

The Navy Department has made very considerable progress in opening up its services to Negroes and even in abolishing various forms of segregation, That was accomplished by insistent pressure. It would seem a reasonable prospect that wide protests might also overcome the barriers to the service of Japanese Americans.

We are, therefore, urging all interested individuals and organizations to address the Secretary of the Navy, Hon. James V. Forrestal, urging prompt consideration of the removal of the ban on the service of Japanese Americans. The arguments rest not only upon the obvious fairness of permitting the service of all loyal American citizens regardless of race, but also on the distinguished record of Japanese American troops on the fighting fronts of Europe and in the South West Pacific. The universal testimony of Army officers praises the Japanese American combat teams in the highest terms. Not a single case of espionage or sabotage has ever been reported on the part of any Japanese American, civilian or military.

Your prompt action would assist in overcoming the last general racial barrier in any federal service.

Sincerely yours,

Roger Baldwin

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7270 Juliette Place
LA MESA, CALIF.

Aug. 3, 1945.

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

Dear Mrs. Kingman,

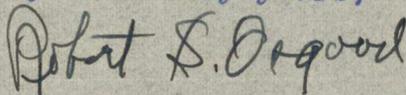
Thank you very much for your full and cogent reply to Major Hopkins's letter to me anent the matter of the return of Japanese-Americans to the Pacific Coast. I will see that Major Hopkins receives a copy of your letter.

Your letter came here to La Mesa while I was absent on a five weeks trip to Seattle, hence my delay in acknowledging your kindness.

I saw Major Hopkins while I was in Seattle and from a brief conversation that I had with him I judge that he has modified his position in certain respects.

Let me again thank you for the fine job you did in answering the Major's letter so completely.

Very sincerely yours,



Robert S. Osgood

August 4, 1945

Mr. Irving Babow
110 Sutter Street, #706
San Francisco, California

Dear Mr. Babow:

Enclosed you will find the list of Councils of Civic Unity and organizations interested in minority problems who were invited to the Sacramento Conference and which you requested from Mrs. Kingman.

The entire list of people present at the Conference will be included in the minutes, a copy of which will be sent to you as soon as possible.

Very sincerely yours,

Constance C. Halliday
Secretary

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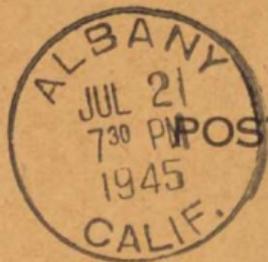
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Anton + Caroline Nelson



POST CARD



To Committee on American Principles
& Fair Play
2287 Telegraph, Room # 215
Berkeley 4, Calif.

August 6, 1945

Mr. Saburo Kido
413-415 Beason Building
Salt Lake City, 1, Utah

Dear Mr. Kido:

Mrs. Kingman doesn't remember exactly how many copies of "They Work For Victory" we should get. She figures that if we send it to the California State Legislature, to all of Congress, to about a thousand libraries in California, and to all American Legion Posts in California, it will come to about 3000 copies. These groups are the ones we would like to send it to.

Will you be sending them to the Veterans of Foreign Wars groups? If not, we would like them sent. Do you know how many VFW groups there are in California? We would also like to send them to Oregon and Washington groups if it is not already being done.

We do not know of any other groups, except possible Mr. Wm. C. Carr in Pasadena, who would be interested in sending them out.

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary

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988 Market Street, Room 802

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August 6, 1945

Community Chests and Councils, Inc.
155 East 44 Street
New York 17, New York

Gentlemen:

Our attention has been called to the article, "Roots for the Uprooted," appearing in the June, 1945, issue of Community. This article is of great interest to many of the groups here on the Pacific Coast concerned with the problems of those of Japanese descent. Since these people have been our neighbors and fellow citizens for many years, we feel competent to speak with some knowledge of their needs and of the relative merits of possible solutions.

Though helpful and useful in several respects and perhaps reflecting conditions in many states, yet, from our point of view, the article is not an accurate statement of the Pacific Coast situation at present. Furthermore, it tends to create a favorable impression for the War Relocation Authority's policy of forcing an over-simplified resettlement policy on persons now living in relocation centers.

We feel that the original Japanese exclusion from this region was a great injustice. We are whole-heartedly in sympathy with their problems. We are opposed to a short-sighted policy of forced evacuation from Relocation Centers which disregards the real needs of the people. Repeatedly we have advised the War Relocation Authority that with the best will in the world no community can find housing when there is none. Particularly in Los Angeles and San Francisco, the shortage of housing has already caused great suffering through over-crowding and inadequate facilities. To push more people into such areas is not in our judgment sound, nor does it express an attitude duly considerate of the Japanese evacuees.

For example, in Los Angeles, about 2500 persons of Japanese ancestry used to reside in the "Little Tokyo" area in the vicinity of First and North San Pedro streets. Following the Japanese evacuation in 1942, over five thousand Negroes have moved into this area. Now terribly overcrowded, the living conditions are correspondingly bad. The present policy of the War Relocation Authority results in forcing returnees to resettle in this area. This same situation is being repeated in the Fillmore district of San Francisco, in San Jose, and in other places.

