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715 SOUTH HOPE STREET - TRINITY 4751
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

August 18, 1943

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

Dear Mrs. Kingman:

Enclosed you will find a check for \$5.00,
which will in a measure express my desire to aid
in the educational program of your Committee.
I am deeply interested in the issues which are
your chief concern.

Please send me all the information and
literature which you are distributing. I desire
to keep posted on the development of your activities.

As a Secretary of the YMCA, I recently attended
the annual Institute held at Zephyr Point on Lake
Tahoe. There I received much information and in-
spiration, and came to know of the existence and
activities of your Committee.

Hoping to hear from you soon, I remain

Yours sincerely,

WPR:mmr

William P. Reedy, Program Secretary

Miss Jefferds:

In addition to the attached receipt, on August 18 we sent Royal H. Fisher a receipt for \$5.00 and Henry Day Fisher a receipt for \$1.00, to which this gentleman refers in his letter.

For your information, the \$2.00 contribution was included in check for \$4.00, signed by Rev. S. O. Thorlaksson.

L. M. Mullan

PACIFIC COAST
COMMITTEE ON AMERICAN PRINCIPLES AND FAIR PLAY

Room 203

465 California Street

San Francisco

Received from

Mr. Royal Fisher - \$2.00
Contribution

By

Harry S. Scott
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*reply my
9/26/93*

Mr. Harry S. Scott
Treasurer
Com on Am Principles & Fair Play

Room 203
465 California Street
San Francisco, Cal.,

Dear Sir:

There is some confusion about this receipt.

My check No.108 was for six dollars, to be credited
as follows:

- a) \$5 Membership
Royal H. Fisher
810 East 12th Avenue (not Street)
Denver, 3, Colorado
- b) \$1 - student
Henry Day Fisher
69 East 14th Avenue, Columbus, Ohio

Yours very truly,

Royal H. Fisher
Royal H. Fisher

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9/23/43
729 So. Madison Ave
Pasadena - 5-

Dear Mrs. Knigman -

I am very sad that I had to miss the "Japanese" meeting in Pasadena - on Tue. eve. Aug 18th - I am writing to suggest that if possible - you think of a clever way to "contact" Mrs. Ellwood Munger of Whittier - She is President of the So. Calif. Federated Club women - & has a wide influence & is in the fence - "leaning" away from Japanese understanding & toward such "wise" (?) men as Martine Diesch de la - We did have a roaring good chat last week - & now she might have a better willingness to have some information from you regarding an "open mind" toward the problem - Her group

Last spring, passed some kind of negative
action against the Japanese & I feel
she is rather a "key" person to start
a changed attitude. -

I still am remembering my "busy"
hours as the Sunday School Teacher
of your Harry Krigman & Alan Blaisdell
etc in Claremont - or am I having
the wrong lads "sitting" before me in
memory!! - It is because I am assuming
that your husband & myself & Frances
Munger were all once upon a time
part of Claremont & Pomona College that
I am writing to suggest that in some
way you reach Mrs. Munger - She and I
were both '0's friends in Pomona College.

Best of wishes for your splendid work
and if it is true that you are Mrs. Harry
Krigman - best of wishes for your friends of
long ago days - Cordially
Ange 18th Isabelle C. Reeder

Handwritten: 7/23/43
Young Men's Christian Association
HONOLULU, HAWAII, U.S.A.

Handwritten: Put on waiting list if not accepted.
LOUIS I. MEILLETTE
GENERAL SECRETARY

P. O. Box 459, Honolulu 9, Hawaii.

August 18, 1943.

Dear Ruth:

I would be greatly interested in receiving any materials which your Pacific Coast Committee on American Principles and Fair Play might be mailing from time to time.

After having been here in Hawaii now for almost a year, I am convinced that the work of this committee is one of the most important and vital committees in the interests of our entire American citizenry. Should the efforts on the part of certain elements in California be successful, I shudder to think what may happen in the future toward any other racial group who might arouse the antagonism of these so-called super-patriotic organizations.

