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Reply by plane

Fresno - Aug 2

Dear Rick — (or Valerie Fisher) —

8/4/44 I wish you could phone  
me sometime before Sat — There's

a case of alien land law evasion  
coming to trial here & the woodpile  
is full of monkey's. I hesitate to  
write it all down but could  
tell you. I think the WRA  
lawyer ought to be in on it  
— especially as it is perhaps  
the first one & will be a precedent.

You could judge as to the  
WRA's justifiable interest  
& the proper steps to take.



Being in the family of a judge,  
I have to be careful but a  
number of us are in a state!

I'll be at the college from 9-12  
in the mornings this week &  
probably at home (2-3830) Wed  
& Fri evenings. At Carver  
next week - Maybe will see  
you or call on the way home  
about Aug 22 -

Sincerely,

Margaret Cogswell



August 5, 1944

Mrs. Maynard L. Thayer  
466 E. California St.  
Pasadena, Calif.

Dear Mrs. Thayer:

Mrs. Kingman thought you might find the enclosed of some interest.....particularly the date of the letter.

Sincerely yours,

Office secretary

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August 10, 1944

Dr. Monroe E. Duetsch  
Vice-President and Provost  
250 Administration Building  
University of California, Berkeley

Dear Dr. Deutsch:

I am returning to you the letter of Kenneth J. Iwagaki concerning admission to the University.

I have evaluated the unofficial high school record of this student to the best of my ability, but have found it somewhat difficult as the student has given year grades only. If the semester grades on each of the subjects listed are the same as the year grades, the student will be eligible for admission to the University and will be prepared for the work in our College of Engineering.

We would have to have an official transcript of record, of course, before making a final statement.

Very sincerely yours,

Assistant Director of Admissions

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Enclosure:

Letter of K. J. Iwagaki



August 14, 1944

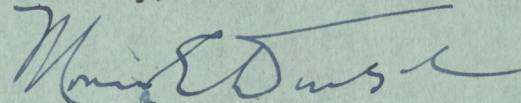
MRS. RUTH KINGMAN

My dear Mrs. Kingman:

You will find enclosed a copy of a letter from Kenneth Iwagaki and also the copy of a letter from our assistant Director of Admissions. In other words, while no final statement can be given, it appears that he is eligible for admission and ready to take up the work of the College of Engineering. I am wondering whether you have any suggestions which I might transmit to him in reference to his inquiry in the fourth paragraph of his letter.

With personal greetings to you I am

Cordially,



Monroe E. Deutsch  
Vice-President and Provost

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Grand Junction  
Colorado  
August 2, 1944

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

Dear Sir:

I am a Japanese American interested in entering the University of California.

I understand that the niseis can return under special consideration. My home is in San Jose, California. I was graduated from Cupertino Grammar School, Cupertino, California. I attended Campbell High School for two years, Campbell, California. I was graduated from Grand Junction High School June, 1944, Grand Junction, Colorado.

It has always been my desire to attend the School of Engineering, University of California. I sincerely hope I can, and wish to be considered an applicant.

I am writing to Dillon S. Myer, Project Director, WRA, and Lt. General Bonesteel, Western Defense Command, for clearance. If you know of any other person or persons who can help in my return to resume my academic education, I shall appreciate this information very much.

I am enclosing my high school grades and a list of references. I am also enclosing a self-addressed envelope for your convenience.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Kenneth Iwagaki

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Committee on American Principles and Fair Play

PASADENA CHAPTER

466 E California Street

Pasadena 5-

August 10, 1944.

Dear Miss Jeffers:

Thank you for enclosures about Johnson  
Btel. I wonder if any publicity is to be given to  
this to our membership or elsewhere. I liked it.

I am really writing to ask if you can give me  
a definite date when we can expect the Sproul pamphlets. You  
will note by enclosed letter that we are waiting to send it out when  
we receive the tabs and have been waiting for some time hoping  
the printer would finish them.

So - questions - (1) When can we hope to  
receive pamphlets - (2) Will it be same size as "American  
Fighting Men Speak Out -

Thank you for early answers -

Sincerely -

Maynard Force Thayer.



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PASADENA CHAPTER

766 - E California Street

Pasadena -

August 11, 1944.

Dear Mrs. Kingman: When I get an idea I pass

it on for whatever it may be worth.