As people thoroughly familiar with Pacific Coast conditions, sympathetic to the Japanese-Americans, anxious to have them return to the Coast, and with a seasoning in problems of social work, we have repeatedly expressed our dissatisfactions with a precipitate resettlement policy. We have, on the contrary, formulated the following program which will, in our judgment, more adequately meet the real needs of the situation.

August 6, 1945

(1) The schedule for closing the centers should be revised and the entire situation re-appraised in the light of sound social work practice. Many of the present residents in the centers are aged, unemployable, unrelatable. As aliens many of these people will be excluded by law from the benefits to which citizens have recourse, and they resent being treated as "charity cases" as their need has been created by the government's evacuation. Hence, we favor a center closing policy based on the real social needs of the group. Doubtless some center residents should be urged to leave, but under present conditions, which may prevail for several years, many persons should be allowed to remain for a year or longer.

(2) At the present time the City and County of San Francisco is some thirty thousand units of housing short of actual need. The City of Los Angeles is about seventy thousand units short. No amount of good will or effort can overcome these barriers, and to force the returnees to undertake resettlement without simultaneously providing more public housing is to force hardship on them. Thus, we are convinced that the federal government must undertake to make available more public housing in the Pacific Coast areas as an essential part of its Japanese resettlement program. We have advised Dillon S. Myer and other federal officials of our recommendations without success. Our position has been dismissed by War Relocation Authority officials with assurances that housing was available if we would get out and look for it, as proved by their experiences in New York and Chicago. We have visited both these cities, and the situations are not comparable. We are convinced that no program of Japanese resettlement on the Coast which does not contemplate new public housing construction can succeed.

(3) Older Japanese non-citizen residents of California may not receive State old age pensions under California law. Consequently, the younger group must accept responsibility for the care of aged relatives. Case after case of this type has come to our attention. The efforts of young Japanese-American servicemen to make an adjustment to civilian life are greatly complicated by the financial burdens which care for their aged parents will entail. This represents a real and disproportionate handicap for many of the younger generation. An over-simplified resettlement policy which overlooks this feature will result in the eventual discouragement and pauperization of many of these younger people. Apparently the federal government has not taken cognizance of this special problem, but we feel that a special federal old age pension program should be recommended for the benefit of those Issei who cannot qualify because of citizenship for legal aid categories.

We wish to emphasize our desire for the return here of all the Japanese-Americans who formerly lived here. We are anxious that a situation be created which will make this possible. Conditions which make the Coast unattractive now will result in resettlement elsewhere, thus giving a default victory to forces now actively opposing the return of the Japanese to their original homes. We wish to enlist your aid in support of the foregoing program.

Very truly yours,

Joseph James, President
San Francisco Branch, N.A.A.C.P.

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American Principles and Fair Play

Annie Olo Watson, Executive Secretary
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cc to AWCS, 130 E. 22nd St., N.Y.

R. Kingman

938 Market Street, Room 202

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cc to AWCS

August 6, 1945

Miss H. Murphy
465, California St.
San Francisco 4, Calif.

Dear Miss Murphy:

The following contributions have been received in this office and should be credited to the Los Angeles Committee:

Mr. Ralph G. Lindstrom 420 W.P. Story Bldg. Los Angeles	\$ 2.00
Dr. Kenneth P. Jones 710 Wilshire Bldg. Santa Monica,	10.00
Mr. Joseph I. Breen 5504 Hollywood Blvd. Hollywood, Calif.	10.00
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Jane Rodenbeck Los Angeles	1.00
Denoya E. Petty 133 No. Mariposa Ave. Los Angeles	1.00
Mr. Morris E. Cohn 229 North Broadway Los Angeles,	10.00

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary

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August 8, 1945

Rabbi Irving F. Reichert
Arguella and Lake Street
San Francisco, California

Dear Rabbi Reichert:

Enclosed you will find a copy of a letter this office is considering sending, together with the release attached, to the newspapers mentioned, the original open letter to be addressed to the persons and organizations indicated.

The material has been carefully prepared and documented by Dr. Taylor and this office. As the sending of such a letter is somewhat of a departure from our established policy, Dr. Taylor, Dr. McGiffert and I feel that Executive Committee approval should be secured before the letter is signed. Dr. McGiffert has expressed his willingness to sign the letter, subject to Executive Committee approval.

Will you please read this very carefully, now, and have your decision ready to give Miss Halliday when she telephones you within the next two or three days?

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman
Executive Secretary

RWK:ach
Sent to: Mrs. Alexander
Miss Anderson
Mr. Fisher
Dr. Deutsch
Mr. Perkins

Straight wire

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Kim Obata
540 Summit Avenue
Webster Groves, Missouri

WILL MEET TRAIN. DELIGHTED GIVE MASA ALL POSSIBLE ASSISTANCE.

