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PACIFIC COAST COMMITTEE ON AMERICAN PRINCIPLES
AND FAIR PLAY,

~~ROOM 203, 465 CALIFORNIA STREET,~~

~~SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA.~~

2234 Telegraph Ave.
Berkeley, 4, California

340 CHANNEL DRIVE,
SANTA BARBARA, CALIFORNIA,
JUNE 17, 1944.

IN OCTOBER OF 1943, MRS. E. F. HAMMOND TOOK A
SUSTAINING MEMBERSHIP IN YOUR ORGANIZATION.

JUST RECENTLY SHE RECEIVED A NOTICE THAT DUES FOR
MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS ARE STILL PAYABLE. WILL YOU
PLEASE LET US KNOW IF THIS IS CORRECT?

(Mrs.) E. R. Beale
SECRETARY.

June 19, 1944

Mrs. John A. Harrison
2924 Florence St.
Berkeley 5, Calif.

Dear Mrs. Harrison:

At the suggestion of Mr. Harry L. Kingman,
we are sending under separate cover some material
which you may find of some interest and information.

Very sincerely yours,

Office secretary

June 20, 1944

Mr. Robert L. Brown
War Relocation Authority
Manzanar, Calif.

Dear Mr. Brown:

May we thank you very much for sending the
ten copies of Mr. Merritt's address.

I have already sent several copies to per-
sons who will be able to make us of it, and am
writing to Mr. Merritt to express my own appre-
ciation of a fine piece of work.

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman

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June 20, 1944

Mr. Ralph Merritt
Manzanar Relocation Center
Manzanar, Calif.

Dear Mr. Merritt:

I was delighted to receive and read a copy
of your address of May 20, 1944.

You have brought to the attention of the residents and administrative members of your community many of the problems confronting the country as a whole. More important still, and in a way not easily recognized by anyone not familiar with your particular constituency, you have met and answered many of the questions peculiar to the group -- some having probably been introduced by Japanese national propaganda. Your answers to these questions was particularly well done.

I wish that all of the persons who charge W.R.A. with a lack of a program of Americanization in the centers could be made to read your address.

I hope that W.R.A. makes it available to residents and staffs of all of the centers. I shall suggest that they do so, as I feel that you have done a fine thing.

Very cordially yours,

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman

RWK:mj

June 20, 1944

Mrs. E.F. Hammond
340 Channel Dr.
Santa Barbara, Calif.

Dear Mrs. Hammond:

May we apologize for an error in our clerical assistance, in sending you an untimely reminder of membership renewal dues? Since your sustaining membership was taken out in October, 1943, the renewal of your membership will not be due until October, 1944.

May we also express our regret for any inconvenience this may have caused you? Be assured we will avoid such errors in the future.

You may find the enclosed pamphlet of some interest.

Very sincerely yours,

Office secretary

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June 20, 1944

Rev. C.P. Garman
Colorado Council of Churches
Denver, Colo.

Dear Mr. Garman:

We have checked with our local printer regarding prices on quantity shipments of our recent pamphlet "American Fighting Men Speak Out", and have received the following information:

<u>No.</u>	<u>Item cost</u>	<u>Total</u>
3,000	at \$40.00 per thousand	\$120.00
5,000	at \$30.00 per thousand	\$150.00
10,000	at \$24.00 per thousand	<u>\$240.00</u>

The above prices do not include shipping charges, which of course would be added to your total bill, in addition to the cost of the changes you mentioned, (which we should be glad to make if you order 5,000 or over). This arrangement is at absolute cost to us, but we shall be glad to carry the details of printing and shipping, as we are anxious for a wide distribution.

Please let us know of you plans as soon as possible.

Thank you very much.

Very sincerely yours,

Office secretary

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California
State Board of Agriculture

SACRAMENTO
740 Hilmar Street, Santa Clara

June 20, 1944

Mrs Ruth W Kingman
Committee on American Principles and Fair Play
Rm 206, 465 California Street
San Francisco, Calif

My dear Mrs Kingman:

No doubt you have seen accounts of the meeting of the Tehama County Farm Bureau at Red Bluff, June 19th which passed resolutions as follows:

- 1- That all Japanese be placed under Army Control
- 2- That all disloyal Japanese be removed from the Pacific coast
- 3- Full use of American Japanese in agriculture
- 4- Deportation of all Japanese at the end of the war who were not born here and deportation of any American born Japanese not of good loyalty
- 5- No Japanese of American birth be granted citizenship unless their parents were American citizens before they were born.

I assume you will wish to obtain authentic copies if you have not already done so. President of the Tehama County Farm Bureau is Mr Charles Petrie.