No doubt you have already been in close communication with Mr. Charles Loomis, who is the chairman of the Morale Committee of the Office of the Military Governor. Both he and his committee have done an outstanding job in circumventing any such acts occurring here in the Territory. I am sure that he could give to you and your committee a great amount of counsel out of the committee's actual experience.

If there is anything that I might be able to do, please do not hesitate to call on me. With my sincerest wishes for the complete success of the goals which your committee have set up, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Handwritten signature: Louis Meillette

Handwritten: Say hello to Harry for me and also say that he really would enjoy the golf courses.
Mrs. Ruth Kingman,
2207 Union St.,
Berkeley, California.

Young Women's Christian Association

PORTLAND - OREGON

BROADWAY AT TAYLOR



August 19, 1943

Mrs. Ruth Kingman
American Principles and Fair Play Commission
Berkeley, California

Dear Mrs. Kingman:

The mills of the gods grind slowly,.....
This time I write you to tell of definite plans for myself. I am leaving Portland for the Bellingham Y.W.C.A., to be General Secretary there. You would laugh to see the amount of material I am taking, because I think the evacuation did not hit Bellingham very hard, nor very heavy war industries move in much. So I am going to have a chance, I hope, to talk a lot about the things we care for.

I don't know how your plans have gone, in establishing a northwestern office, but when you do decide where it will be, I want to know.

Jane Chase has accepted a position with OPA in Portland, so she will be your anchor man. You can still reach her at the Morgan Building, Diocesan office.

I hope I will have an opportunity to visit with Mr. MacNaughton a few minutes before I leave.

I had a telegram this morning from Tule Lake, asking me to come down there and help the Welfare Bureau with their personal interviews for permanent relocations. I would certainly like to have accepted that. It is open only for a month or six weeks, - or however long it takes to get the job done.

I had decided on a two months' leave before taking any position and letting them know I was free; but when Bellingham kept at me, I decided to go there now.

My best wishes to you, and more power every day.

Sincerely yours,
Mildred Bartholomew
Mildred Bartholomew

Address, after August 24th
Y.W.C.A. Building
Bellingham, Washington

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E.S.OSBORN
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CIVIC AUDITORIUM
SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

August 19, 1943

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

Gentlemen:

Having recently seen a copy of the little four page folder listing
the four governmental policies which Pacific Coast Committee supports,
I would be interested in having one-half dozen of these for my personal
use. There are several people to whom I would like to send a copy.

Yours very truly,



E. S. Osborn

August 21, 1943

Mr. William C. Burton
989 So. El Molino Ave.
Pasadena, Calif.

Dear Mr. Burton:

In checking over our files I have discovered a membership card from the Pasadena branch made out to Mrs. Arthur G. Bennett (at 1055 San Pascual St., Pasadena) on which no financial contribution has been indicated. The card is dated May 18, 1943.

Would it be possible for you to check with your files on this name so that we may have the complete information in this office?

Sincerely,

Secretary

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Phone address to Vernice, put
Hi, Ruth!

on mail ^{let}
OK ^{min}
6/23/43

Say hello to your
husband for me if you
ever see him -

I hope this is some help -
My name isn't worth much
on documents these days, but
I sure hope you get good
answers from slugs like Taylor,
Fuller, Fender, et al -

If you could, would you
pass on this new address to
Stiles?

J. A. S.

% Connors Crystal Lake Store
Azusa, Calif.

S' long -

John Sterenson

E.T. THURSTON
MEMBER AMERICAN SOCIETY OF CIVIL ENGINEERS
CONSULTING ENGINEER
869 Rosemount Road,
Oakland, Calif.

August 23, 1943

Pacific Coast Committee on American Principles and Fair Play,
465 California st.,
SAN FRANCISCO.