Ruth Kingman

August 9, 1945

Rabbi Irving F. Reichert
Arguella and Lake Streets
San Francisco, California

Dear Rabbi Reichert:

The following information has been received, and I am sending it to you as you suggested in our telephone conversation of August 7.

Miss Fusako Sakai, (American born) worked for I. Magnin Co. from February, 1940 to April 1942. She worked as typist and general clerk in the Custom Made Department, department manager, Mme. La Claire.

Upon Miss Fusako's return to San Francisco, she talked personally with Mme. La Claire (who seems to be quite fond of her, and personally willing to say that she favors her reemployment, should the store management ask her opinion).

Mme. La Claire told Miss Sakai that the matter would have to be cleared with Mr. Grover Magnin, and suggested that she come back in thirty days.

Thirty days later, ditto.

Mr. Koshland spoke to Mr. Magnin who seemingly resents interference.

Miss Sakai is now working with the Red Cross, where she is being urged to stay on for the duration. However, she feels that she must find permanent work, preferably in her former position.

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman
Executive Secretary

RWK:cch

ROSENBERG FOUNDATION

17.7 POST STREET
SAN FRANCISCO 8, CALIFORNIA

August 9, 1945

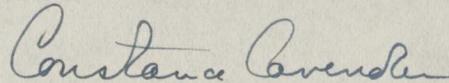
Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman
Committee on American
Principles and Fair Play
2287 Telegraph Avenue
Berkeley 4, California

Dear Mrs. Kingman:

Thank you for sending the estimate of office expenses for an average month.

We are attaching a copy of the summary which we prepared from all of the replies and hope you will find it helpful.

Sincerely yours,



Constance Cavender

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OFFICE EXPENSES FOR AN AVERAGE MONTH

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<u>Small general organization</u>								
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<u>Organizations using quantity mailing and mimeographing</u>								
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August 14, 1945

Miss Murphy
465 California St.
San Francisco, California

Dear Miss Murphy:

The following contributions have been received in this office:

Mrs. Audrie Girdner 706 Matadero Road Palo Alto,	\$ 5.00
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Mr. Fred Fertig (cash) 822 E. 20th St. Los Angeles 11,	4.00

Miss Murphy

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Mr. H. F. Whittle
609 S. Grand Avenue
Los Angeles

\$25.00

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

25.00

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary

P. S. Enclosed you will find the telephone bill.

Kingman + Fisher

Los Angeles, California
August 14, 1945.

Mrs. Helen Guenther
420 South Electric Avenue
Alhambra, California.

Dear Mrs. Guenther:

A copy of Dillon Myer's letter of August 4, to you has just come to my desk. It is certainly gratifying to learn of your interest in this complicated problem of the re-settlement and just treatment of this much discriminated against minority group of our own citizen's. I am also very glad that you have written directly to Dillon Myer himself. His is a terrific job, carrying with it a terrific responsibility for human welfare and security as well as for emptying these unhappy Relocation camps on scheduled time.

I trust that you and others will not cease to express your honest opinions directly to Mr. Myer both in regard to the question of importing labor instead of using our own returning Evacuees and, also, in regard to the possible sudden return to the coast of great numbers in the event of the sudden ending of the war.

Hundreds of these unhappy people still within the Centers are more than eager to relocate but find it absolutely impossible to plan family return or relocation inland unless and until the War Relocation Authority insists that the Federal Government back it up by providing adequate, decent housing facilities to which they may return.

It is to the everlasting credit of the Japanese and the Japanese-Americans that they hold back from becoming another vagrant or semi-migrant group by falling in with any plan to have them live as transients if and when they do return to the areas from which they were forcibly removed by evacuation.

It would be a pleasure to meet and talk with you at any time. Please write me or telephone-- Fitzroy 3568 for an appointment if you wish to discuss these problems with me.

In the meantime, Mr. Wm. Carroll the

Friends of The American Way, Col. Finch of the Pasadena Fair Play Committee and Mrs. Henderson of the South Pasadena Civic Unity Committee, just organized, would be thoroughly cooperative with you and your neighbors in any constructive effort to meet the problems raised in the event of the importation of labor, as indicated in your letter to Dillon Myer.

Please feel free to call upon our Committee on American Principles and Fair Play for assistance or advice, and we would be very happy to be kept informed of incidents and developments, both favorable and otherwise.

With best wishes to you in your endeavors to see justice done and Fair Play toward the Evacuees,

Very Sincerely Yours

Gracia D. Booth
Executive Secretary.

*c.c. to
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WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY
Central Utah Project
Topaz, Utah

All Center Head-
quarter
August 14, 1945

Mrs. Ruth Kingman
Fair Play Committee
535 St. Louis Road
Berkeley, California

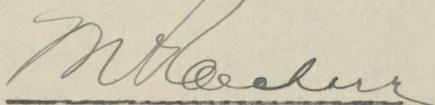
Dear Mrs. Kingman:

We are herewith enclosing a copy of our third communication to Mr. Myer, National Director of WRA, from all relocation centers, for your interest and consideration.