My husband received this date a notice of a meeting of the Santa Cruz County Farm Bureau Board of Directors meeting for this coming Friday, June 23rd at Valencia Center, Aptos, where our ranch is located. On the agenda is :

"2. Japanese question".

The President of the Santa Cruz County Farm Bureau is Mr Herbert F Dalton, who has been with the USDA War Board in Berkeley. I assume that these resolutions will be discussed there. My husband will not be at the meeting as he will be working in Fresno that period.

At the Board meeting yesterday Mr McFadden, who, I believe, was a former member of your Committee, characterized Point #5 as unconstitutional. I would appreciate enlightenment on your interpretation of the Tehama County program.

Very truly yours,

Grace McDonald

MEMBER

July 3, 1944

Mrs. Grace McDonald
740 Hilmar St.,
Santa Clara, Calif.

Dear Mrs. McDonald:

Thank you very much for your letter of June 20th, in which you quoted the resolutions passed by the Tehama County Farm Bureau, relating to persons of Japanese ancestry. Your letter did not reach me in time to send a reply before the meeting in Aptos on June 23rd. Since then, I have been out of my office for several days, ill, leaving your letter in my typewriter, just half answered.

I am enclosing a copy of my letter to Mr. Charles Petrie, Chariman of the Tehama County Farm Bureau, expressing some of the questions we would like to have answered by groups passing resolutions such as those quoted. I think that the questions do, in some way, express our interpretation of the Tehama County program. If we are to grant the Bureau members a sincere, sober minded approach to the subject under consideration (and we do grant it), we feel that they have explored the whole problem with sufficient thoroughness to be able to give us the added information we are asking.

I shall be glad to send you a copy of any reply I may receive from Mr. Petrie, as it is sure to be of interest and value.

Thank you, again, for your interest in a thorough consideration of the problems facing California and her law-abiding citizens of Japanese ancestry.

Enclosed you will find my check for \$1.00 for one year's subscription to the California Farm Reporter. I have heard Paul Taylor mention it, and shall read the forthcoming issues with interest.

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman
Executive Secretary

RWK:mj

POST WAR WORLD COUNCIL

112 EAST 19th STREET
NEW YORK 3, N. Y.
Telephone: GRamercy 7-8534

June 19, 1944

Mr. Galen M. Fisher
2234 Telegraph Avenue
Berkeley, Calif.

Dear Mr. Fisher:

As I promised you when I met you in New York at our little informal luncheon, I am sending you the names of two key women of the National Council of Jewish Women in California.

Mrs. Joseph K. Ferguson, 740 West 17th St., Los Angeles 15, is the president of the Western Interstate Conference of the Council. Mrs. Edmond M. Lazard, 253 South Mansfield Avenue, Los Angeles 36, is the national chairman of the Social Legislation of the Council. I think both of these people will be valuable contacts for your work.

In the meantime, don't forget that the Post War World Council is ready and willing to circularize any of its members from a particular locality where educational and resettlement effort for the Japanese Americans is planned or undertaken.

It was nice to meet you.

Sincerely yours,

Elsie Elfenbein

Elsie Elfenbein
Executive Director

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6/20

621 E. Boulder
Colo. Springs

Dear Ruth -

The material was swell -
I particularly liked the wrath
of Ickes and the clear un-
fathomable logic of Eberharter.
I am passing the stuff on to
Elly Fishman (although she
may have it already?)

Please renew my member-
ships. By the way, if an
emergency should arise, I'm
usually good for a touch!

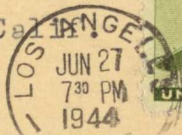
Sincerely,
Joe Hodges

P.S. What about having a special
name for the committee -

just for putting on checks
+ envelopes? May I
suggest something like
"Jays, Inc.?" Much easier
to write.

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822 E.20th St.,
Los Angeles 11, Calif.



THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

Committee on American Principles and
Fair Play
2234 Telegraph Ave.,
Berkeley, Calif. Zone 4

VIA AIR MAIL

130/44
June 21, 1944

Dear Sirs:

In the July issue of "Pacific Pathfinder" distribute on the West Coast (June issue in the mail to you) we are running an article by Larry Tajiri of "Pacific Citizen". We want to accompany it with two items. (1) A series of ^{direct} quotations from Chinese Americans on what they think about necessity for fair play, etc. to Japanese Americans. We are using the Lui and Leung quotes from your "American Fighting Men Speak Out", the Chinese Christian Lake Tahoe resolution, the speech of Walter Ching at Logan (Utah) Club. Please send anything else you have. I remember "Time" magazine letters just after war began from Hawaiian Chinese Americans. (2) Also send the mimeograph sheet telling purposes and membership fees as we will recommend membership.

