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April 21, 1943

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

Dear Mrs. Kingman:

Thank you for your letter of April 7 and  
enclosures.

We will appreciate being placed on your  
mailing list for copies of your material issued. We are  
placing your name on our mailing list, and you will receive  
all material published.

Sincerely yours,

*Abner Green*  
Abner Green  
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April 22, 1943

Lt. General John L. DeWitt  
The Presidio  
San Francisco, California

My dear General DeWitt:

Your recently published order permitting American soldiers of Japanese descent to enter the West Coastal zone on furlough prompts me to believe that earlier statements attributed to you by the press were misquotations. I refer, of course, to the news reports of your testimony for the Naval Affairs Committee, that, "A Jap's a Jap. It makes no difference whether he is an American citizen or not. You can't change him by giving him a piece of paper."

I had found it difficult to believe that a man of high authority in the United States Army would publicly take sides in a matter of critical national policy and local social concern such as our attitude toward our fellow citizens of Japanese descent and their ultimate disposal in the country. Without their proper context the remarks attributed to you would be hardly conducive to bolstering the morale of these men in the United States Army or enlisting the support of their families and friends of Japanese descent. Such sentiment from a high-ranking military officer, if it came to the attention of our Asiatic allies, would hardly increase their confidence in us and their vigor in making common cause with us.

Since actions speak louder than words, I am gratified as are many others with me to realize that your order permitting these soldiers to come to the Coast on furlough sets straight the record which was befogged by your alleged statements before the Naval Affairs Committee.

I am

Cordially yours,

A. C. McGiffert, Jr.

April 22, 1943

Dr. Henry Sweets  
1633 Beechwood  
Louisville, Kentucky.

Dear Dr. Sweets:

At the suggestion of Mrs Emily Minton Center, I am sending some material to you which may give you some idea of the work of the Committee on American Principles and Fair Play, which is interested in a fair and proper solution of the many problems presented as a result of the evacuation of our Japanese Americans from the Pacific Coast.

Senator Chandler, in his reports, has made many statements, some based upon a full and fair observation of the conditions in the Relocation Centers, others as a result of the most superficial study. We are eager that persons known by him to be fair and high minded give him the benefit of their considered judgements, and are trying to reach some such individuals, to give them materials upon which to base such expression.

At Mrs Center's suggestion, I am replacing your name on our mailing list, as she feels that your interest will be most helpful in securing the return of full citizen status to those persons of Japanese ancestry whose loyalty is unquestioned by the War Relocation Authority, the Department of Justice and the War Department.

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman

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April 22 1943

Mr. Galen Fisher,  
2207 Union  
Berkeley, Calif.

My dear Fisher:-

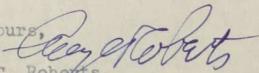
I was for twenty years in the Y.M.C.A. and for fourteen years in China. It seems to me that once on my way thru Japan I called on you at the Kyoto Y.M.C.A. Anyway I know about you and now have a matter that I feel free to consult you about.

I am on the committee for the defense of Gordon Hirabayashi who refused to evacuate and whose trial is now before the supreme court. I should have written this letter on the letter head of the committee but forgot to start it that way. What I want to find out from you is whether you think that we could tell some of your friends in Calif. especially those on the committee on American Principle and Fair Play in order to see whether they are interested. We need some more funds to pay the expenses in the supreme court and up to now we have not made a very wide appeal. We have just raised what we needed to take the case thru our local court and to the court of Appeals in San Francisco.

Now we are obtaining the best attorney in the east that we can get and will need more funds. If you would have the names and addresses of the members of your committee and of your friends we could drop them a note and see what they would like to do.

Mr. Robert O'Brien has mentioned that you hope to get some members of your committee from the Northwest. I understand that Mrs. Kingman is coming up here. We will do our very best to get the most distinguished names for you. The emergency of the case needs an early reply.

Very sincerely yours,

  
Ray C. Roberts.

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GORDON HIRABAYASHI DEFENSE COMMITTEE

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AMY M. SMITH

April 22 1943

Mrs. Harry Kingman,  
2207 Union St.,  
Berkeley, Calif.

My dear Mrs. Kingman:-

I was informed by Bob O'Brien that you are active on the committee on American Principle and Fair Play. We are working very hard up here on the Gordon Hirabayashi case and it occurred to us that many of your members might like to have a share in this important trial.

It has already been taken to the supreme court and we have to make great haste now in getting the best attorney the land will provide and finding funds to carry on the case.

I have written Galen Fisher about it and I thought I would drop you a line too. I would like to have if you are willing to provide it to us a list of your members and interested friends. We would then send them a statement of the case and give them a chance to help if they wished. L'Brien also said you were soon to be up here and hoped to get a good group to join with you. I will be glad to help you in this if you come.

Please let me have the list as soon as possible for the case is to come before the supreme court in early May.

Very sincerely yours,

Ray C. Roberts.

April 29, 1943

Mr. Ray C. Roberts  
Gordon Hirabayashi Defense Committee  
4033 University Way  
Seattle, Washington

Dear Mr. Roberts:

In acknowledging your letter of April 22, may I also do the same for your letter to Mr. Galen Fisher? He has asked that I reply for him, inasmuch as any action he might wish to recommend to the Committee on American Principles and Fair Play will be discussed in our Executive Committee meeting on April 30, where I shall present the matter.

Until your letters have been considered by our Executive Group there is nothing definite that we can say, other than to assure you that it seems obvious that some sort of cooperation will certainly be in order between our supporters and yours, who are in all probability drawn from more or less the same sources.

The Executive Committee meeting is tomorrow, and on the next day I entrain for Seattle, so I shall in all probability be able to give you a person to person report of any plan we are able to work out.

I am looking forward most eagerly to the trip into the Northwest, never having been there before, but having met people like L'O'Brien as you call him and Woody Woodward, and I like them very much.

Very sincerely yours,

Ruth W. Kingman

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*Reply April 26  
sent new copy  
of names from  
last letter*

April 23, 1943

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

Dear Mr. Harrison:

You may remember that on March 17 I sent you a few names of persons in Los Angeles to whom our Committee was eager that you should write, inviting them to act on the Advisory Board of the Committee on American Principles and Fair Play.

Several of the responses have come in, but I have not received them all. I am going south in a couple of weeks and should have full information before going.

Can you let me know as soon as possible what response you had from your letters.