Whatever reply and response you may make to this letter and the enclosures will, I assure you, be appreciated and studied by the residents.

Very truly yours,

ALL CENTER HEADQUARTER



Masaru Narahara, Chairman
All Center Conference

Enclosure

Mrs. Echels

875 South Manhattan Place
Los Angeles, California
August 22, 1945.

Mrs. Carrol W. Skelton
1027 North Martel Avenue
Rosemead, California.

My dear Mrs. Skelton:

Mr. Kelley, District Relocation Officer, tells me of your concern regarding the hiring of our returning Japanese-Americans in your vicinity. I understand that petitions are or have been circulated against their return there.

The Fair Play Committee would be very glad to have any proof of such attempted discrimination, copies of such petitions if it is possible to obtain them and the identity of those persons responsible for their circulation

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Could you perhaps give us some/leads or information? If there are other attempts at intimidation or discouraging of Evacuee return will you inform our office at once, either by letter or telephone? We are only able to follow through on such cases as these if and when deeply concerned persons of goodwill, like yourself, see to it that we have all the facts surrounding the incidents or causing the antagonistic attitudes.

With sincere good wishes to you and others like you who are determined to see fair play extended to a much discriminated against minority group.

Very Sincerely,

Gracia D. Booth
Executive Secretary.

reply
9/6/45

4805-E
Newell, Calif.
August 24, 1945

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

Gentlemen:

I am planning on leaving this center to re-locate and I would like to have your help as I heard you have helped many Niseis in relocating.

My family consists of my father, age 73; my mother, age 60; my sister age, 22; and myself, age 19. As you see by the attached copy of the letter I sent to the Attorney General, I renounced my citizenship when I was confused and I regret it very much now.

I would appreciate very much if you will give me your kind assistance in helping me clear myself for relocation from this center.

Sincerely yours,

Anna Mieko Nakamura

Anna Mieko Nakamura

4805-E
Newell, Calif.
August 23, 1945

J.E. Ennis
Attorney General
Enemy Alien Division
Department of Justice
Washington 25, D.C.

Dear Sir:

I have not yet received any notice that my application for renunciation of citizenship has been accepted. Therefore, I request that it be cancelled immediately.

Both my parents have been in the United States for 25 consecutive years, and my sisters and I have never been in Japan. In Chico, California where I was born and raised, the majority of my friends were Caucasians, since there were very few Japanese families there. Because of this I was adapted to the American way of living and hardly know how to read or write the Japanese language.

I felt very bitter when my sisters and I were forced to evacuate our homes as we were American citizens. We felt we were discriminated and would have no future in the United States. My parents, because of this, felt that the only future for us would be in Japan, and urged me to renounce my citizenship.

Since evacuation, my father, who is 73 years of age, became very ill and unable to move around. His wish was to go back to Japan as soon as possible. He pointed out to me that although we are American citizens we were never looked upon as such and never given the rights of a citizen. He also pointed out that if I gave up my citizenship, we might have a chance to go back on the exchange ship and thus begin treatments for his illness. As America was my only home, and having never been to Japan, I knew that I could not be loyal to any country other than the United States, but I thought that my parents knew best.

Now I regret very much in turning in my application for renouncing my citizenship and would like to have it cancelled immediately. If it has been approved and is too late, I will appreciate all your assistance for my parole from this center.

Your kind attention will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

Anna Mieko Nakamura

September 6, 1945

Miss Anna Mieko Nakamura
4805-E
Newell, California

Dear Miss Nakamura:

Your letter has been received in our office while Mrs. Kingman is away on vacation. I shall call it to her attention immediately upon her return.

Our organization does not render assistance to individuals in relocating. I would suggest, if you have not already done so, that you contact the War Relocation Office at 461 Market St., San Francisco, the Relocation Division, for assistance and advice.

Mrs. Kingman may have some other suggestions for you, and when she returns I shall call her attention to your letter.

Very sincerely yours,

Constance Halliday
Secretary to Mrs. Kingman

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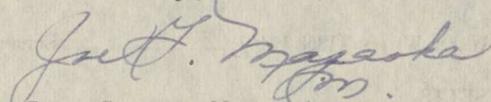
August 24, 1945

Dear Friend:

This is a tentative draft of a resolution being considered for circulation and concurrence among those concerned in the resettlement of Americans of Japanese descent.

Please feel free to postcard us with any revisions and suggestions you feel will be helpful.