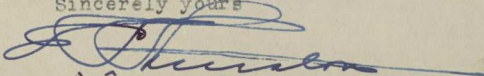
Gentlemen:

I am in receipt of letter of August 18th. from Secretary Kingman, with enclosures, requesting intercession with Senator Breed and Assemblyman Carlson with respect to four cited measures overwhelmingly adopted with their support by the Legislature.

With all due regard for and sympathy with the fundamental purposes of the Committee, I am unable, from the evidence presented, to see anything unamerican or unjust in the adoption of the measures in question. In fact it would appear that our lawmakers acted with commendable discretion and it may fairly be assumed that no untoward executive action will follow.

With regard to the Senate Resolution, which appears to have aroused the greatest apprehension, while I am well impressed by the War Relocation Authority's work and with the public assurances of Director Myer I am strongly of the opinion that every activity of the Federal Government affecting the economic or social welfare of a state should receive the intelligent official attention of the authorized representatives of the people of that state in the interest of the preservation of American Principles and Fair Play within our own body politic.

Sincerely yours



August 24, 1943

Library of Congress
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

Rear Admiral H.C. Train, Director of Naval Intelligence suggested that our Committee might be able to obtain some information we desire from some department of the Library. Would you please refer this request to the appropriate division?

The Committee on American Principles and Fair Play is interested in obtaining some facts and statistics regarding the cooperation of the Americans of Japanese descent with the authorities of the United States government both prior and subsequent to Pearl Harbor. More specifically, we would appreciate statistics as to the number of American Japanese (including the NACS) now in the armed forces, the types of services (divisions) they are in, with approximate figures, if possible, or any authoritative statements by commanding officers, etc. about the cooperation of the American Japanese in any way with the war effort.

We would also appreciate any source material that might be utilized in this regard.

Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

Secretary

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August 31, 1943

Miss Mary . Jefferds, Secretary
Committee on American Principles and Fair Play
Room 203, 465 California Street
San Francisco, California

Dear Madam:

Your letter of August 24, 1943 has been referred
for attention and report to the Division of Bibliography.

We have communicated with the Office of the Adjutant-
General of the United States Army in connection with your
question as to the number of American Japanese serving in the
armed forces. They tell us that no such statistics have been
officially released, but that if you wish to write direct to
that office, they may be able to provide you with certain
information.

You have of course seen articles pertinent to Japanese-
American cooperation in the war effort as they have appeared
in daily newspapers. We find that most of the articles indexed
in the various periodical guides deal with the general question
of Japanese loyalty and with the relocation camps. We direct
attention however to the following:

Ernst, C. F., and Toshio Mori. Japanese-American cooperation
in the war effort. Public welfare (Chicago, American
public welfare association, 1313 E. 60th St.) May,
1943, v. 1: 134-140.

Miyamoto, S. F. Immigrants and citizens of Japanese origin.
American academy of political and social science,
Philadelphia. Annals, Sept. 1942: 107-113.

Tani, William. American Japanese: friends or foes?
Free world (New York) June, 1943, v. 5: 552-555.

For The Librarian of Congress,

Very truly yours,

*Florence S. Hellman*Florence S. Hellman,
Chief, Division of Bibliography

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W. H. Fisher
Gentlemen:

You have my address incorrect.

It should be:

810 East 12th Avenue
Denver, 3, Colorado.

Yours very truly,

R.H.F.
Royal H. Fisher

W. H. FISHER
810 EAST TWELFTH AVE.
DENVER, S. COLO.



THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS



Committee of American Principles
and Fair Play

Room 203
465 California St
San Francisco, 4, Calif.

August 25, 1943

Mr. A. B. Ruddock
1000 Quinby Building
Los Angeles, Calif.

Dear Mr. Ruddock:

As you probably know, I tried several times to reach you last week while I was in Los Angeles. I am very sorry not to have seen you, as I had hoped to talk with you about several things, among them your letter to me.