Send within 7 days for our deadline, please. Fred Fortig - Editor

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June 21, 1944

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

Dear Miss Jefferds

Please excuse the long delay in answering your letter of May 23rd., but I was terribly taken up with comprehensives.

I am sure that USSA could use "batches of stuff", and as to the information that you asked for I have written the office to send you some material.

I am at present enroute to Los Angeles and perhaps after you receive the information that you want about USSA we might get together. We are very interested in having representatives from more California Colleges.

Thank you very much for your interest and I shall look forward to hearing from you soon.

Very sincerely yours,

Louise Rosenstiel
Louise Rosenstiel

1000 North Crescent
Beverly Hills, California

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Office: 2234 Telegraph Ave.,
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June 22, 1944

L.B.
Mr. Young
136 Lowell St.
Manchester, N.H.

Dear Mr. Young:

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,

Ruth W. Kingman

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

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Enclosed
check
for
\$1.00
held
for
deposit.
D.M.

Please send 12 copies.
8/82 herewith

Bradford Grey

*American fighting men
Report the danger*

"... Americanism is not, and never was, a matter of race or ancestry."—Franklin D. Roosevelt, February 1, 1943

June 22, 1944

Mrs. Eleanor Egan
412 31st Ave.
San Mateo, Calif.

Dear Mrs. Egan:

I am not sure what particular pamphlets were mentioned in the radio broadcast of the Institute of International Relations, but I have sent, under separate cover a packet of material regarding the Committee, and its work, that I am sure will include the brochures mentioned.

If we can be of any further assistance, please do not hesitate to call on us.

Sincerely yours,

Office secretary

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2215 N. ~~Garrett~~
Garrett
Dallas 6, Texas

June 22, 1944

Recd
7/9/44
Dear Ruth Kingman:

We appreciated your taking the time to write us that nice letter and we did receive the forms from the W.R.A. office for all of which we thank you. But before we got around to filling them out and returning them, we heard rumors of impending relaxations of restrictions etc, and so we have just put off doing anything definite about the piano. Even though we realize that these are probably nothing but rumors, just because they are the kind we would like to believe, we are hoping that they may become facts before too very long.

We think that the W.R.A. are doing a very difficult job very commendably. It seems a shame that more people cannot know of all they do and are trying to do.

Dr. Hayashi is now working right here in Dallas and so we are a family unit again under one roof. Toyoko, our college daughter, had her last final yesterday morning and she started working on her brand- new job in the afternoon. She is in the office of a motor transport company. She got this job all on her own initiative and we feel quite proud of her !

I am sorry that it has taken me so long to acknowledge your kindnesses but you may be sure we have appreciated it.

With my kindest regards to your family,

I am always,

Marian K. Hayashi

2234 Telegraph
Berk.

7/14/44
MILLER FREEMAN

71 Columbia Street
Seattle 4, Washington.

June 22, 1944.

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

Dear Mrs. Kingman:

On my return here I find your letter of May 26;
also copy of your letter to Honorable Joseph E. Grew and
copy of other material you sent out with circular letter, in-
cluding pamphlet entitled, "American Fighting Men Speak Out".
I appreciate very much having this material for our files.

In your multigraphed letter to the members of your
Committee, you say:

"Mr. Galen Fisher, a personal friend of Mr. Grew's
has also written a letter to Mr. Grew, assuring
him of our understanding and appreciation of his
point of view, and saying that we feel the impor-
tance of clearing up any misapprehensions which
might have been created".

I would like very much to have a copy of the letter
Mr. Galen Fisher wrote to Ambassador Grew, as mentioned above.
As Mr. Fisher's connection is so intimate with Mr. Grew and
because of his long experience and extensive background and
because his views may have considerable weight with the United
States Department of State, I will consider it a favor if this
correspondence on this matter so vital to the public of the en-
tire Pacific Area, be sent to me.

Sincerely yours,

Miller Freeman

Miller Freeman.

July 3, 1944

Mr. Miller Freeman
71 Columbia St.
Seattle 4, Washington

Dear Mr. Freeman:

In reply to your letter of June 22, in which you suggest that you would like a copy of Mr. Galen Fisher's letter to Ambassador Joseph Grew, may I say that I have spoken of it to Mr. Fisher, and he has asked that I write to you.

With him, I feel that he wrote to his friend the Ambassador in a purely personal vein, and that the correspondence should be regarded as personal. I am sure that you will appreciate Mr. Fisher's feeling on the matter.

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The work of the Committee goes on most satisfactorily. We were delighted with the outcome of a luncheon we held last week in Los Angeles, when Dr. Sproul addressed 60 carefully selected, invited guests. Excellent publicity resulted, and there are 40 outstanding representatives of business, labor, education and religion coming into our organization as a result.