Cordially,


Joe Grant Masaoka
REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVE

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A RESOLUTION ON THE RESETTLEMENT OF AMERICANS OF JAPANESE DESCENT

CENTER
EVICTION
WITHOUT
ADEQUATE
PROVISIONS
DECRIED

WHEREAS, Relocation of our American citizens and residents of Japanese descent from War Relocation centers on a humane basis and its effect upon the morale of our armed forces has motivated the concern of the undersigned concurring organizations; and

Japanese American troops, retained abroad as occupational forces, are appalled by federal eviction of their families. Their citations have earned nation-wide commendation. Despite evacuation and later confinement within relocation centers, their Americanism held strong. Now, they cannot come home to aid. The Stars and Stripes magazine notes the sagging morale. We believe their military record merits a decent reciprocal performance by the government which will be above reproach; and

We believe the federal government, as the prime mover in the evacuation, has an inescapable moral and legal responsibility toward these evacuees which does not end with the closing of the centers. Now, in the change-over from war to peace, the equitable liquidation of the relocation centers becomes an inseparable part of any national program for reconversion and rehabilitation; and

The signatories, cognizant of the WRA program, favor the early resettlement of evacuees wherever they elect to go but they are disturbed by the hardships inflicted when WRA strives for this desirable end; and

Undue persistence in methods of compulsory ousters adds further inhumanities and injustices upon these evacuees and inevitably aggravates community tensions in already congested housing areas. This contributes to reconversion complications; n o w
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BE IT RESOLVED: We reaffirm the government responsibility toward these federally displaced people who normally maintained unusual records for self-dependency by recommending this FIVE POINT PROGRAM:

ALTERNATIVE (1) Evacuees shall not be evicted from the centers until the WRA relocation officer within the county to which returnees are being sent has guaranteed housing for family living, together with adequate means of support;

(2) A center or housing projects, civilian or military, close to the evacuees' point of origin be used as an Interim Center for those who have not been able to make adequate relocation plans before the center closes.

(3) A Maintenance Center be designated for those 60 years and older; widows and soldiers' wives with children; and those, unemployable and incapacitated, whose return to their communities would make them public charges.

A RESOLUTION

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Easing of West Coast housing shortages is not expected before center closing dates, so hostels will not be available to house permanent dependency cases. Thus, a center or housing projects, civilian or military, to accommodate these dependency cases is required.

(4) Special assistance through the Social Security Agency be temporarily provided for relocatable and potentially self-sustaining returnees.

(5) A special federal assistance fund be set up to provide for these displaced aged aliens who cannot qualify for categorical aid in their respective states.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: Japanese American troops be assured, because of their lengthened essentiality overseas, their dependents and immediate families will not suffer disproportionate hardships, such as will result be default of this program; and

The United States cannot jeopardize its international moral leadership by ill-considered treatment of its own citizens and people dislocated by war:

This RESOLUTION shall be transmitted to

The President
The Secretary of the Interior
The Secretary of War
The Director, War Relocation Authority.

Respectfully submitted,

reply
9/6/45
Mrs. Kingman

4805-E
Newell, Calif.
August 25, 1945

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

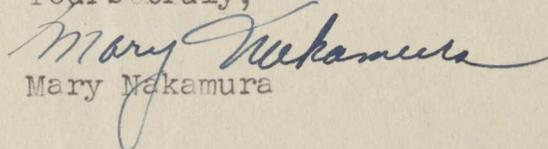
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Attached is a copy of the letter which I have sent to the Attorney General. I will certainly appreciate your help in getting me clear to leave this center.

Yours truly,


Mary Nakamura

4805-E
Newell, California
August 25, 1945

American Friends Committee
San Francisco, California

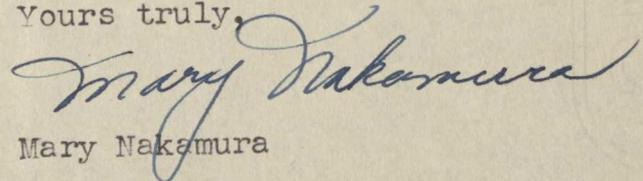
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4805-E
Newell, California
August 23, 1945

J. E. Ennis
Attorney General
Enemy Alien Division
Department of Justice
Washington, 25 D. C.

Dear Sir:

Since I have not received any notice that my application for renunciation for citizenship has been accepted, I am writing this letter requesting it be cancelled immediately.

I have never been in Japan and the only way of life I know is the life here in the United States. Up until January 1945 I never for one moment considered renouncing my United States citizenship as I am an American. In January, when the exclusion band was lifted, two organizations became very active in this center in forcing people to be more Japanese and one of their means was to put as much pressure as possible on families to prove their loyalty to Japan.

Both my parents were born in Japan, my father came to this country about 40 yrs. ago. During this period he returned to marry my mother and then he went back to to bring her here. In the last 25 years neither of my parents have been back to Japan. They settled in Chico where my sisters and I were born and raised. Since there were very few Japanese families located in Chico most of our friends were Caucasians. When war was declared we were forced to evacuate. We felt very bitter in having to leave our home as we children were American citizens. There were Italian families, who were not American citizens, and they were not foreed to evacuate even though our country was at war with Italy. My mother and father, who were born in Japan, felt that because of this they no longer had a future in the United States. For this reason they urged me to renounce my citizenship. I never felt right. I regretted it because I felt that I was an American and could not be loyal to Japan. Not only did I do this foolish thing because of the attitude of my family, but considerable pressure was put on us by the block people.