Very sincerely yours,

Ruth W. Kingman

RWK:jns

*Mrs. Harrison -  
Kindly excuse the carbon - but office help is scarce!  
RK.*

*My dear Mrs. Kingman*

*I can't think of any other names*

*M. E. Harrison*

April 23, 1943

*Sent to General Barrows,  
Rabbi Reichert, & Mr. Harrison.*

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Very sincerely yours,

Ruth W. Kingman

RWK:jns

April 26, 1943

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

Dear Mr. Harrison:

There seems to be some misunderstanding about the letter I sent you last week. I was referring to the letter I wrote asking you to send letters of invitation to join our Advisory Board to several persons in Los Angeles, whom it was thought advisable to approach in that way. On March 17, I sent you the following names, with releases to include in their letters, together with a suggested form which you might wish to use, all together with letter heads which could be used to write the letters.

The names are as follows.

Mr. Eugene Fincher (Chairman Area Board YMCA)  
Security Building,  
Long Beach, California

Mr. Hugh C. Gruell  
Bank of America  
660 South Spring Street  
Eos Angeles, California

Mr. Robert Heffner (Water Power Commissioner)  
207 South Broadway  
Los Angeles, California

Mr. James Beebee  
1080 Roanoke Road  
San Marino , California

Mr Manchester Boddy, Editor (Very important)  
Los Angeles Daily News  
Los Angeles, California

Mr. Charles P. Skouris, President  
Fox West Coast Corporation,  
Hollywood, California.

When I was in the south two months ago, about twenty five names were given to me as significant as prospective members of our Board, and it was thought that they should be approached thru you, Dr. Sproul, Dr. Deutsch, Gen. Barrows, and Rabbi Reichert, with Mr. Lundberg taking some. I have given the names out as suggested, and replies are coming in, slowly, but satisfactorily. As I am planning on going south for organizing there, on the 11th of May, it is imperative that I know just whom I can count on for cooperation down there. Dr. Sproul has taken about fifteen names and Dr. Deutsch the same.

I do hope that you can find time to send these letters out very soon, as we must get a strong group in Los Angeles upon which to build a satisfactory organization there.

I am enclosing another copy of the suggested letter, in case you have misplaced the one I sent last month.

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman.

P.S. It may interest you to know that in addition to that of Dr. Millikan, we have added the names of Bishop James C. Baker, Father Edward J. Whelan, Bishop Bertrand Stevens and Judge Benjamin J. Scheinman and Rabbi Edgar F. Magnin to the Board, all from Los Angeles.

April 23, 1943

Mr. William C. Carr  
1360 West Colorado Street  
Pasadena, California

Dear Mr. Carr:

I was delighted, first by the makeup of your temporary letter-head, and second by the general tone of the meeting you were announcing. I tried to get the membership cards to you in time for the meeting, but they came only yesterday, the printer having made several mistakes at the first try. Upon receipt of your letter this morning, I see that Mr. William Burton has been elected secretary, and if you will give me his address, I shall send the cards to him directly.

I talked with Mr. Dillon Myer last week, and he appears much encouraged by the support our Committee offers. He is most eager to have strong groups all up and down the coast, as it undoubtedly gives strength to his arm to feel that he has such fine backing.

I am going into the Northwest next week to organize there and shall be in the South in the middle of May. I shall let you know when, as I hope to be able to meet at least the Executive officers of the Pasadena Committee.

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman

RWK:jns

April 23, 1943

Dr. Theodore Hume  
Claremont, California

Dear Ted:

I was glad to hear that you posted our news release on the church bulletin board and that you sent it along to the local papers. Organization in Southern California is, of necessity, going rather slowly, but I feel that in the long run it will be the stronger for lack of haste.

Next week I am going to Seattle for a week or ten days and then expect to swing south in order to attend the California Conference of Social Agencies in Los Angeles around the eleventh. I shall probably stay down for several days, and I am planning a trip to Claremont at the moment, hoping to organize a Fair Play Committee in that general community.

Will it be possible for you to draw together potential leaders, say eight or ten, or would you rather send me the names and have me write to them ahead? I would prefer the former, if possible, as it gives an initial local move before I arrive.

I see Pat and Maxwell occasionally, and they are doing well, notwithstanding the fact that Edith probably worries about him a lot.

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman

RWK:jns

April 23, 1943

Mr. Alfred Tonness  
208 YMCA Building  
Sacramento, California

Dear Mr. Tonness:

I hope that by now you and the other people who met with me last month have come to some conclusion as to the formation of a Sacramento Fair Play Committee. In case you do not have the names of the persons who attended that meeting, I shall give them to you here: Dr. Raymond Grant, Mr. Richard H. Bimson, Professor Henry Tyler, Miss Jeannette Minard, and Mr. Vernon Michelson.

With so much going on in the Legislature and new legislation coming up before Congress, it seems imperative that we organize affiliated groups all up and down the Pacific Coast as quickly as possible. I will appreciate it if you will give me any information which you may have as to the thinking of the Sacramento group.

Last week I was talking with Mr. Dillon S. Myer, Director of WRA, and he is depending upon our Committee for fine backing and intelligent cooperation. It is becoming apparent that without fine concerted action on the part of groups such as ours, much of the constructive program of WRA will not be carried out.

May I hear from you in the near future?

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman

RWK:jns

April 24, 1943

Dean Mary C. Baker,  
Fresno State College  
Fresno, California.

Dear Mollie Baker:

What a quaint Post Office system we have at this point in the war period! A letter mailed from Fresno, according to the cancelled stamp, on April 13, arrives in Berkeley this morning, the 24th. I am so sorry to seem to have been remiss in answering, when as a matter of fact, I've only just within the half hour, received it.

As you probably have heard, I had a good talk with Dr. Phillips, and by now he has the material you were all wishing to receive. As the central office here gets better organized, I hope to have things going out regularly.

Concerning the job for Kay Mano, I hardly know what to say. The job is one of teaching drama and dance in a settlement house in Washington, and as I have sent out a couple of feelers already, I do not know if the position is still open. It has little salary, providing room and board. Being the usual settlement house it is run on shoestring, and hence has infinitesimal pay for all of the workers.-- Pretty much on the Friend's service scale. You can get full information from Mrs. M.M Knight, 3848 Calvert Street, N.W. Washington, D.C.