A friend sent me statement  
signed by six Baptists, including Gale Seaman  
calling attention to Resolution regarding Japanese

Americans passed at Baptist Convention at Atlantic City and  
asking for suggestions as to how to implement these. 1200 had been  
sent and my friend wanted to know if our Committee could use  
any. It does not seem so to me - However -

It occurred to me that a compilation  
by your office of all such resolutions passed by National or Regional  
religious groups (the latter of course would be those on the Coast) might  
have considerable strength among Church leaders locally. Perhaps  
it is not a good idea but I pass it on. I thought in mimeographed  
form, it would be inoffensive.

Mrs. Gale Seaman is one who believes



The Friends of the American Way are more active locally and perhaps he would mean more useful. Of course we are waiting for direction from you on your educational program.

I shall be interested to hear of Mr. Ruddock's reply and am awaiting word from Miss Jefferds about Grant pamphlet.

Sincerely -

Maynard Force Thayer.



August 14, 1944

Mr. Galen M. Fisher  
11 El Sueno  
Orinda, Calif.

Dear Mr. Fisher:

Enclosed are the Minutes made out by  
Mrs. Kingman, sent for your approval. This  
is the only copy we have, so probably corrections, etc.  
could be made directly in the margins. Also enclosed  
are the original sheets for a double check.

Sincerely yours,

Office secretary

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989 So. El Molino Ave.

Pasadena -  
August 15th.

Dear Mrs. Kingman:

The Sproul reprints came yesterday and I think they are excellent. In fact I am delighted. Our letters will go out at once and also contain notice of a meeting Tuesday evening, the 22nd.

Paul Ackerman, Secy Caltech Y.M.C.A., has through Priscilla Beattie arranged showing of two M.R.A. films in one of the assembly rooms at Caltech and our members and the public will be invited. Dr (Bob) Emerson in charge of Guayule(?) project at Manzanar will speak briefly.

All our members will have received the new pamphlets and may wish to distribute some. Can we buy some and at what price? Since they are of shorter length, I suppose the price is less than other reprints. You spoke of financing them so as to distribute widely but we will gladly pay for some if it is all right to charge. Better send me 3.00 anyway for use that night. I think every school principal should have one for Priscilla says teachers are in great need of enlightenment. We



will send to all our principals and with Dr Grouls name and picture, believe they will read it. Are you distributing to Legislature - I want to be sure to send to members of Gannon Committee and think I will anyway.

We have one hundred or more "American Fighting Men" for that night and some Fortune reprints left to be given away since we did not pay for them.

Priscilla is not at home so I can not consult her but do not think she would have written you on this. She will want to know what lists you are using for distribution.

Shall look for pamphlets - 300 - and word as to their cost.

Hastely -

Traynard Force Thayer.

I keep your office busy.



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Pasadena 2, California

August 18, 1944

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Mrs. Ruth Kingman

2234 Telegraph Avenue

Berkeley, California

Dear Ruth:

I've just had a letter from H. S. Kawakami of the Morale Committee of Kauai, Hawaii. It seems that they ordered 500 of the "Balance Sheet", and we sent them the "Fighting Men." He says it was all right, but I'm curious to know if it was my mistake. Do you have that order on file? I'm sending him 15 copies of the "Balance Sheet", and if you have an oversupply, perhaps you too could send him some. I feel embarrassed about it.

Also has any member of the northern committee considered writing the War Department to see if it is possible for them to release notices of Nisei casualties to their home towns as well as to the relocation centers? That is one type of news which the papers will print if they get it, and nothing affects the public mind as that does. Could one of our important members take that up with the War Department?

Last week I had lunch with Mrs. Kaplan, and we are certainly lucky to have her! I believe she has the know how--it's the big splash that counts.



My copy of the Sproul address came today, and it's good. Hope we get thousands of them! The man has courage to speak out when he has to have funds from the State.

I do hope we have success on the War Department releases!

Sincerely yours,

Priscilla Beatty

I have sent 500 Bal. Sheet  
to Kawai Marale Comm -  
Pris. was right in  
(our order of May 14) -  
but my release letter, not  
info. opinions in extreme  
up ag. to strike back local  
send to each copy of  
the book put them in  
War Dept. and we will  
put a petition address in  
action



August 19, 1944

Mrs. Katherine Kaplan  
1732 Kelton  
Los Angeles, Calif.

Dear Katherine:

Thank you for all of the trouble you are going into to on this letterhead deal. I know that it is hard to get in touch with all of those people, and I hope that we are not being too insistent -- but we are eager to get the new printing ready to work on.