I sincerely hope that my application for renunciation of citizenship has not been reviewed and my application can be cancelled. If my renunciation of citizenship has already been accepted I wish to be considered for parole.

Your assistance on this matter will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

Mary Nakamura

September 6, 1945

Miss Helen Murphy
465 California Street, Room 203
San Francisco 4, California

Dear Miss Murphy:

The following contributions have been received in this office and are to be credited to the Los Angeles Committee:

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Mrs. Hubert T. Wilken 5.00
230 21st St.
Santa Monica,

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Cpl. Clyde G. Miller 1.00
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APO 344, San Francisco

September 6, 1945

Miss Mary Nakamura
4805-E
Newell, California

Dear Miss Nakamura:

Your letter has been received in this office while Mrs. Kingman is away on vacation. I shall call it to her attention immediately upon her return.

The Fair Play Committee does not assist with specific individual problems of relocation. I would suggest, if you have not already done so, that you write the War Relocation Authority, 461 Market St. San Francisco, the Relocation Division, for assistance and advice.

Mrs. Kingman may have some further suggestions for you, and when she returns I shall call her attention to your letter.

Very sincerely yours,

Constance Halliday
Secretary to Mrs. Kingman

August 27, 1945

Open Letter to:

Chamber of Commerce of Auburn, California
Fruit and Vegetable Growers and Shippers of Placer County, California
Business men of Auburn, Loomis, Penryn, and Newcastle, California
Editor, Auburn Journal Republican

The time has come when the people of California and of the Nation have a right to expect responsible fruit and vegetable growers, processors, and business men of Auburn, Loomis, Penryn and Newcastle to speak for themselves. The moves coming from Placer County to drive out a persecuted race of competitors and laborers are now known to the world. The public, which is being used by Placer County interests as an unconscious support, is entitled to know whether those persons and organizations behind this drive who imply that they are speaking in their behalf, really represent them. And the growers, processors and business men are entitled to an opportunity publicly to clear themselves of these "spokesmen", or to accept them.

Any consideration of what may be the real attitude of the principal economic interests of Placer County, California, toward persons of Japanese ancestry who are lawfully entitled to live there, begins with public expressions and actions. The following are among those which have been reported in the Auburn Journal Republican since the first of this year:

1. Formation of the Placer County Citizens' Anti-Japanese League, with an "Auburn business man" as Chairman. During the "keynote address" the man elected as treasurer, who assumed to speak in the name of "Placer County and California Fruit and Vegetable Growers" made this proposal as a proper treatment of persons of Japanese ancestry:

"To say it is our duty to civilize, humanize and Christianize the Japs is just bunk. If we must do something for them, let us sterilize them." (Auburn Journal Republican, Jan. 18, 1945).

2. Soon thereafter, in Placer County, several persons were charged with attempting to set fire to the fruit packing shed of a returned Japanese American, on the night of January 17, and of attempting to dynamite the shed on January 18, on or about the same date that the League was formed. Civilians implicated were residents of Placer County, and two soldiers implicated with them in the attempts were absent without leave from the United States Army at the time. (Journal Republican, Feb. 22, 1945).

3. The defense attorney at the trial in Auburn closed with a plea that "This is a white man's country". (Auburn Journal Republican, April 26, 1945; S. F. Chronicle, April 25, 1945). Admissions of the offenses charged, made by defendants to the District Attorney, were read

into the record of the trial, and "the defense offered no testimony of any kind". Nevertheless, the defendants were acquitted, evidently on strength of the appeal for racial discrimination.

4. On the same day, when the Auburn newspaper reported the verdict of acquittal, it announced that the returned Japanese American whose property had been the object of the attempted arson and dynamite had gone under orders to Sacramento to take physical examination for military service. His two brothers already were serving the United States Army.

5. The "Placer County Citizens' Anti-Japanese League", renamed the "California Preservation League" proclaimed as its purpose "to discourage the return of people of Japanese ancestry to California by refusing to buy, sell, lease or trade with any Japanese", and to "buy or confiscate all Japanese lands or businesses, such properties to be offered to returning veterans", (excepting undoubtedly those American veterans unfortunate enough to be born of Japanese ancestry.

6. Early in May this "California Preservation League" held meetings to expand into a statewide organization, with the same "Auburn business man" as president who had been elected chairman of the "Anti-Japanese League" at the meeting in Auburn at which boycott and sterilization of persons of Japanese ancestry were proposed publicly.