When the Committee sent out the pamphlet to which you refer, we felt that we had made it quite clear that we had complete confidence in the War Department. So far as I know, there is no member of our group who feels that the War Department was not and is not entirely within its rights in ordering the evacuation of any persons from the Western Defense area. Neither do I know of any who wished the Japanese evacuees to return to the West Coast so long as the War Department considers their absence to be a military necessity.

In view of our strong stand in regard to the rights of minorities, we feel that the Supreme Court, in its opinions relating to the curfew cases, indicates a determination to protect those rights, and in our forthcoming pamphlet (now being prepared) we shall include this material. As there are always several drafts made of any releases we send out, I shall be happy to send you one before we get it off to the printers, for I feel that your question will be answered therein.

It is good to know that we have your keen interest. We have gone very slowly in our organization because we have wished to be entirely sound in each move. To avoid placing ourselves in any position which might be misunderstood, we have leaned backward rather than take any steps which might be misunderstood.

We have just appointed a half time executive Secretary from Southern California, Mrs. Arthur Pierce Ferguson, who will call you in about two weeks, as soon as she shall have taken over her duties.

There is still so much confusion in the public mind on the whole subject of the Americans of Japanese ancestry, that our work is limitless. It is only through the interest of men of good will such as you and the other members of our Committee that we hope in some small way to hold steady the unthinking, and curb the more vicious of those who fail to see the relation of this whole problem to the general war effort.

We are continuing our efforts to avoid divisiveness in our national attitudes and objectives. It is good to feel that we have your support.

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman

REK:mj

August 35, 1943

Miss Vivian Sande
Promotion Department
205 East 42nd St.
New York City, N.Y.

Dear Miss Sande:

Enclosed is a check for \$62.00 for 3,000 reprints of "The Truth About Jap Camps" by Maxine Davis (Liberty, August 7th), in accordance with the rate you quoted in your letter of August 19th.

We are returning the dummy to you under separate cover.

Speed is very important in this matter, and would be greatly appreciated, as the timeliness of the feature is one of its greatest assets.

Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

Secretary

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August 26, 1943

Mr. Lloyd O. Sweetman
Co-ordinating Director
824 Jay St.
Sacramento 16, Calif.

Dear Mr. Sweetman:

We shall endeavor to keep you informed
of the progress of our Committee in accordance
with your wish expressed in your letter of July 16th.

Thank you for the contribution, the best wishes,
and the congratulations.

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman

WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY

In reply, please refer to:

SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA, OFFICE
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AUG 26 1943

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

Dear Mrs. Kingman:

The South Coast News published at Laguna Beach on July 30 carried an item, "A Look at Relocation Centers", which was prepared by Professor Emory Bogardus, University of Southern California.

His article was one of the most constructive which I have seen and I thought that your Southern California group might wish to communicate with him.

Very truly yours,

R. B. Cozzens
R. B. Cozzens
Field Assistant Director



August 27, 1943

Mr. Donald C. Peattie
940 Mission Canyon Rd.
Santa Barbara, Calif.

Dear Mr. Peattie:

I am writing for Mrs. Kingman, who is away on a vacation this week, to ask if you could send us the name of the editor of the college paper of Santa Barbara State College. The Daily Californian has had some very fine editorials in the last week on the subject of the American-Japanese, and they should be of interest to other college publications.

Mrs. E.L. Patterson, of the El Enganto Hotel, in Santa Barbara has sent here sustaining membership fee to this office. You will probably want to include her on your membership list.

Sincerely

Secretary

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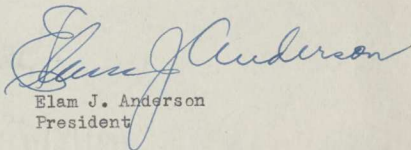
August 27, 1943

Thank him
refer letter to Gale
Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman
465 California Street
San Francisco, California

Dear Mrs. Kingman:

You may be interested in a copy of the letter
I have sent to Senator Ralph E. Swing regarding his
attitude toward the Japanese-Americans of California.

Sincerely yours,


Elam J. Anderson
President

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Encl.