Mrs. Knight is a very close friend of mine, and is doing work in the same Settlement House, while her husband, Professor Knight of the Econ. Dep't of UC. is working in Economic Warfare. I suggest that you write to her for full details.

And now I am looking for a nice Japanese couple, husband and wife, to work on a honey of a farm in New Jersey. Yesterday I was talking to Rev. Everett Clinchy, the executive Secretary of the National ~~Conference~~ Conference of Christians and Jews, and he is most eager to have such a couple live with him and his wife and daughter on their newly acquired farm in New Jersey. I have known Everett for years, and both he and his wife are as charming and fine as anyone I know. They are about my age, a lot of fun, with a fine cultural background and an excellent sense of perspective. I asked him if there was a house on the place for the couple to live in, and he said no, but that they rather hoped that there might be some couple who would just 'live with them' in their own home. With some people, that would denote a rather bad living condition, but in this case it would be heaven for anyone, it seems to me. There is no room for children, which is the only drawback. The man should be able to manage the farm, and they would like to be able to have the wife do some, but not much work, largely being about in case they wanted to leave for an evening or a weekend.

I do hope that you know someone who would like that-- I'd like to live with these people myself, so I don't hesitate to suggest it to anyone.

If you have anyone in mind, please let me know, and I shall see what can be done about it immediately.

Very sincerely yours,

April 24, 1943

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

Dear Rabbi Reichert:

Our letters must have crossed "somewhere on the bridge", for yours was delivered to me just this morning, and I presume that you received mine in the same mail.

At any rate, thank you very much for having written to the men in Los Angeles. It is understandable that Judge Hollzer might feel as he does, and I am glad that he is in sympathy with our group. Having Rabbi Magnin and Judge Scheinman on our board will be of inestimable value. I shall write to them both immediately, expressing the appreciative welcome of the entire Committee.

It was good of you to write the letters. Incidentally, you have been missing a lot of fun (of one kind or another) by not being able to attend the meetings of the American Civil Liberties Union. Between prima donnas, east and west, not to mention the small item of civil liberty, the meetings have been well worth attending!

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman.

April 24, 1943

President Tully C Knoles  
College of the Pacific  
Stockton, California.

Dear Dr. Knoles:

Upon consulting with Ellen Blaisdell, I find that he has been called to Washington and will be leaving next week for several weeks' stay. I have called Dr. McGiffert, to see if he can get up to Stockton, and he tells me that he is writing to you today on some other matters, and that he will take up dates and times with you, personally, as he is eager to meet with the Stockton group, himself.

I am sure that he will be able to make some satisfactory arrangement as to his and your schedules.

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman

April 24, 1943

Mrs. Gladys Greene  
Hotel Pennsylvania,  
33rd Street and 7th Avenue  
New York City

Dear Mrs. Greene:

At the suggestion of Mr. Stanislawsky, I am writing to verify the long distance telephone call I made to you earlier in the week. I have re-read my letter to Mrs. Bray, and find that it does not contain any of the material I asked you to disregard, as that pertained solely to persons here on the Coast.

I still feel that it will be better to disregard my recommendation to you, however, as the matter has not been discussed by my Executive Committee, which is meeting on April 30.

Naturally, anything in my letter to Mrs. Bray will be applicable to all of the WIL branches, Pacific Coast States, in particular.

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman.

WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY

In reply, please refer to:

April 24  
1943

Mr. Harry Kingman  
Student Y. M. C. A.  
University of California  
Berkeley, California

Dear Harry:

I am pretty much off the beaten track on the California Conference of Social Work. I honestly think she ought to see Miss Anita Eldridge in the office of the California Conference of Social Work in San Francisco and discuss the whole matter with her.

At the present time, the program is pretty well set-up, at least according to their recent bulletin which I have just received.

There is always room for everyone in what they call the Kindred Group. This Group, upon a small payment, can get their program announced in the official conference program. In this way, there is the chance of getting the story into the Kindred Group. Miss Eldridge could give you the entire information on the Kindred Group as to whom the Chairman or the Executive Secretary is that is responsible for the Kindred Group meetings.

You would be interested to know that Mr. Charles F. Ernst, our Project Director, was asked to take 40 minutes on a general platform presentation on Tuesday night, May 11. They have also asked me to give a narrative report Thursday morning in the Committee Organization Section under the general topic of "Experiences in Community Organization." This may or may not be of any help.

Things are going along fairly well here. We are busy from one crisis to another and all of us here are doing all we can to get people out of the Center as there is a slow and gradual deterioration



Mr. Kingman

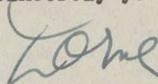
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and disintegration of personality, which is vicious  
and tragic.

Give our regards to Ruth.

Sincerely yours,



Lorne W. Bell, Chief  
Community Services Division

LWB:p

# Young Women's Christian Association

MEMBER OF YOUNG WOMEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATIONS OF THE UNITED STATES

1118 FIFTH AVENUE

Seattle, Washington

April 24, 1943

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman  
2207 Union Street  
Berkeley, California

Dear Mrs. Kingman:

We have now conferred with Robert O'Brien and Mr. Woodbury, whom you had also written and have further discussed the most desirable organizational procedure at our last council meeting on the 13th of this month.

The outcome of this discussion seems to indicate two distinct jobs: (1) service to the evacuees of various types and (2) effective propaganda. The evacuees service council members feel that areas could better be worked on in separate groups, which keep their respective responsibilities distinct, but which overlap in membership, interest and sympathy. It was decided, therefore, that we withdraw from the activity already undertaken with the committee on American Principles and Fair Play and urge Mr. O'Brien to proceed swiftly with the organizational activity he has begun, assuring him of our full sympathy and support and informing you of our decision.

We feel individually, and as a group, that this is important and urgent, and hope it may be possible, as you suggest, for you to come to Seattle to assist Mr. O'Brien in the organization of this area. We suggest that your further communications be with him.

Please be assured of our deep interest and unified community support.

Sincerely,  
Mildred Potts  
Mrs. Mildred Potts,  
Chairman, Evacuees  
Service Council

MB/PW

April 28, 1943

Mrs. Mildred Potts  
Young Women's Christian Association  
1118 Fifth Avenue  
Seattle, Washington

Dear Mrs Potts:

Thank you very much for writing to clarify the situation as to the position of the Evacuees Service Council in relation to the formation of a Committee on American Principles and Fair Play in Seattle. I expect to be in the Northwest next week and shall look forward to seeing you at that time.