In this very period during which these events were occurring with intent to drive out a portion of the local labor supply, announcements were being carried of an impending shortage in Placer County of farm labor. The preceding season school boys and girls from as far as San Francisco Bay had been recruited at public expense and by volunteer effort in order to help Placer County people harvest their crops. Mexican Nationals also had been imported to the county at public expense for the same purpose. By these means the crops had been saved. Indeed, the very same issue of the Auburn Journal Republican which announced formation of the Placer County Anti-Japanese Citizens' League under an "Auburn business man" acknowledged this, for it reported also a "good-will dinner" in "appreciation for the fine work which is being carried on within the fruit belt of Placer County by the Mexicans". Evidently those business men and others who saw fit to support measures calculated to "discourage" laborers of Japanese ancestry from returning to their Placer County homes, felt they could act with impunity to themselves, in confidence that the nation's taxpayers would again save their crops by sending in Mexican Nationals. If we are to believe recent statements in the Journal Republican, fruit and vegetable and business men of Placer County still have that confidence and those expectations. Recent publicity from Auburn reaffirms that fruit and vegetable interests and business men welcome the help of boys and girls from the Bay Area, and of Mexican Nationals supplied at public expense, because these are devices to enable themselves to eliminate some of their competitors by fostering race prejudice. Under the headline "To Bill from Dad", the Journal Republican published on June 14, 1945 a letter, excerpts from which follow:

"In a very short time the harvest camps will open and the youngsters who have helped pull the fruit men out of the hole here for the past three years are rolling up their sleeves ready to begin. Those of us who had felt another way, perhaps better than the Jap way, would be found to harvest our fruit, have had our faith in the youngsters fully justified in these past four years. I believe that all the businessmen, (both ranchers and merchants) now are agreed that economically speaking we are better off than we were before the Japs were moved from California, by the army . . . "

"In Placer County, as you know, we were so entirely dependent on Japanese farm labor that it was almost pitiful. That situation no longer exists. Mexican Nationals, as well as school children, have admirably filled the gap, and we are no longer dependent upon any group . . . "

"Much of the money received by the workers is spent right here in this vicinity. The businessmen in every community can tell you the result. Loomis, Penryn and Newcastle that once were thriving communities and then became virtual ghost towns, again look like their former selves . . . "

"At any rate the fruit crop is now beginning to roll into the fruit houses, and the communities are humming with the march of children's feet, all ending in fruit house row. The shouting and laughter of the 'kids' as they carry on is disconcerting to the old school, but from observation, your dad is free to say it has always been the youngsters who have found a way."

Upon the basis of this public record, we believe it appropriate to invite responsible fruit and vegetable growers and processors, and business men of Placer County to make public answer to several questions.

1. Do you believe that American taxpayers, through the War Food Administration and the Agricultural Extension Service, should pay for recruiting, transporting and supplying Placer County with Nationals from Mexico while in your community elements which assume to speak in your name advocate without contradiction, or employ devices to "discourage" laborers from returning home?

2. Do you expect parents and children from towns and cities to cooperate in recruiting boys and girls to harvest your crops, if that assistance is to be interpreted publicly within your community in your name, and without contradiction, as an aid to a formal program of economic and race discrimination?

3. Do you support the public efforts within your county to utilize race prejudice as a device to eliminate that portion of your competitors and laborers which is of Japanese ancestry?

4. If so, which of those measures publicly advocated or employed by persons or organizations in Placer County, that are intended to "discourage" the return of persons of Japanese ancestry to their homes and their labors, do you approve, and which do you not approve?

Our committee believes that the facts of this situation, clarified by the answers of responsible fruit and vegetable growers and shippers and business men of Placer County, should be presented to the War Food Administration and the Agricultural Extension Service at the next time allocations of Mexican Nationals are requested for Placer County; that these facts should be presented to the Congress at the next time when appropriations are requested for farm laborers who may be sent at public expense to Placer County; and that they should be presented to parents and boys and girls who in another season may be asked to volunteer to harvest crops in Placer County.

We understand that those who have helped to recruit girls and boys from Berkeley for this year's harvest in Placer County have protested that they did not do so in order to help anybody to "discourage" any other Placer County laborers. We believe that this protest is sound.

Why, under cloak of patriotism, should the public, and especially boys and girls, be used to foster a program of race discrimination designed openly to line the pockets of Placer County growers, shippers and business men?

If this interpretation of the publicly proclaimed actions in Placer County does not reflect your own attitude, we invite you to correct the record by a public disapproval of your assumed spokesmen. Further, we ask your cooperation in finding a remedy for the shockingly low state of public morals which their proclamations reveal.

Sincerely yours,

Arthur Cushman McGiffert, Jr.

Chairman, Executive Committee
Pacific Coast Committee on
American Principles and Fair Play

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- The Secretary of Labor, Washington, D. C.
- The Secretary of Interior, Washington, D. C.
- The Secretary of Commerce, Washington, D. C.
- President, California State Chamber of Commerce
- Director Agricultural Extension Service, Washington, D. C.
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August 28, 1945.

Dr. Arthur Cushman McGiffert, Jr.,
Pacific School of Religion,
1798 Scenic Avenue,
Berkeley 4, California.