Dr. Sproul's address is being mimeographed, and I shall send you a copy as soon as it is available. We are sending it to "Vital Speeches" at the request of members in Los Angeles. In this address he has expressed perfectly, our attitudes and concerns as a Committee. I know that you will be interested in in reading it.

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman

RWK:mj

RWK
7/12/44

Redwood City
June 23, 1944

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

My dear Mrs. Kingman:

I am interested in the Pacific Coast Committee on American Principles and Fair Play. I must admit that this interest is active probably only because of a schoolmate, who is now at Tule Lake.

She and I graduated at the same time from Sequoia High School here in Redwood City. She and her husband and mother and two small sons decided to go to Tule Lake only because they despaired of ever being able to resume a normal life here in the United States. I have complete confidence in her integrity. I know nothing of her husband except that he went to high school in Tracy. His name is Arthur Nakata, and my friend's name was Michiko Nishida. Her parents had a small farm near Palo Alto, and she worked at Gump's (I believe) for a number of years. After her father died, she and her husband took over the farm, and were still at this farm when they were interned.

If the committee knows of any place in the country where this family could feel safe and could go back to farming, I intend to finance their resettlement. Can the committee tell me if it is possible to get these people out of Tule Lake Relocation Center?

I am a teacher in Burlingame High School and have no other income. I enclose a small check to aid in the work of the Committee. If I am unable to help my friends to return to normal life, I shall make a larger contribution to the Committee.

Yours sincerely,

Artha Gordon

Miss Artha Gordon

Box 52

Redwood City, California

July 12, 1944

Miss Artha Gordon
Box 52
Redwood City, Calif.

Dear Miss Gordon:

Thank you very much for your letter of June 23 enclosing your check for \$10., and expressing interest in some of the things the Committee is trying to do.

I have made careful inquiry into a possible reply to the questions you raise concerning the procedure (if any) to be followed for release of persons held in Tulalake.

There are such procedures, and I shall try to make them clear to you, although some of the process does seem a bit obscure, until you evaluate it in the light of public opinion as well as national security.

1) 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.

However, I am confident that the necessarily strict leave clearance processes of the War Relocation Authority are subject to personal application. Quoting from a statement from a letter from the Assistant Director, Mr. Robert Cozzens, "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. --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."

In the case of Mr. and Mrs. Nakata the following procedure is suggested:

1. Instruct the head of the family to apply for transfer to another center, on the basis of reconsideration of his original request for admission to Tulalake (or other cause for his being there), accompanying the request with a letter from you, expressing your confidence in the family and your desire to be of specific and material help.
2. A hearing will follow, and if nothing of a negative nature is to be found in the applicant's records, it is probable that his request will be granted, and he and his family may be sent to one of the other nine centers, from which he can then.....
3. Apply for indefinite leave, which is the process by which all permanent relocation is carried on.

If his record is clear, I feel that in time, this can be accomplished, particularly if you approach the Wra Director, Mr. Ray Best. I suggest that before you start formal negotiations, and particularly before you outline any plan to your Nisei friends, that you write a personal letter, much as you did to me to Mr. Best who is a fine person, and one eager that justice shall be as fully served as possible in this altogether contradictory situation. It might be well to say that I have suggested that you write to him asking if those are the proper steps to pursue. I have already made the inquiries and am sure that this is the correct procedure, but you will probably get earlier and happier results if you write personally to Mr. Best and tell him all about yourself and your interest in Mr. and Mrs. Nakata.

To summarize -- I suggest a letter to Mr. Ray Best, Project Director of Tulalake, telling him what you wish to do and why, who you are, etc. Tell him that it is your understanding that the first step is permission to transfer to another center, and the second, after the transfer, an application for indefinite leave, subject to the regulations for such leave clearance. While official applications must go from Mr. Nakata, and not from you, it will be your assistance and interest which will make possible any consideration of the application.

I am sure that Mr. Best will give the matter his full and serious consideration. If, for any reason, you do not receive a sufficiently clear and prompt reply to your letter, please let me know, and I shall be happy to pursue the matter further.

Very sincerely,
ely yours,

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman

RWK:mj

H. G. Zuckerman Insurance Service

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A. C. ALSTRAND, Manager

June 23rd, 1944

West Coast Com. on Amer. Principles & Fair Play,
2234 Telegraph Avenue,
Berkeley 4, California.

Gentlemen:

- Attention Mrs. Kingman -

The plate glass insurance is coming up for renewal as of July 8th, and we have taken the liberty to renew this coverage on the same basis as now covered by the enclosed policy, which we trust you will find acceptable and in order.