The Committee certainly has a prodigious amount of work ahead if we are to be effective in the job we hope to do. You are doubtless right that our separate areas can better be worked out as such, rather than overlap efforts.

It will be good to find like minded persons in Seattle, and I am eager to meet you all next week

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman

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April 26, 1943

Honorable Earl E. Warren,  
Governor, State of California,  
Sacramento, California.

My dear Governor Warren:

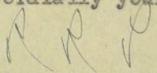
It is my understanding that both Houses have passed  
an act denying commercial fishing licenses to Orientals.

This of course includes our Chinese friends, as well  
as the Japanese.

May I express the hope that you will not sign it.

Personal greetings and wishes that the load on your  
shoulders may not be too nearly impossible.

Cordially yours,

  
RICHARD R. PERKINS

RRP:LT

April 26, 1943

Dean Robert O'Brien  
University of Washington  
Seattle, Washington.

Dear Bob O'Brien:

If this airmail letter doesn't do any better than yours did, coming this way, I'll be in Seattle before you hear from me. It must have seemed quaint of me to have wired you for information about the setup in Seattle five days after you wrote, but I received your letter the day after I wired. I hope that it didn't seem too importunate, for I do not wish to appear so.

Thank you very much for the wire. As I said in the night letter I sent last night, I shall leave here on Saturday, May 1, arriving at 5:50 P.M. on Sunday, in Seattle. I have my ticket arranged so that I shall be taking the night train(11:30) out of Seattle for Portland on May 6, and a reservation on the southbound Cascade from there on the 8th. If it seems advisable to do so, I can change them about when I get up there, depending upon whether or not I should go into Eugene or Pullman or any of the other cities en route.

I shall not make any specific plans until I see you. In case the hotel situation is as difficult in the Northwest as it is in San Francisco and Los Angeles, will you make a reservation ahead for me, or in case everything is full, you might see if there is room with the Dr. Walter Hiltner family, who are old friends of mine from China, and whom I shall wish to see, in any event.

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman

April 26, 1943

Miss Mildred Bartholomew  
Young Women's Christian Association  
Portland, Oregon

Dear Miss Bartholomew:

At last I am beginning to feel that I am gathering together the loose ends that have been about in my correspondence with Portland! It is a queer thing how occasionally, for some perfectly unknown reason or another, a stupid bit of confusion arises, and one gets exactly nowhere as a result. At this point, I am glad to say, things are straightening out, and I finally have things set up so that I am planning to be in Portland the latter part of next week. Naturally I am eager to see you at that time.

I am spending May 3-6 inclusive in Seattle, taking the night train from there to Portland on the 6th, arriving on the morning of the 7th, then leaving Portland for Berkeley on the Cascade on the evening of the 8th, giving me two full days in Portland. May I hope that you will, after conferring with Miss Jane Chase and others of whom you know, call together a group of persons who will be interested in the organization of a Fair Play Committee in Portland. I could write to others, but shall not do so, as it might cause confusion, and I feel that you are undoubtedly the person to reach just the people I should see.

I shall be free for the entire two days, and will be prepared to meet with any group or groups you can call together. I have greatly enjoyed, of late, speaking to service clubs and College and University Student body groups, as well as smaller organizations, and really enjoy doing so. I believe that Leila Anderson here at the student YWCA is writing you something of that, so that you can know more of what use I might be as a speaker.

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Personally, I feel a bit silly telling people that I can make, and really enjoy making, speeches on the general subject of our Japanese Americans. Having spent three weeks in Topaz at Christmas time, at the invitation of WRA, producing and directing the Project Christmas Pageant, I got some local color and fine personal conviction that seems to be sure fire, even for the most skeptical, provided I can get them to listen; and that is where I hope that you come in!

I am looking forward eagerly to this trip to the Northwest. With the present bad news coming in from the Doolittle raid, we are going to have to be even more alert and effective in dissociating in the public mind what is going on so brutally in Japan from what we find in our own young Nisei.

It may interest Miss Chase that a mother back in Pennsylvania wrote to me asking for some answer to the picture "Air Force" might prove of some use to her in breaking down the bitterness of her own young son, who had never, until now, felt any race prejudice, but who has become a rabid Jap hater since seeing the picture. I have had many copies of Miss Chase's letter made, and have sent one to the young boy, together with some other material. Miss Chase's letter is one of the best I've seen.

I shall be happy to hear from you in Seattle, as I shall not have time to receive a reply to this letter before going north. Mail may be sent to me in care of Dean Robert O'Brien, University of Washington, Seattle.

If my hard working secretary had not gone home to dinner an hour ago, this letter would have been much more properly formal, both in tone and in makeup. As a typist I am very poor, and I dictate with more dignity than I can command when I have to concentrate upon a keyboard. So kindly forgive everything that calls for forgiveness.

Very sincerely yours,

ans. by Galen  
4/30/43

5722 Buena Vista Terrace  
Los Angeles, California.  
April 26, 1943.

My dear Dr. Fisher,

As a delegate to the Regional Conference (on a Just & Durable Peace)

of the Churches of Delaware Maryland and

Washington D.C. Miss Dorothy Elderdice a  
Professor in Westminster, <sup>Maryland</sup> Theological Seminary,

must present a paper by May 5, on this  
Special Assignment: "The Attitude of the

Church ~~Found~~ the Japanese Americans"  
(This <sup>Conference</sup> is a follow-up of the Delaware Conference)

Miss Elderdice wants information on the  
Attitude of California Churches and would  
like answers to the enclosed four questions

Believing that you know much of the  
attitude of churches in your section of the  
State and knowing your interest and sympathy

I am appealing to you to assist her.

Enclosed find <sup>addressed</sup> air-mail-stamped envelope.

Will you please mail at once as she must send in  
her paper before May 5. Sincerely yours,  
Claude C. Douglas.

Same letter sent to: Dr. Guy E. Snavely, Executive Director  
Association of American Colleges  
19 West 44th Street  
New York, New York

April 27, 1943

President John W. Nason  
Swarthmore College  
Swarthmore, Pennsylvania

My dear Dr. Nason:

I am coming to you to ask your assistance. Professor Chiura Obata, a native of Japan and an artist, has been on the staff of our Art Department since 1932, beginning as lecturer and later becoming assistant professor and curator of our collection of Japanese prints. He was highly regarded by his colleagues as a teacher, and combines to an extraordinary degree the art of his native land with the art of the Occident.