Dear Doctor McGiffert:

I have a note from Ruth Kingman, in which she tells me that, in the first place, you lost your appendix a few days ago and that, in the second place, you are leaving your present position to accept the presidency of the Theological School of the University of Chicago.

This is to express my hope that your recovery will be prompt and complete, and also to extend, not only my best wishes to you in the new position, but also the very great appreciation which all of us feel of the fine work you have done on the Committee. Most of us, including myself, have done so little work compared to your own that we owe you a deep debt of gratitude for taking so much from our shoulders. Although we may have arrived before the eleventh hour, we did not bear the heat and burden of the day, and we realize how much of the accomplishment of the Committee is due to your resolute leadership and constant willingness to help.

With best wishes, I am,

yours sincerely,

MEH:FH

August 28, 1945.

Honorable Roger D. Lapham,
Mayor,
City Hall,
San Francisco, California.

Dear Roger,

On returning to my office after our talk this morning, I find a letter from our Committee on American Principles and Fair Play, asking that I express to you on their behalf their congratulations for your insistence that an American of Japanese descent be given employment by the Municipal Railways. I have already expressed my personal gratification that you met the situation so effectively and courageously, and this is only to say that our Committee joins me in this expression.

Yours sincerely,

MEH:FH

Mr. C. W. R. C. Gibbs
Casanova & Partners
London

HELEN GAHAGAN DOUGLAS
14TH DISTRICT CALIFORNIA

HOME ADDRESS:
2701 WILSHIRE BLVD.
LOS ANGELES, CALIF.

COMMITTEE:
FOREIGN AFFAIRS

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C.

August 31, 1945

Dear Mrs. Kingman:

Your letter of August 27th together with a copy of an open letter sent by the Executive Committee of the Pacific Coast Committee on American Principles and Fair Play to the Chamber of Commerce of Auburn, California has been received in the office during the absence of Mrs. Douglas.

I know Mrs. Douglas will read with interest your letter and enclosure, and I shall bring it to her attention at the earliest opportunity.

Sincerely yours,

Evelyn Chavoor

Evelyn Chavoor
Secretary to Helen Gahagan Douglas

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

Room 203
465 California Street
San Francisco 4, California

GEORGE E. OUTLAND
11TH DISTRICT
CALIFORNIA

COMMITTEE:
BANKING AND CURRENCY

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C.

August 31, 1945

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

Dear Mrs. Kingman:

Your letter of August 27th, enclosing copy of open letter sent to the Chamber of Commerce of Auburn, California, and several business men and organizations of Placer County, reached this office today. Mr. Outland is still in California, but we can assure you that he will see your communication immediately upon his return to Washington.

Sincerely yours,

Elva Schwamlein
Elva Schwamlein
Assistant Secretary.

RICHARD J. WELCH
5TH DIST. CALIFORNIA

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C.

August 31, 1945

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

My dear Mrs. Kingman:

During the absence of Congressman Welch from Washington, I wish to acknowledge receipt of your letter of August 27th enclosing copy of an open letter addressed to the Chamber of Commerce of Auburn and other organizations of Placer County.

Please be assured your communication will be brought to the Congressman's attention upon his return next week.

Very sincerely,

M. B. Clarke

Secretary.

JACK Z. ANDERSON
8TH DISTRICT CALIFORNIA

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C.

August 31, 1945

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman
2287 Telegraph Avenue
Room 215
Berkeley 4, California

Dear Mrs. Kingman:

This will acknowledge your letter of August 27, which was received in the absence of Congressman Anderson, who is presently in California.

I know the Congressman will appreciate having his copy of the open letter to the Chamber of Commerce of Auburn, California, which I am sure will prove of interest to him. Please be assured your communication and enclosure will be called to his attention.

Thanking you, and with best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Lucius C. Welner
Secretary

JERRY VOORHIS
12TH DIST. CALIFORNIA
COMMITTEE
ON AGRICULTURE

HOME ADDRESS
R. F. D. No. 1
SAN DIMAS, CALIFORNIA
OFFICE ADDRESS:
501 HOUSE OFFICE BLDG.
WASHINGTON, D. C.



August 31, 1945

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

Dear Mrs. Kingman:

Mr. Voorhis is presently out of the city and for this reason I am taking the liberty of acknowledging your letter of August 27 and the enclosed copy of an open letter sent by your Executive Committee to the Chamber of Commerce, Auburn, California and others.

I know Mr. Voorhis will be interested in your communication and the enclosure and you may rest assured it will be brought to his attention upon his return to Washington sometime next week.

Sincerely yours,

Jani D'Amico

Secretary to
JERRY VOORHIS

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C.

August 31, 1945

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

Dear Mrs. Kingman:

I have read with interest the copy of the
letter which you enclosed with yours of August 27.
You may be assured of my careful attention to this
matter.

Sincerely yours,

Franck R. Havenner

Franck R. Havenner
Member of Congress