The way the list reads now, we have acceptances from all of the Executive Group except Mr. Ben Meyer, all ~~advising~~ ~~accepting~~ ~~except~~ Mrs. Clarke, who asked to go only on the Advisory Board.

Of the Advisory group, we still have to hear from Mashburn, Connelly, Walker, Black, Chittle and Haskins. All of the rest have replied favorable except Judge Jenney, whose regrets we understand and can, of course appreciate.

The fall program is working out well, but slowly as these things have a way of doing. Earlier this week, Mr. Fisher and I met with a representative group in San Francisco, whose leadership in their own fields made their counsel and cooperation most valuable. We had a man from the Chamber of Commerce, and Representatives of the Church Federation, Y.M.C.A., (both on National level) International Institute, Institute of Pacific Relations, and Social agencies.

At this meeting we went over the entire program, which we hope will bring about some kind of working agreement between all of the many groups interested in the same problem.

Next week Mr. Fisher is meeting with the church leaders of Northern California to be sure that they are prepared to go ahead in their own areas, and I am going to meet with some of the CIO people to see how we can best make use of their wide and strong organization.

Through Mr. Larry Hewes, the West Coast representative of the Rosenwald Foundation--Marine



have a fine medium through which to release some sort of a statement to appear in the national press which is devoted to race problems -- Negro, Jewish, etc. and the liberal mags such as Republic, Nations, and newspapers such as the Chicago Sun and PM. These will probably merit quoting on the Coast -- of the few ways this area recognizes -- I mean ways of getting material on the race subject before the reading public.

I am having to take a week off, starting the 25th, to have a small bit of surgery done on my nose--an old break resulting from an auto accident. As Fisher's meeting with the northern church leaders (scheduled at that time) can well be looked on as a pattern of sorts, for use in the south, if you feel it to be useful, I shall ask him to write it up fully, and send it on to you with comments. Meantime, I shall pass on to you whatever comes of my talks with the CIO people.

While we are very eager to cooperate in any way possible with other groups, including the Pasadena Friends of the American Way we will have to keep in mind that a group as small and tight as that one can and will wish to act much more specifically than we can or wish to. Because of this, it is possible that our approach will seem slow and indeterminate to some. If you should meet this criticism, it would be well (as you have probably already concluded) to point out that we are planning and contributing to a coast wide program, one which is aimed at carrying the support of a widely divergent group, and must move slowly. I think that it will be well for you to talk all of this over with Mrs. Thayer, as she has to meet the criticisms of the Pasadena people who feel that perhaps we are too slow.

Dillon Myer is in town, and I expect to see him tomorrow, I shall write you at length, after my talk with him, or, if there is anything on B.S. I shall telephone.

The "allover" picture remains good. I hope that you heard the March of Time last night. They did a good job on the Nisei in Italy.

I was much interested in the approach of the legion to this whole problem, in their recent meeting in Southern California. Their present consideration is a far cry from their first position, and I feel that there is no better indication of how the wind is blowing than the statement made to the press by Adjutant Jimmie Fiske, who is one of the die-hards of the organization.

Beverly is "off to the wars" on Sunday, and I am sorry for her only because she has to leave this friendly fog for the heat of Iowa. Fortunately, it is nearly September, and probably the worst is over.

Be sure to watch your time on Fair Play business -- I know how the hours pile up -- don't let yourself get finagled into more than half time. I know that it is difficult not to, but be tough with yourself. We know that there is an awful lot to be done, but we simply aren't geared, financially or otherwise to the comprehensive program and activity we'd like to carry on.

You are doing a swell job, and we appreciate your work, tremendously.

Very cordially yours,

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman





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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

August 21, 1944

Mr. Galen M. Fisher  
Assistant Treasurer  
Pacific Coast Committee on American Principles  
and Fair Play  
2234 Telegraph Avenue  
Berkeley, 4, California

My dear Mr. Fisher:

I am glad to send the enclosed check to help the Committee in carrying on its work. I should like to send more, but every week brings requests for assistance in the support of worthwhile programs.

Very sincerely yours,

Henry F. Grady  
President

HFGrb  
enclosure



August 21, 1944

Mr. Wm. O. Burton  
989 So. El Molino  
Pasadena 3, Calif.

Dear Mr. Burton:

Thank you very much for the check for  
\$100.00, received today. I have mailed mem-  
bership cards 1400 -1500 inclusive.