He is now a man of fifty-seven years of age. He had been granted a semi-sabbatical leave on two-thirds salary for the period July 1, 1942, to December 31, 1942, and I am happy to say that though he and all his family were evacuated by the order of General DeWitt, the University continued him on this sabbatical leave as already voted. He is now on leave of absence from the University without salary.

His son Kimio, who, together with his wife and daughter, is with him at the settlement at Topaz, has just written a letter saying that Professor Obata was "slugged in a typical Kibei attack from the rear with a lead pipe on the night of April 3. It was about 11:30 p.m. and he was returning from his nightly shower; then some unknown assailant" struck him "with a blackjack on the left temple, gashing the head part severely, injuring the left eye. This Kibei must have had all intentions of killing... as he kept after him, trying to slug him into insensibility by hitting approximately twenty times. But luckily the blows did not fall on his head but on his left forearm as [he] tried to defend himself." Professor Obata "is not out of the hospital yet, but he is doing quite well so there is no need to worry."

Professor Obata, as I understand it, had felt the responsibility of acting as a guide and a leader of the people. First, he thought that through art they could find solace and peace. But, as his son has said, being a strong-willed person, he became of necessity a leader in almost every type of function in the camp. One point which he constantly urged was that it was for the individual to make up his mind whether he should register for service in the American Army, I presume standing against the position that family influence should dominate.

At any rate, after this dreadful experience, Professor Obata is anxious to leave. If he can find nothing better to do, he will work on a farm, but this would be a frightful waste of admirable material. Is there not some small college or school which would welcome him as a teacher of art?

President Nacon

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I recommend Professor Obata most heartily. If you have any suggestions to make, I shall warmly appreciate them.

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Cordially,



Monroe E. Deutsch  
Vice-President and Provost

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P.S. The son, King<sup>c</sup>, who wrote the letter, has volunteered for service in the American Army.

cc: Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman ✓

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SWARTHMORE COLLEGE  
Swarthmore, Pa.  
President's Office

7 May 1943

Dear Provost Deutsch:

I have discussed with Professor Walker of our Department of Fine Arts your letter concerning Professor Obata, and as a result of our discussion I have taken the matter up with Mr. Aydelotte at the Institute for Advanced Study and with Professor George Rowley of the Department of Art and Archaeology at Princeton. Professor Rowley is a specialist in Far Eastern art.

We are not set up to include a man like Professor Obata. We have at the moment a one man department. Our work in Fine Arts has never been very extensive, and while I am interested in seeing it develop it will take very careful handling. If I hear of any small college which is looking for someone in Fine Arts. I shall be glad to suggest Obata. Incidentally I am also taking the matter up with Bryn Mawr. I understand that you have written to Guy Snavelly who will pursue the matter from his end. It would certainly be more desirable to have Obata teaching Art than working on a farm.

With warm regards, I am

Yours sincerely,

(Signed) JOHN W. NASON

Provost Monroe E. Deutsch  
University of California  
Berkeley, California

Copy for Mrs. Kingman ✓

May 4, 1945

President Donald J. Cowling  
Carleton College  
North Field, Minnesota

Dear President Cowling:

I am taking advantage of the fact that we met some years ago and my conviction that if there were anything you could do in the difficult situation which I am about to describe, you would gladly do so.

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Monroe E. Deutsch  
Vice-President and Provost

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CC: Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman ✓

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April 28, 1943

Miss Eunice A. Roth,  
Fresno Committee on American  
Principles and Fair Play  
365 Meridian Street,  
Fresno, California

Dear Miss Roth:

It is good to hear from the Fresno Committee. In reply to your question about the picture "Air Force", I am sending a copy of a letter which was sent to Mr. Tolan by one of our organizing group in Seattle, Miss Jane Chase. It seems to be the best documented thing we've had on the subject, and we have used it, either verbatim or slightly modified in letters to Mr. Stimson, Warner Brothers and to Elmer Davis of OWI.

I would like to suggest that you do the same thing. I am sure that you will not have to change it, and that Miss Chase will be delighted to have it used.

As to the bulletin you are suggesting, we have not yet made one up, as we have no local group here. However, by the middle of May the whole schedule here in the office should be well enough organized that material for such a bulletin in the various cities where there are affiliated groups should be able to be sent from here.

I am enclosing a copy of the statements by Stimson and Roosevelt which we have sent to members of the State Legislature, and are getting ready to send to Congress.

The legislation up in Sacramento seems to be moving slowly, the only one we have followed that has passed both houses being that on Commercial Fishing Licenses to persons of Oriental Ancestry. We have written to Governor Warren urging him not to sign it as it discriminates against our Chinese ally. Perhaps your group will consider like action.

Very sincerely yours,

April 28, 1943

Miss Kathleen Hanstein  
Friends' Service Committee  
20 South 13th Street  
Philadelphia, Penn.

Dear Miss Hanstein:

At the suggestion of Mr. George E. Rundquist of the Committee on Resettlement, I am writing for advice. We are most eager to find a suitable place for Professor Chiura Obata, of the faculty of the University of California, now on "leave", and living in Topaz. Day before yesterday I had lunch with Mr. Rundquist and told him a bit about Professor Obata, and he urged me to write to Mr. Wason, Ben Snavely and by all means to you.

Inquiries are being made by Dr. Monroe E. Deutch of the University here in Berkeley, but I have a feeling that we shall have better success thru the Friends.

I had a letter last week from Kimio Obata, Br. Obata's son, in which he told me of a severe beating his father had lately received in one of the usual Kibei attacks. There seems to be little doubt that it was instituted because of the fine cooperation the Obatas have consistently given the Administration of the Center.

Professor Obata is an art teacher, holding fine standing among his fellow faculty members at the University. His wife is one of the most charming of the women I have known, and any community would be the richer for their presence. They are both aliens, have one son who has just volunteered for the Combat Unit, one son a sophomore at Washington University in St. Louis, and one daughter in high school in Topaz.

He is finally wishing to resettle, talking of doing farm work if necessary. Mr. Rundquist felt that that would be unthinkable, as do we who know and love Mr. Obata.

May I hope for some suggestions from you?