Yours very truly,

H.G. ZUCKERMAN INSURANCE SERVICE

By 

ACA:LW
Enc.



June 24, 1944

Mrs. Russell P. Hastings:
3525 Pacific Avenue
San Francisco, California

Dear Mrs. Hastings;

It was good of you to meet me last Tuesday and listen to me talk about the work of the Committee. We are always glad to find sympathetic understanding of the problem on which we are working.

You will remember that I promised to send you a memo of two or three things you were kind enough to say that you would do for us. As I recall, they were as follows:

- 1) Send us a list of persons from whom we might hope to receive financial support if we were to make the proper approach.
- 2) Send us a list of persons who need the sort of "educating" we try to do, to whom we might send carefully selected material.
- 3) Send out, with a covering letter of your own, 12 copies of each of our releases as they are prepared.

It is good to feel that we do not have to sell our program to you. We greatly appreciate your interest, and hope that in addition to sending the lists, and mailing some of our material, you will wish to make some financial contribution to the work of the Committee.

The program for the coming year is heavy, and must be supported by a substantial budget. We feel that the importance of pressing this program just now needs no argument.

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman.

Pamphlets sent under separate cover.

June 26, 1944

Mr. Burton Bishop
National Intercollegiate Christian Council
Lake Forest, Ill.

Dear Mr. Bishop:

Have sent the following material, to be accounted
for at the close of the conference:

<u>No.</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>Charge</u>
50	Beyond the Horizon	\$3.00
50	American Fighting Men	3.00
25	Ben Kuroki Excerpts @2¢/each	.50
50	Fortune reprints	none
40	McCloy-Merchant letter	none
40	Dept. of Interior statements	none
30	Balance Sheet on Japanese Ev.	\$2.05
25	Pertinent Facts	none
25	Truth About Jap Camps @2¢/for 5¢	.63
10	These are our Parents	none
40	Voice That Must Be Heard	none
40	Soldier & Civilian Nisei, etc.	none
25	Kaltenborn letter @ 1¢ each	.25
		<u>\$9.43</u>

You will be held accountable for the total noted
above, with deductions, of course for the material re-
turned.

Sincerely yours,

Office secretary

*material returned
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mj-*

June 26, 1944

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

Dear Mrs. Hastings:

At the suggestion of Mrs. Kingman, I am sending under separate cover a kit of material that you may find of some interest as a background of factual material.

The cost of the 12 copies of "American Fighting Men Speak Out" that Mrs. Kingman left with you is \$1.00. As soon as the reprints of Yori Wada's article from the California Monthly come to us from the printers, I shall mail you twelve (also billed at \$1.00).

In addition to the kit of background material, I am also sending 12 copies of a mimeographed sheet on "Soldier and Civilian Nisei and Government Policy Today and Tomorrow" at no charge.

If we can be of any further assistance, please do not hesitate to call on us.

Very sincerely yours,

Office secretary

mj

June 28, 1944

Mr. Samuel Nagata
30-18-C
Heart Mountain, Wyoming

Dear Mr. Nagata:

I am writing for Mrs. Kingman, our Executive Secretary, to express her thanks for the pamphlet work you sent to us with a covering letter on June 13th. We are always grateful to be kept in touch with pending releases.

Since the particular release you enclosed is more specifically of use to the Friends of the American Way (Pasadena) we have taken the liberty of forwarding the manuscript to the chairman of this group, Mr. Wm. C. Carr, 1360 W. Colorado, Pasadena, Calif. I am sure we will get in touch with you in the very near future.

Thank you again for keeping us informed.

Sincerely yours,

Office secretary

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Orinda, Cal.

June 28, 1944

Hon. Joseph C. Grew
Department of State
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Grew:

May I bring the two enclosures to your attention: a transcript of a broadcast by San Francisco high school students over Station KGW on May 5, 1944; and the collection of letters from Servicemen, entitled "American Fighting Men Speak Out".

The broadcast is deemed to be so offensive by several prominent California citizens, including Dr. Monroe Deutsch, Vice-President of the University of California and President of the Commonwealth Club, that they are sending a strong protest to the San Francisco Board of Education. The style of the transcript is very similar to statements made at various times during the last thirty odd years by the Joint Immigration Committee, in which the Native Sons of the Golden West and the California American Legion are the chief members. On page 4, bottom, is a reference to the State Department which hardly seems calculated to nurture respect for the Federal Government in the hearts of the children who gave or heard the broadcast. The offices of the Board of Education are in the Education Building, Civic Center. (Please see P.S. below.)