UNIVERSITY OF REDLANDS
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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

August 30, 1943

Copy

Senator Ralph E. Swing
California State Legislature
Sacramento, California

Dear Mr. Swing:

I have found myself very deeply concerned by the growing tide of intolerance found in California as expressed not only by resolutions of Chambers of Commerce and various associations but also by the acts of our last state legislative session.

While I realize that there have been bases upon which such action was taken stirred up by the growing tide of fear and antipathy toward the Japanese, nevertheless I would like to believe that you as a senator in our state legislature would rather be counted upon the side of moderation and insistence upon Constitutional and American rights. We find such men as Chester Rowell, Lieutenant General Richardson of Hawaii and former Ambassador Grew making insistent the statement that Japanese-Americans when loyal to the United States, and they should be so regarded until evidence is presented that they are not loyal, should have the rights of citizens--the kind of rights you ask for yourself and for your son.

I know that you are actuated by a desire to adequately represent your constituency and I hope that as you think over the problems that we face you will find it possible more and more to place this immediate pressure of intolerance in the long time view of genuine Americanism.

Sincerely yours,

Elam J. Anderson
President

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Night letter

8/28/43

Miss Margaret Cosgrave
1644 Van Ness Ave.
Fresno, Calif.

Wish to send letter to each member can you or other proper authority
please mail address and contributions of Fresno group members.

Mrs. Ruth Kingman

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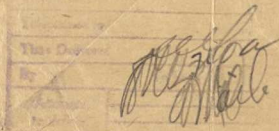
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Vallejo Aug. 28-1943.

Mrs. Ruth Kingman.
San Francisco

Dear Mrs. Kingman,

Mr. Besig of the A.C.L.U.
suggested you as someone who would
be quite worth while for our Vallejo Inter-
racial Committee to get as a speaker
and I am wondering if it would
be possible for you to come to us this
fall preferably on Sept 14th or 28th.

We are not a large group and as
yet have no funds so could only promise
to pay your transportation which is asking
a good deal of you, I know.

We are just formulating an educa-
tional program for the coming year and
it would certainly be splendid if you
could be one of our first speakers.

Very cordially yours
Mrs. Ruth W. Sears

August 30, 1943

Mrs. Arthur Pierce Ferguson
2386 Hidalgo St.
Los Angeles, Calif.

Dear Mrs. Ferguson:

When I reached my office this morning I found your note. I am so sorry that I failed to send my wire sooner. You must have been somewhat at a loss to know why I was so tardy, but I was so "all in" upon my return to Berkeley that I simply didn't feel up to doing the "checking" which naturally had to be done before I could write.

However, my few days of rest have cleared away most of the cobwebs and I'm ready to pick up where I left off.

I presume that by this time you have received the material my secretary, Miss Jefferds, sent you last week. It should give you something of an idea of what we are aiming at. I asked Professor Taylor to write to you, and am sure that he has done so.

When we talked together, I suggested that it might be well for you to plan on coming to San Francisco before taking on your duties in Southern California. However, after talking with several of our Board members I feel that you will be "broken in" much better if I go down there, and together, we meet with a couple of organizing groups. I am planning on being in Los Angeles on Friday evening, September tenth, to Saturday evening, the eleventh. I hope that you will be able to start on the job around the sixth, as it will be desirable that you should arrange for the Los Angeles meeting.

As I told you, our previous meeting, simply a preliminary group, came together at the invitation of Professor Joseph Power of City College, who was called to the *amigo* *via* Navy in such a hurry that he failed to send me the minutes. However, that can be explained to those present with no trouble at all. The time of the meeting should be Friday evening, September tenth at whatever place you feel will be convenient. I feel sure that the General Secretary of the Los Angeles Y.M.C.A., Mr. James McCandless will be glad to give you a "spot" in that building, unless you have a better place in mind.