Very sincerely yours,

April 29, 1943

Mr. Wm. C. Burton, Secretary  
Pasadena Fair Play Committee  
989 S. El Molino Ave;  
Pasadena, California.

Dear Mr. Burton:

Having received from Mr. Wm Carr the names of the officers of your newly organized Committee, I am sending to you, as Secretary, the membership cards he asked for. He suggested that I send 100, and I am doing so.

You will note that they are numbered. I have signed them off, #1 to #100, inclusive, in your name, as we wish to take care that the cards are kept in series such as will be easily identified. If you should wish more, I shall be more than happy to send them.

Your meeting, with Dr. Bird as speaker, sounds fine, as I read of it. In fact, I am using the Pasadena procedure as a suggestion for organizing groups all up and down the Coast.

I am leaving for Seattle tomorrow, to finish up the organization of the Northwest, then will be going South on the tenth of May, to be in Los Angeles from the eleventh to the sixteenth, inclusive. I shall hope to be able to meet with some of your committee, preferably your Executive group, while I am there, and shall get in touch with you as soon as I get to Los Angeles. As I expect to be in my office for a part of the 10th, to pick up mail etc, may I suggest that if it is at all possible for you to give me a date by then, I shall be more than happy to include it in my schedule.

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs Ruth W. Kingman

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April 29, 1943

Mr. Robert Sibley  
Ridge Road and LeRoy  
Berkeley, California.

Dear Mr. Sibley:

In checking over our files I find that through some clerical error, you have been sent a second letter asking for your support of our Committee.

May I take this opportunity to tell you that we very much regret having made this error, which may be attributed to the difficulty in getting experienced office workers at this time.

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman

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Reginald West,  
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THE CLAREMONT CHURCH  
CLAREMONT, CALIFORNIA

THEODORE CARSWELL HUME  
MINISTER

April 29, 1943

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman  
2207 Union Street  
Berkeley, California

Dear Ruth:

We shall be glad to get together a Claremont group to meet with you. Mrs. Everett Dean Martin, Chairman of our Committee on Social Action, is asking Dr. Edward Sanders, Dean of Freshman in Pomona College, to convene the group since he is especially responsible for Civil Liberties. But we must know when you are coming.

The new academic term starts May 4, and everybody will be busy. We really want to get a strong group to meet you, so please wire or write me at once when you get this, suggesting a couple of dates and hours for us to get together in Claremont.

Cordially yours,

Ted.

April 30, 1943

American Friends Service Committee  
189 West Madison Street,  
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Friends:

During the past few months it has been my privilege to write letters of introduction and recommendation for many of my Japanese American friends and acquaintances. Yesterday I received a letter from a young Nisei woman whom I have known for several years, who tells me that she has applied for a position and a ho~~u~~tel invitation with your branch of the American Friends Service Committee. She is Miss Misao Alice Takeuchi; she has asked that I write to you, if I felt that I could give her a character reference.

I had lost track of Alice, as she left before the majority of the Oakland evacuees, and there has been scarcely a week go by that either my husband or I has made some reference to our regret that we could not keep in touch with her. She used to work as a waitress in the Suk~~u~~aki Resturant we liked, and were drawn to her by her charm, poise, and a most unusually beautiful speaking voice, which, together with a vocabulary noticable for its more than ordinary perfection, made her one of the most delightful acquaintances we enjoyed.

I have not been able to write as favorably of any of my other friends, not because there was not much of good to say, but rather, because of the real excellence of the things I might say of Alice. When I told my husband, who is the General Secretary of the University of California Y M.C.A. that her letter had come, he said what is probably the most descriptive thing of

what we think of her. "You tell Alice to wait till she can come back to Berkeley. I can think of nothing finer than to have her for my Office Secretary".

Naturally, that being a bit of a long wait, under the circumstances, we cannot urge her to wait to come back to us, but I can write to you, assuring you that I am confident that you could not find a more desirable employee, that she is completely and entirely American, not Americanized, and that any home or office will be more gracious for her presence, as well as efficiently run by her very cool and well trained head.

As I read this over, I find that I have written just the kind of a letter that I usually consider to have little value, as it seems to speak too much in superlatives. But there are occasions when anything less than superlatives will not do, and I feel that this is one of them.

I do hope that Miss Misao Alice Takeuchi will be successful in applying for a position with you, for I feel that she has a real comprehension of and appreciation for the thing that you are doing, and that her abilities will in no small way add to the fine work of the Friends.

I hope that it will not seem to be just one more superlative when I add that Alice has the added advantage of being an extremely good looking person, and from my own experience, I must say that in an office, that does help.

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman

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45-8-A Jerome Center  
Denson, Arkansas  
May 8, 1943

Dear Mrs. Kingman:

It was with joy that I read your kind letter. I shall be forever grateful for your generosity in taking the time to assist in the resettlement endeavors of one whom you know so little. My utmost cooperation and constant effort will be applied to the employment I hope to receive in Chicago before long. Will that repay you somewhat for your faith in me?

Please convey to Mr. Kingman my sincerest gratitude for his kind thoughts. You cannot know how heartwarming his message is. Does it indicate that in the not too distant future, those evacuees who qualify will be permitted to return home? I do not mean to postulate, but, somehow in our circumstances, one finds it so terribly easy to draw conclusions from minor or trivial occurrences, written matter, or spoken words, which might greatly deviate from the original intent. Too often such assumptions cause us much sorrow.

It would appear that my last garbled excited letter misinformed you about the application for employment which I filed with the Midwest Branch of the American Friends Service Committee in Chicago. The application was a form requesting the Committee's assistance in work placement. The references enable the Friends to judge more thoroughly the qualifications and the personality of the applicant, thereby facilitating the program of advising and counseling the evacuees in their search for employment. Had I more education and training I would apply directly to the WRA, Advisory Committee for Evacuees, American Friends Service Committee, or the American Baptist Home Mission Society for work in the personnel department at any of their field offices. As it is, I am requesting the Friends for a secretarial or suitable occupation from their list of "Workers Wanted."

I shall not resume my beauty work inasmuch as the Illinois State Board requires out-of-state operators to put in 250 additional hours at an Illinois school, plus the passing of their State Board examination. I cannot possibly see myself wasting so much time and money in review work when it is so imperative that I start right in working as soon as I leave the center. Especially so since I shall try to put my little 17 year old sister through a business college.