Sincerely yours,

Office secretary

mj



August 21, 1944

Mrs. Katherine Kaplan  
1722 Kelton  
Los Angeles, Calif.

Dear Mrs. Kaplan:

Five hundred 1943 brochures are sent to you today. We had on hand only 300 of the membership applications to send you, but more are on order at the printers, and we shall send them along immediately.

I have also mailed examples of the material we have sent out from time to time to our membership, or that we contemplate sending out in the near future. The publications by the Committee, I have marked with a blue pencil, the others we have sent out are WRA Releases we have found especially pertinent.

Hope this fills the bill temporarily, and I'll complete the order when the printer comes through.

Sincerely yours,

Office Secretary

mj



A.B. RUDDOCK  
1000 QUINBY BUILDING  
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

August 29, 1944

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman,  
Pacific Coast Committee on American Principles  
and Fair Play,  
Room 203, 645 California Street,  
San Francisco 4, California.

Dear Mrs. Kingman:

Referring to my letter to you of the 14th instant.

In addressing Town Hall in Los Angeles on August 21st, Attorney General Biddle made some references to the situation of the American citizens of Japanese ancestry that I thought were encouraging and would be of interest to you. I take the liberty of quoting the resume of his address on this point as they appear in the weekly publication of Town Hall:

"With reference to the return of American citizens of Japanese ancestry to the areas from which they are now excluded, Mr. Biddle said that this is at present a restriction by the Army. When the Army says that the restriction is no longer needed for military reasons, it seems clear that no court would uphold the further exclusion of American citizens of Japanese ancestry from these areas. At the suggestion of the Attorney General, Congress has passed a law which provides that, in the discretion of the Attorney General, the Department of Justice can move to expatriate a citizen who chooses loyalty to another power."

Very truly yours,

A. B. Ruddock



A.B. RUDDOCK  
1000 QUINBY BUILDING  
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

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August 14, 1944

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman,  
Pacific Coast Committee on American Principles  
and Fair Play,  
Room 203, 645 California Street,  
San Francisco, 4, California

Dear Mrs. Kingman,

I appreciated greatly your courtesy in writing me as of the 22nd of July and express my regrets for the delay in reply which has been due to absence from the city.

I feel that I should frankly tell you of my general personal reaction to the situation and to the activity of the Committee. I accepted membership on the Advisory Board because of Dr. Sproul's chairmanship and of other friends who were on the Board, without knowing too fully what the detailed circumstances were but having interest in the general subject.

In brief, I have had the impression that the Committee had become too exercised over the situation of the Japanese (a short-cut word); that over the long term that situation would adjust itself to our fair satisfaction through the operation of a sense of justice and fair play of the American public; that the Nisei were becoming rather scattered through the nation and were, to put it moderately, not too badly received in their new abodes and indeed well received in some; that the Committee could have no legitimate interest in the Iseii, and that no one, the Committee included, wanted any return of Japanese blood to this Coast until after the war. Therefore it seemed to me, to put it rather baldly, that the Committee was conducting activities out of proportion to the emergency at hand. To my thinking the very existence of the Committee, with a moderate amount of activity and publicity, would be all that was indicated. However, that did not seem to be the policy and the thinking of the Committee. They seemed to



August 14, 1944

believe that very great activity was required and that the situation was acute.

My attitude may well seem to you and to the Committee as negative and not sufficiently construction. Perhaps it is, especially in the light of the efforts to get signatures to put legislation in this State through in the November elections. That may put a new light on the need for emphasis and activity. However, I am impressed with the problem of division in our people at a time when unity is so greatly needed. Support a principle, yes, that should always be done, for without principle we can have no moral fiber in our nation. But to what degree a group should go in forcefully presenting that principle to their neighbors is the problem that troubles me. Can or should we go further than a calm and restrained presentation on a moderate scale of activity? Have we not discharged our conscience and met our duty when that is done? Past activities in the Pasadena area have perhaps not fully observed such restraint as far as I can ascertain. Perhaps that was before they became affiliated with the main Committee; as to that I do not know. I have been advised that the movement and its personalities have been aggressively and unfairly attacked by the opposition. That is unfortunate and is perhaps to be expected; but I am sure that moderation on our part in return is the only persuasive method.

I appreciate that finances are imperative and enclose a small contribution.