May I suggest that you call the following members of our Advisory Board and ask them for suggestions of persons they feel should be invited to such a meeting? We do not feel that it should be especially large--say ten to twenty.

Bishop James C. Baker	125 E. Sunset Blvd., L.A.
Mr. George Hjelt	305 City Hall, L.A.
Rabbi Edgar F. Magnin	636 So. Hobart Blvd., L.A.
Mr. A.J. McFadden	1108 No. Main St., Santa Ana
Dr. Robert M. Ellman	Calif. Inst. of Tech., Pasadena
Mr. A. B. Ruddock	1150 Oak Grove Ave., Pasadena
Bishop Bertrand Stevens	615 Figueroa St., L.A.
Rev. Donald H. Tippet	813 So. Hope St., L.A.
Father Edward J. Whelan	Loyola High School, L.A.

Dr. Robert A. Millikan is also on the board but had better not be approached, as he has given names before. Other names are,

Mr. and Mrs. Jerome W. MacNair	2000 Ridgeview Ave., L.A.
President Remsen Bird	Occidental College
Professor Raymond McKelvey	Univ. Southern California
Mr. John Despol	C.I.O.
Mr. Phil Connelly	C.I.O.
Mr. Jim Dougherty	C.I.O.

(When you call them, will you say that Paul Heide of Oakland suggested that they can give you help on A.F.L. representation.)

Dr. E. C. Farnam	(L.A. Council of Churches)
Mrs. Frank Bissell	543 S. Western Ave., L.A.
(She knows of us through Dillon S. Myer)	
Mrs. Irene Heineman	311 State Bldg., L.A.
Mrs. Maygardt Force Thayer	466 E. California St., Pasadena

Feel free to add any persons you feel will add weight and/or

energy to the job ahead. Key persons are most desirable. Mr. MacNair is the lawyer who has promised to take the responsibility of raising the \$500.00 in Los Angeles. Good man!

The meeting would be called for the very simple purpose of setting in motion such local forces as might be mobilized to defend the wartime rights of a minority which is currently the whipping boy of unthinking individuals as well as unscrupulous groups. Some method must be found to render articulate the considered judgement of the thousands of persons up and down the coast who feel that permanent discrimination against this group would undermine the foundations of national unity. Upon that single basis any meeting can legitimately be called together.

In addition to the Los Angeles meeting, I shall be happy if you can go to Claremont with me on Saturday morning. I shall try to arrange a luncheon meeting there, and will get in touch with the people there, as I've already been on the job a bit. I have to get the 5 o'clock train out, so we'll return to Los Angeles early.

These two meetings should give you the "feel" of the thing, and we can spend some time together going and coming, so I shall feel quite happy to turn things over to you after my trip south.

I hope that you will be able to fit in a vacation. I'm sure that you can. Have I made things clear enough? Please do not hesitate to ask just anything, general or specific, and I'll do what I can to answer.

Very cordially yours,

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman

RWK:mj

August 30, 1943

Manager
Hotel Clark
Los Angeles, Calif.

Dear Sir:

Please reserve a room for me for
September tenth.

Thank you very much.

Sincerely

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman

August 30, 1943

Mrs. Ruby Heide
Secretary-Treasurer Alameda Co. C.I.O.
92 7th St.
Oakland, Calif.

Mrs. Ruby Heide:

It was fun to have you and Paul Heide in our home. Let's do it again sometime.

I understand that the State C.I.O. conference is to be held in Fresno within the next few weeks. It has been called to my attention that resolutions to be voted upon by that body should be presented to the Resolution Committee prior to that time. We feel that the enclosed resolution, as passed by the International Longshoremen and Warehousemen Union National Convention, June 9, 1943, in San Francisco, is sound and hope that it will receive consideration at the State meeting.

Will it be possible for you or your husband to present it, or do you feel that it should be done in some other way? As you know, George Wilson is on our Committee, and will prove helpful.

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman

RSK:mj

August 30, 1943

The Rt. Rev. Joseph T. McGuiken
Petroleum Bldg.
Olympic and Flower Sts.
Los Angeles, Calif.