A message from the Advisory Committee for Evacuees is enclosed. Isn't it wonderful to have the unselfish services of so many leading organizations? We are offered so much help in getting a new start. Going to a strange city does not dishearten us at all--

there are no apprehensions or trepidations, because we know that we shall receive a friendly welcome and introduction to the new community. The American Friends Service Committee illustrates their work well in their creed, or is it slogan, "Our service lies in a world of men, every one of whom has the divine seed within him. ....we seek here to show how, together with God, we can combat evil and reconstruct the world on the basis of love, and on the conviction that all are capable of good."

Does California still boast of superlative climate? We here in Arkansas are going through so many odd changes in weather that we find it almost impossible to call the next move to be played by Mother Nature. Within one month we would experience rain, tropical heat, bitter cold, snow, warm California-like invigorating days; then back we come to the start of the cycle, rain, sultriness, etc. The changes are made so abruptly that we find it difficult to gauge correctly the amount of clothing to wear everyday. As it is, we still have not put away our winter woollens, galoshes, umbrellas, and raincoats, although at the present time we are sweltering in the most humid of weathers.

'Til now we have been faced with the problem of fuel wood to keep our rooms properly heated. Since the project is surrounded by a luxuriant forest, the administration would not allow us coal, instructing us instead to go out to the woods to cut logs for the fire. It has been quite an experience. To tell you the truth, evacuation did not make me bitter. True, the unfairness of the program made me angry--but in times of war, a sovereign government may do anything it wishes to further the war effort, can't it; and our government thought it wisest to evacuate us to safeguard the war plans and us until a more concrete coordinated program could be formulated. I had always believed that evacuation was inevitable. Perhaps I am phlegmatic by nature--anyway, I'm not apathetic.

The residents of Jerome Relocation Center are working earnestly in cooperation with the agricultural and malarial control movements. We have hopes that within a short while this center will be supplying a majority of fresh vegetables and pork now consumed by the residents. The last sentence is a bit mixed-up; I mean to say, that within a few months, our community will be self-supporting as far as fresh vegetables and pork go. There are acres and acres of spinach, cabbage, chards, corn, radishes, and other lovely vegetables being cultivated. The soil of southeastern Arkansas, being very clayish, is not at all conducive to farming, but our Agricultural Division seems to be doing its best to combat the situation in order that the center shall not want for food. Malarial control, the other vital problem, is being carried on courageously by the Public Health Department. We are inadequately manned and equipped, but with the help of every individual within the center, we hope to keep the mosquitos from getting a foothold here.

We have learned a lot. Our sense of values have changed. Our perspective too. Most times for the better. Right now we are just marking time until we can go out to make a fresh start benefitted by our experiences of the past year.

My mother joins me in wishing you and your family happiness and health.  
Respectfully yours, *Alice*

April 30, 1943

Miss Dorothy Elderdice  
Westminster Theological Seminary  
Westminster, Md.

Dear Miss Elderdice:

Mrs. Claude C. Douglas of Los Angeles has asked me to answer your four questions as to the Attitude of the No. California Churches toward the Japanese Americans, and I shall try to do so, although one can only make a very rough estimate. I have, however, conferred with the best informed Church Federation Executive in this region, and will give his opinions more than my own.

1. The church constituency seems to be somewhat more sympathetic with the evacuees than it was a year ago, because it is better informed, and it is under less emotional stress. Also, it has been exposed to the friendly and educative influence of the church papers. This statement applies primarily to the inner or active part of the church membership. A good many members are more influenced in their attitudes on social questions by the interests of their economic group than they are by that of the church leaders, or by the demands of the Christian ethic.

the views

2. All the major denominations have expressed interest in the constitutional rights and the early resettlement of the evacuees, either by formal resolutions or by active efforts by considerable groups at the time of evacuation and since. The Friends have also been especially active, and some of the YMCAs and YWCAs.

As to relocation or early return to California, there is general caution, and waiting for the Government to lead the way. This is due to fears that "patriotic" groups or individuals might do violence to the evacuees who returned, because of atrocities by the Japanese Army, or to hopes that ~~many~~ evacuees might be permanently settled in the interior states, and thus reduce the drawbacks of concentration in Little Tokyos on the Coast, and promote the more rapid Americanization of the Japanese-American youth.

3. I believe that most of the churches would readily subscribe to the five principles set forth by the "closure Conference, with the exception of the one that advocates free movement for all men. The reason is that this would be interpreted as allowing unregulated immigration, and that is highly objectionable to most Californians, whether Christians or not.

4. The two major responsibilities of churches toward the American-Japanese (that is, the citizens of Japanese stock) are: a) to stand aggressively for their enjoyment of all their constitutional rights, which include freedom of movement and occupation, service in the armed forces, and due process of law, rather than arbitrary treatment as a racial group. Few Californians would question the right of the Government to evacuate any persons, citizens or aliens, from vital strategic areas in wartime, but not on a racial basis and without hearings, nor with internment after removal from those areas. b) to work hard to find jobs and create a friendly reception for settlers in the interior, including reception as members, or equal participation, of nisei in Caucasian churches.

Sincerely yours

Galen M. Fisher

GALEN M. FISHER  
11 El Sueno  
Orinda, California

April 30, 1943

Mr. Charles F. Loomis  
P. O. Box 459  
Honolulu, T. H.

Dear Loomis:

Recently the following statements have been made in Southern California and it is important that we be able to deny them, if they are false, or partly so.

1. The movie, "Air Force," states that on December 7 Japanese trucks in Honolulu deliberately put out of commission several American air planes.
2. On December 7th American machine gunners cleared Honolulu streets of Japanese.
3. All over Honolulu were signs which read, "Here a Japanese traitor was killed."
4. The Government has prevented the mainland from getting all the damaging facts as to Japanese sabotage, etc.
5. The Japanese military attacking force bombed Oahu on December 8 and 9, as well as on December 7, 1941.
6. One civilian from Honolulu told a Los Angeles clergyman that his truck had been used for about a week after December 7th for picking up dynamite planted by the Japanese traitors.

I know that the statements in the Tolson Report and by Edgar Hoover and by Blake Clark have stated or implied the falsity of some of these statements, but I should appreciate having your up-to-date reply.

Despite the execution of the American aviators and the statements made by General DeWitt to the House Committee here, the tide is slowly moving in the right direction, I believe.