The pamphlet of letters from Fighting Men have continued the development of a more tolerant attitude toward loyal persons of Japanese ancestry which your addresses and those of Sergeant Ben Kuroki did so much to further a few months ago. In view of the prospect that the War Department will allow the return of considerable numbers of the evacuees to this Coast during the war, this Committee is now planning a mobilization of forces to press forward the process of developing a welcome-home spirit among representative citizens in scores of communities, so that returning evacuees will not have to face a social and economic boycott. We are also urging as many as practicable of the evacuees to settle permanently East of the Sierras. In our educational campaign, we may call on you for aid in the form of a brief special statement.

Sincerely yours

Calvin M. Fisher

P.S.

I should add that Mr. Dillon Myer, Director of W.R.A., in Barr Bldg, possesses a complete duplicate of the original broadcast as given in San Francisco. He would be glad to arrange for you to hear it.

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June 28, 1944

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

Dear Mrs. Elkus:

In requesting support of the Columbia Foundation, we are suggesting that its Board members consider our needs as planned to cover two sharply defined projects within a year's time: one, the over all program, the other short, concentrated mobilization of support for the War Department.

Last year we raised (as of April 24, 1944) \$5,481.77 to which the Columbia Foundation added \$3,900.00, making a total of \$9,381.77. This year our budget exclusive of the additional four month's campaign, is \$10,142.00. We expect to raise \$5,071.00 during the year, largely through personal membership and contributions. We hope that the Columbia Foundation will recognize sufficient merit in our program to provide the remaining \$5,071.00

As it is entirely possible that much of the years work might be completed in six month's time, we are limiting our request at this time to consideration of only one half of the year's budget, as we hope to secure one half the amount we are requesting; \$2,535.50, for the first six months. We shall hope to be able to make a second request at the end of the six month's period if further program is called for.

The four months of concentrated effort will require a budget out of proportion to the general program, because of the added personnel needed. For this, we will need \$4,920.00, one half of which we will hope to raise among our members and other friends. We hope that the Columbia Foundation will give consideration to a request for the remaining half; i.e. \$2,460.00

With the \$2,535.50 of the general budget and \$2,460.00 of the special budget, the total request comes to \$4,995.50 for the six month's period--July 1, 1944 to December 1, 1944.

We are eager that this entire program be brought to a successful conclusion as soon as possible, and as you see, we are planning for as careful and complete a mobilization of organizations and individuals as can be effected in this difficult situation.

We have received promises of collaboration from "Asia", "Commonweal" and "East West" magazines, and are sure of fullest cooperation from the Federal Council of Churches and of course, the YMCA's and YWCA's. We have received word from the Post War World Council, through Miss Elsie Elfenbein, that they will circularize their membership in any locality we enter.

This is only a few of the many groups we are drawing together in this final effort. We must not let up on this program until the job is done.

You know that we appreciate your interest and support.

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman
Executive Secretary

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COMMITTEE ON AMERICAN PRINCIPLES AND
FAIR PLAY

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

RECEIPTS AS OF JULY 6, 1944

Pasadena Chapter	5/19/43	\$144.00	
Pasadena Chapter	7/15/43	67.00	
Pasadena Chapter	6/8/44	<u>100.00</u>	\$ 311.00
Fresno Chapter	7/21/43		128.00
Santa Barbara Chapter	11/19/43		100.00
Columbia Foundation	7/14/43		3,900.00
Others (543 contributions)			5,414.75
Payments for Printed Material			<u>787.98</u>
			10, 641.73
<u>*DISBURSEMENTS AS OF July 6, 1944</u>			<u>10, 328.19</u>
BALANCE ON HAND			313.54

*Itemized account available on request at Central Office

Since July 6, 1944:

Received from:

Pasadena Chapter	8/22/44	\$100.00
Columbia Foundation	9/5/44	\$2,535.50
Total receipts for		
Printed material		1,381.77

Balance on hand ----- \$1165.18
to date--Nov. 25, 1944.

2234 Telegraph Avenue
Berkeley 4, Calif.

June 28, 1944

Mr. Frank S. Bayley
725 White-Harry Stuart Bldg
Seattle, Wash.

Dear Mr. Bayley:

It was a great pleasure to have that talk with you at Buffalo on the 10th. Since coming home, I have seen your letter of June 2nd to Mrs. Kingman, in which you reproach yourself for the lack of progress of the hoped-for Fair Play Committee in Seattle, but we all feel that you were scathless, as I tried to assure you at Buffalo. Anyhow, we are now making plans for the vigorous campaign of education and conversion of public attitude, in anticipation of some relaxation of the restrictions upon the evacuees, by the War Department, during the war, and within the next few months.