Dear Bishop McGuiken:

It was good of you to go to the trouble of trying to reach Rabbi Magnin for me last week. I was particularly eager to be able to report the writing of those letters to members of my Committee, as they have felt strongly that there was a distressing contradiction involved, a contradiction which we felt was inadvertent and unintentional on your part. It is reassuring to know that the correction has been made. Would it be presumptuous to ask for a copy for our files?

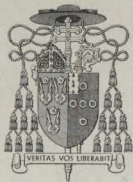
Mr. Kingman was delighted with my very sketchy report of the preliminary meeting of the Los Angeles Inter-Racial Council (has a final name been decided upon?). Such an organization will be of great assistance to him in his work with the President's Committee on Fair Employment Practice.

May I thank you again? I shall hope to see you again when I am in Los Angeles.

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman

RWK:mj



Archdiocese of Los Angeles

714 West Olympic Boulevard

Los Angeles, California

August Thirty First
1943

Res 9/6/43

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

Dear Mrs. Kingman:

I have your letter of the 30th inst., and since speaking with you on the telephone have received a letter from Dr. Lechner of the Americanism Educational League, in which he positively denies advocating the disenfranchisement of the Japanese.

He wishes to talk with me further about the matter, and consequently I should be grateful to you if you could provide me with some facts concerning his activities.

My original letter to him stated simply that I heard that he had been advocating the disenfranchisement of the American citizens of Japanese origin, and I was opposed to any such action, and request that he remove my name from the Directors of the Bill of Rights Committee.

With every best wish, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Joseph T. McGucken
(Joseph T. McGucken)
Auxiliary Bishop of Los Angeles
Chancellor.

Sept. 5. 1943

The Rt. Rev. Joseph T. McCucken
Archdiocese of Los Angeles
714 West Olympic Boulevard
Los Angeles, California

Dear Bishop McCucken:

In reply to your letter asking for some facts concerning Dr. Lechner's activities, may I say that there are several emphases which he makes that we feel are inconsistent with your feeling and spirit, not to say, expressed convictions.

The enclosed letter, resolution and pamphlet, the latter put out by the Americanism Committee of the Legion, which is headed by Dr. Lechner, are perhaps as good examples as I have on hand. (As they are from the files of another office, may I request their return?) So far as I know, Dr. Lechner has not specifically advocated the disenfranchisement of American citizens of Japanese ancestry. However, what is far more subtle, and more far reaching in influence, is the general discrediting of those citizens as a racial group, in such a way as to present them as second rate Americans, to say the least.

While disenfranchisement is not urged, as such, certainly the rights and obligations of citizenship would be denied in the program under promotion by the organizations which Dr. Lechner directs. We all recognize the temporary curbs necessary in time of war, for all of us, but when the curbs reach out far beyond the point justified by the Supreme Court rulings, they reach perilously near what Justice Murphy calls, in reference to that point "the very brink of constitutionality."

The program Dr. Lechner advocates would, if applied, necessitate the rewriting of the Constitution or would remain a constant threat, if unconstitutionally applied, to all minority groups which might displease any other groups strong enough to exert sufficient pressure against them.

As you know, Dr. Lechner is not only the director of the Americanism Educational League, which lists you as a director, but has also long directed the Americanism Committee of the American Legion of California. I have never thought the Legion membership as a whole is entirely insympathy with that Committee's work, and in disagreeing with Dr. Lechner, I do not take issue with the Legion membership as a whole. The sensational charges he makes against certain church groups and leaders is entirely overdone and undocumented.

So far as we can ascertain, no responsible persons or groups are advocating the return of the evacuees to the west coast until such time as the War Department shall so order. The entire emphasis made upon their "vicious movement for their return" is an obvious use of the fear technique which motivates so much of the racist method all over the world.