Faithfully yours,

GALEN M. FISHER

INSTITUTE OF PACIFIC RELATIONS

HONOLULU, HAWAII

Cable: INPAREL, Honolulu

P. O. Box 459

May 21, 1943

Mr. Galen M. Fisher  
11 El Sueno Road  
Orinda, California

Dear Mr. Fisher:

I was amazed to know that rumors long ago denied by authorities here and in Washington were still being repeated in southern California.

Upon receipt of your letter of April 30, I asked Colonel Fielder, Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2, Hawaiian Department, and Chief of Police Gabrielson if they would give us statements to incorporate in my reply to you. Their replies are enclosed and you are free to use them as you see fit.

Sincerely yours,

*Charles F. Loomis*

Charles F. Loomis

CFL:H  
cc to Mrs. Dolly Eltenton

Enclosures

*Dolly:-*

*How goes the battle?*

*Why dont you write a fellow?*

*Aloha -  
Chas.*

P.S.

*Will you be good enough  
to send copies of ~~the~~ these  
letters to G. Wilton, Pam Wilton, Russell  
Spruill, Charles + Mrs. McLaughlin  
many thanks! C.F.L.*

*Copies  
mailed  
5/26/43*

Send following letter to A ssembly men listed , sending them  
to Capitol Building, Sacramento, *(disregard home addresses)*

Dear Me ----

At the Committee hearing on Joint Assembly Resolution #29, on March  
25, 1943, your vote was noted by our representative at the  
hearing.

We wish you to know that your position was much appreciated.  
as we feel that you have ~~ta~~ gone on record as opposing  
the type of legislation which , t this time particularly, with  
the war feeling so high, should not be passed without full  
consideration of the long time effect of such #####action.

Very sincerely yours,

*April (?)*

*no carbon*

To R.K.

3400 Brook Road,  
Richmond, Virginia

April 30, 1943

5710 Several pamphlets sent  
& references

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Mr. Helen Fisher  
El. Seeno  
Orinda, California

Dear Sir:

Your name has been suggested to me by Mr. C. V. Hibbard of the National Japanese American Student Relocation Council of Philadelphia as one who may be able to offer me some help in gaining the information I desire. I am very much interested in the Japanese people of America from the standpoint of what the Church can do to help them and, during the next few months, wish to make a thorough study of their status and treatment in America.

I shall appreciate any information you may be able to supply or any suggestions as to other sources to which I may apply. I shall be glad to pay for any materials you may send.

Sincerely yours,  
Attie Camp  
(Miss Attie Camp)

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

STEPHEN C. PEABODY  
MINISTER

April 30, 1943.

Dear Mrs. Kingman:-

We greatly appreciated your visit here and the stirring way in which you made us aware of a real problem and a sensible way to tackle it. Four of us got together at the City Manager's office the following morning and worked out the enclosed list of people representing various groups in town whom we believe would be likely to serve and who certainly would add weight to any movement here. Under each category they listed the people in the order of our choice. We have not approached directly any of them, understanding that you would take this list and then get some key person of the same category who is already on your committee to write to them- telling of the general scope of our plans and functioning for the future- and suggesting that a meeting would be called here in the near future to which we would hope they could come- to be addressed by some key person from your area- and then that group organize itself.

I have talked with Mrs. Maude Empey- a real estate woman here- head of the regional business and professional women's assoc. to act for us as you do in Berkeley. This letter is being delayed in sending till she will give us an answer. From then on you could correspond with her directly at 21 North Second Street, San Jose. Following that general meeting and the organization that would follow I would hope that the smaller groups of workers could begin functioning in the five committees that you indicate. Have you further suggestions?

Very cordially yours,

Stephen C. Peabody.

*John by phone  
May 21/43*

A suggested group in San José, Calif.  
(Choose as many as you believe needed)

BUSINESS

NO

- 1. Lee L. Madland, President First National Bank First & Santa Clara Sts.  
 (Fred J. Oehler, V-Pres & Mgr. American Trust Co. First & San Fernando Sts.)
- 2. Henry Banderob, Sec-Mgr. Merchants Ass'n. of San Jose Second & San Antonio
- 3. Russell E. Pettit, Secretary San Jose Chamber of Commerce Civic Auditorium

EMPLOYERS (Industrial)

- OK 1. John D. Crumney, Chairman Board, Food Machinery Corp. 333 W. Julian Street
- 2. Herbert E. Gray, President Barron-Gray Packing Co. 5th & Martha Sts.
- OK 3. Irving L. Langendorf, Mgr. Langendorf United Bakeries 46 Race Street

LABOR

- OK 1. Steve Murdock, Reporter Mercury Herald Co. 211 W. Santa Clara St.  
 (Secretary-Industrial Union Council - CIO)
- 2. Michael L. Blanchfield, Secty, Carpenters District Council 72 No Second St.
- OK 3. Maurice W. Howard, Depty in chg, State Div. of Labor Statistics 530 No First St.

EDUCATION

- OK 1. Frederic T. Shipp, Principal Abraham Lincoln High School Dana Avenue
- OK 2. Paul M. Pitman, Dean of Men S. J. State College Fourth & San Fernando Sts.
- 3. Father Sugrue, President Bellarmine College Elm & Emory Sts.

PROFESSIONAL

- OK but absent 1. Laura Z. Fitinghoff, Exec. Secty, Santa Clara Co. Welfare Department  
 45 W. Julian Street
- 2. Henry G. Hill, Attorney Bank of America Bldg. First & Santa Clara Sts.
- 3. Dr. Helen Lee, M.D. Medico-Dental Bldg. East Santa Clara St.

RELIGIOUS

- 1. Rev. Stephen Peabody First Congregational Church Third & San Antonio Sts.  
 (President-San Jose District Ministerial Union)
- 2. Rt. Rev. Mnsgr. Edward J. Maher St. Patrick's Catholic Church, 9th & Santa Clara Sts.
- OK 3. Rabbi Iser L. Freund Congregation Bickur Cholim 28 So First Street

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Committee on American Principles and Fair Play

Headquarters: Room 203, 465 California Street, San Francisco

May 1, 1943

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

Dear Mr. Harrison:

At the Executive meeting on April 30, I was asked to get your opinion as to whether contributions to the Committee on American Principles and Fair Play are Income tax-exempt.

May I have this information as soon as it is convenient for you to give it to us?

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman

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