When plans have been further developed and most of the requisite funds for their execution have been secured, we shall communicate with you and other friends in the Northwest, but will refrain from placing too heavy responsibility on you or other already burdened men. The first stage, and the chief stage probably, of the campaign will be a quiet series of consultations with individuals and small groups in many communities, for the purpose of laying the groundwork for mobilizing the influence of various natural groupings for true Americanism toward the evacuees if and when they return. Later, it may be well to hold larger public conferences in a few pivotal cities, but the quiet spade work is more fundamental and important, as you will doubtless agree.

In order to relieve your mind, I may say that we are disposed to assure that the Seattle Committee is in suspended animation. If you are willing to continue as chairman, well and good. But if you continue to think you should resign, we shall of course, not try to urge you to stay. To make the situation clear, however, it would then be proper for you to notify ~~each of the~~ members of the local Committee. Before very long, if the proposed campaign is launched, Mrs. Kingman will visit the Northwest for a few days, and then action could be taken as to future local plans in Seattle.

Cordially yours

Galen M. Fisher

June 28, 1944

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

Dear Mr. Carr:

The enclosed manuscript is forwarded to you on the suggestion of Mrs. Kingman, aSheshwork was mailed to us by the author (Mr. Samuel Nagata, 30-18-C, Heart Mountain, Wyo.) with the hope that we might find some use for it, when it is produced in pamphlet form. Since this material does not fit into our material schedule, Mrs. Kingman thought you might find it acceptable.

We have notified Mr. Nagata that the manuscript has been forward to you.

Sincerely yours,

Office secretary

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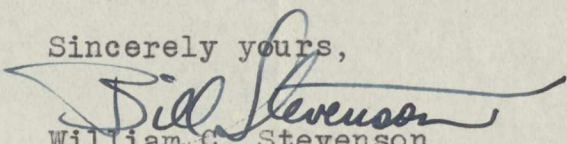
Sirs:

We believe the Dies Committee Minority Report by Rep. Eberharter to be very valuable in the program of education regarding Japanese-Americans. We could use fifty copies or more of this reprint.

We would also like to order fifty copies of the reprint of the Fortune article on Japanese-Americans if you have them available.

If you by any chance do not have these in stock at this time, let us know where to write for them and we can do so direct. Thank you very kindly.

Sincerely yours,


William C. Stevenson
Associate Secretary

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WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY

Room 234 Atlas Building
Salt Lake City, Utah

June 27, 1944

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

Dear Mrs. Kingman:

As I recall, in our recent conversation in San Francisco you indicated that the president of the California Chamber of Commerce is rather favorably inclined towards proper and reasonable treatment of evacuees and other persons of Japanese ancestry.

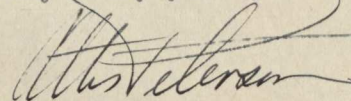
We are in the process of organizing a committee in Spokane and it may be that a letter from the California Chamber of Commerce head to Eric Johnson, President of the United States Chamber of Commerce, whose home is in Spokane, and possibly to the president of the Spokane Chamber of Commerce, might be beneficial.

The clergy in Spokane is taking the initiative in organizing an interracial fair play committee but we are in hopes of making it a lay committee. A group of five, including two clergymen, the YWCA Secretary and two laymen of Spokane, were named at a meeting which I attended last Thursday, June 22, to nominate a preliminary organization group of ten to twelve members. I am hopeful that this committee will more or less follow the pattern of the Pacific Coast Fair Play Committee, dealing with the broader aspects and treatment rather than getting down to the actual individual problems of assisting evacuees to relocate such as so many of the eastern committees are doing.

I was in the Bay area on June 19 and 20 and had hoped to look you up but found my schedule so tight that I was kept hopping to complete what I was called to the coast to do.

Please let me hear from you if you think it will be possible for the California Chamber of Commerce head to give our Spokane committee a "shot in the arm" or if you have any suggestions as to how the committee could best operate.

Very truly yours,



Ottis Peterson
Relocation Supervisor



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

Dear Mrs. Kingman:

We have recently received the 100 copies of "American Fighting Men Speak Out" and the picture of the three AJA's at the Cal Canteen. We thank you much for them.

Your letter of May 22nd was most encouraging and we are happy to learn that the boys are being received so well. Your picture of the present situation is a decided contrast from the first impression that we received. We appreciate deeply the part your Committee has played in bringing about this change.

To date, five AJA's of the 100th Inf. Bn. have returned to Hawaii directly from mainland hospitals, either discharged or on a short furlough. We hope it may not be long before the three boys at Dibble Hospital may also be able to see their families.

Very sincerely yours,

EMERGENCY SERVICE COMMITTEE

Masatoshi Katagiri
Masa Katagiri

June 29, 1944

Mr. Tom Hunt
International Institute
Mills College
Oakland 13, Calif.