The addition of the new members from Southern California is a forward step. A major problem is the businessman who would hesitate to join because of fear of boycott of his business by dissatisfied customers. On the other hand, businessmen members are most desirable in order that the movement be not too faculty and professional in character. How that can be worked out, is not clear to me. It would seem that the lead could only be taken by business people in the larger centers. This would offer encouragement to those in the smaller communities where the situation for them is more difficult.

Sincerely yours,

A. B. Riddick



9/1/44.  
Jim

PACIFIC COAST  
Committee on American Principles and Fair Play  
PASADENA CHAPTER

466 - E California Street  
Pasadena 5 -  
August 30

Dear Miss Jeffords:

It is a long time since I have heard from your office.

I sent you an air mail request 15th or 16th asking for another 300 Small pamphlets to use at a meeting on August 22nd. But have never received them. We still can use them and would like them as soon as possible. Please let us know the cost. Perhaps you have all been on vacation, I do not know.

As I am going to be out of town for a couple of weeks from August 6th, please send these to Mr. Burton. Sincerely -

Traynard Force Thayer.

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If you have the new shorter statement of  
Policy - with names of Advisory Board on back, please  
send some of them.



2901 BRODERICK STREET  
SAN FRANCISCO, 23  
CALIFORNIA

RT. REV. EDWARD L. PARSONS

9/5/44  
OFFICE AT  
ST. LUKE'S CHURCH  
1750 VAN NESS AVE.

August 30, 1944

My dear Mrs. Kingman:

I was sorry that illness kept you from the meeting last Friday when Galen Fisher put before us the matters concerning the return of Japanese evacuees to California. I wanted a little chance to talk with you a moment about the A.C.L.U. Since I missed it, may I just write this letter to ask a question.

Mr. Fisher wrote me a very worthwhile letter about the Tule Lake situation. He was disturbed. He made some good points and in the course of it he spoke of being a member of the A.C.L.U. It popped into my mind at once that he might be, particularly in view of what is coming along in the near future, a useful member of our committee. I thought I would like to ask what you think of it before I made any further suggestion.

I had a letter from Roger Baldwin the other day. He feels that it is highly important for Ernest to go to New York. I think so too. It seems to me the only way in which we can get out of this business of perpetual bickering. There are times when I feel like dropping out of the whole business but there are two things of vital importance. One is that the work should be done here and our committee as strong as we can make it; the other is that we should not separate from the New York office and lose the essential backing which that means in our work. I don't feel that any of us ~~want~~ *should* to drop out as long as we can keep going and try to reach these two ends.

I hope you're all right again. I shall look forward to seeing you in another week.

Faithfully yours,

*Edward L. Parsons*

Mrs. Harry L. Kingman,  
535 San Luis Road,  
Berkeley, California.



GALEN M. FISHER  
11 EL SUENO 2  
ORINDA, CALIFORNIA

8/30

Dear Mary I couldn't help it.  
Ought to have revised the text  
more carefully yesterday.  
Even now, it could be bettered.  
But if you can read my  
signs + interlining, the  
result will be fairly good.

Thank you

G.M.F.



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August 30, 1944

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman  
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Dear Ruth:

I hope by this time you will have recuperated from that nose operation that you had. Such things can be so nasty.

I have been a little puzzled about the plans for Mr. Myer in regard to his speaking in Los Angeles. I imagine he has changed his own plans since our phone conversation 10 days or so ago. As you probably have noted from my monthly report, the Executive Committee has been trying to secure several speaking engagements for him before various good groups. But we can just as well plan one meeting for Oct. 2nd. I shall wait for definite word from Mr. Furth before I go ahead any more. He promised to write me today exactly what will be the most desirable.

We are going to have to get our own letter head immediately. So, will you please let me know as soon as possible if there is any change in the present one except for the new names to be added from the group here. We plan to include the listing of your Executive Committee and list ours just below it.

Mr. Crotty and the rest of the Committee would like to have the little 1943 brochure brought up to date, and a little different wording on some of the "government policies" for which we stand, I am referring to the 1, 2, 3, 4, part of it. I shall submit to you in a few days the changes that we would like to see made.

I would appreciate hearing from you as soon as possible about the letter head----also how shall we finance it?

Take care of that nose of yours.

Cordially

*Katherine*

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Dear Loomis:

The materials you have secured for me on assimilation are good, and I wish you would please thank Mr. Kido. I have written a note to Mr. Maier today, but must run at once to a meeting before writing more.

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