Dear Mr. Hunt:

At the suggestion of Mr. Galen Fisher, we have sent the following material to you under separate cover:

<u>No.</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>Charge</u>
25	Release of June 15, 1943	none
50	American Fighting Men Speak Out	\$3.00
50	Kuroki Excerpts	\$1.00
20	Fortune reprints	\$1.00
10	Beyond the Horizon (Yori Wada)	\$.90
10	McWilliams pamphlet	<u>\$6.70</u>
	TOTAL	\$6.60

You will be held for the total noted above, at the close of the conference.

Very sincerely yours,

Office secretary

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June 29, 1944

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

Dear Miss Jefferds:

Miss Louise Rosensteil, one of our members, now attending U.C.L.C., wrote that you were interested in learning more about the United States Student Assembly.

At present, I am sending you under separate cover, a copy of our national program and several of the bulletins which we issue. This material, I hope, will give you an idea of the type of work which our organization does.

We should be very much interested in seeing some of your material, and will be glad to put you on our mailing list if you wish.

Yours truly,

June Schwartz

June Schwartz
Campus Affairs Secretary

June
June 3, 1944

Mr. Merle Edison Fish, Jr.
First Christian Church
Moorpark at Tujunga
North Hollywood, Calif.

Dear Mr. Fish:

We have sent you under separate cover
a packet of material which you may find of
some interest and information.

I have also enclosed a membership ap-
plication. All regular members receive timely
material from time to time, and are placed upon
our regular mailing list.

Sincerely yours,

Office secretary

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June 30, 1944

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

Dear Mrs. Sears:

In checking our records for the past month, I can find no letter from you indicating an enclosure, nor is any notice of our having mailed you the pamphlets you mentioned in your postcard of June 26th, recorded in our files.

However, to a member in good standing we are glad to send you today 12 copies of "American Fighting Men Speak Out". We are very happy to have this pamphlet get as wide a distribution as is possible.

Sincerely yours,

Office secretary

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June 30, 1944

Mr. Fred Fertig
822 E. 20th St.
Los Angeles, 11, Calif.

Dear Mr. Fertig:

Mrs. Kingman has been ill and away from the office for a few days and consequently the answer to your postcard of June 21, 1944, has been delayed.

Unfortunately, we do not have any quotations from Chinese Americans other than those in the enclosed pamphlet. Enclosed you will find the mimeographed sheet you requested.

I am sorry we can be of more assistance.
Sincerely yours,

Sincerely yours,

Office secretary

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UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY
WASHINGTON



June 30, 1944

Mrs. Ruth Kingman
Committee on American Principles & Fair Play
2234 Telegraph Avenue
Berkeley 4, California

Dear Mrs. Kingman:

As requested in a letter from Mr. Cozzens
of June 20, we are forwarding 500 copies of the
Fortune reprint to you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "M. M. Tozier". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name.

M. M. Tozier
Chief, Reports Division

2/5/44
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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

June 30, 1944

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

Dear Mrs. Kingman:

The Commonwealth Club membership directory was received during my absence. It was forwarded to our Eastern office and circular letters have been sent out, appealing for funds. Frankly speaking, we are not over-optimistic about the results. On the other hand, as the enclosed leaflets will indicate, we believe it will give the recipient some idea of the problems confronting us. We are going to receive many nasty letters I am sure as we have already from other sections. But we feel that the more letters we receive, the more we will be in a position to gauge the public sentiment.

It may interest you to know that over 15,000 of these letters were mailed out. Close to \$3,000 has been received which we consider to be fairly successful under the circumstances. The message we were able to convey is of great value to us.

I am inclosing the Kuroki pamphlet. The manager of the printing shop had gone to Los Angeles in my absence and was stranded for over a week and just returned. I discovered to my dismay that the proofs had not been sent to you as per request. The Common Ground printed the speech in part. Everywhere it seems to be making a strong impression.

We are in the process of arranging for the reprint of Mike Masaoka's article carried in the Christian servicemen's magazine, The Link. We are studying the ways and means of making a good reprint. The original is very effective we believe but the magazine has stated that they will not be able to handle the work in the immediate future.

Developments seem to be favorable. I am checking over our mailing list to see if you are on our special list. If not, we shall try to keep you posted as much as possible the things we run across.

Sincerely yours,

Taburo Kido

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June 30, 1944

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman
2207 Union St.
Berkely, Calif.

Dear Mrs. Kingman:

I note in the Pacific Citizen reference to a NBC commentator, Larry Smith, who appears to violate the canons of the radio industry by prejudiced attacks on Japanese Americans.

If you could get the facts, we can, I think, call him to account or secure equal comment in reply. We can take it up with the NBC officials here. Have you any material we could use?

With regards.

Sincerely yours,

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