The mere fact that the League does not urge disenfranchisement is not proof that their program is not the more dangerous in its technique of discrediting of a racial group by misleading, and entirely undocumented statements.

May I make these observations on the numbered points of the program?

1) No one, other than the Americanism Education League and the Legion, and other allied and sympathetic groups, to our knowledge, wishes to have this decision made outside the War Department. We feel confidence in its leadership and decisions, particularly in time of war, when international and national implications as well as local, must be taken into consideration.

2) The War Department has repeatedly insisted that it does not wish control of the Centers. (See enclosure #1)

3) Approximately 10,000 Americans of Japanese ancestry are now in uniform, and 500 WACS in process of recruitment.
(See pp 1 and 2 of "A Voice That Must Be Heard")

4)

4) Under international law, aliens (enemy) cannot be made to work under army control- citizens uncharged of any crime cannot be so employed or controlled, under Constitution.

5. Already done, legally

6) Should be left to State Department-- they must decide in relation to the far greater assets we have in Japan.

7) Has been advocated for years by most students of problem,

but should be objective, not a prejudiced study.

This letter is overlong, but I am simply trying to show where the program advocated by Dr. Lechner is either unnecessary or based upon recommendations which, if followed, would necessitate constitutional charges of a nature such as would shake the foundation of the liberties we have come to consider a part of our beings.

More dangerous than the actual recommendations, however, is the not too subtle "defamation" (I believe Rabbi Magnin calls it) of a racial group of our citizenry which deliberately confuses, within the racial boundary, our own, proven to be loyal American Japanese with the treacherous and ruthless Tojo government with which we are at war.

We agree perfectly with the 1st paragraph in Dr. Lechner's pamphlet, but we are more concerned with the possibility of the weak spot of racial disunity than we are with the "vicious movement to have the Japanese returned to this coast" -- which movement, so far as we can see, is simply the program of the United States War Department, which foresees no return so long as it is a matter of military concern, and with which we have no quarrel.

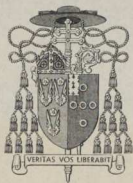
May I call your attention to the call of "A voice That Must Be Heard", for Col. Fielder of the Military Intelligence expresses exactly what we mean, and why we feel so strongly against any program which is at least bordering on the thing we are in this war to fight.

I hope that I have answered your question. There is much more that could be said, but I prefer to keep it all in the realm of principle and not to deal in personalities.

If I can be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to call upon me.

Very sincerely yours,

(Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman)



Archdiocese of Los Angeles

714 West Olympic Boulevard

Los Angeles, California

September Eighth

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Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman,
PACIFIC COAST COMMITTEE ON AMERICAN
PRINCIPLES AND FAIR PLAY,
203, 465 California Street,
San Francisco, California.

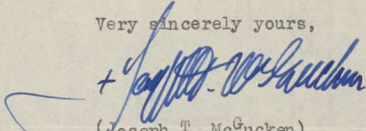
Dear Mrs. Kingman:

Many thanks for your letter of the
5th inst. and the enclosed information.

I expect that Dr. Lechner will call
on me and it will be useful for me to have these data.

I return to you herewith the documents
which you wish to keep for your files.

Very sincerely yours,


(Joseph T. McGucken)

Auxiliary Bishop of Los Angeles
C h a n c e l l o r .

Enc:

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August 30, 1943

Rabbi Edgar F. Magnin
636 Hobart Blvd.
Los Angeles, Calif.

Dear Rabbi Magnin:

It was very good of you to invite me to that preliminary meeting of the (temporarily named) Los Angeles Inter-Racial Council. Mr Kingman was very happy to hear of the organization, as he will need every possible bit of cooperation he can get in his new job on the President's Committee on Fair Employment Practices.

It is also most gratifying to know that you and Bishop McGucken have withdrawn your names from Dr. Lechner's Americanism Educational League. It is most regrettable that misuse was made of a former, and very natural interest.

I have told Rabbi Reichert of your action and he, also is greatly pleased. At his suggestion, I am calling Mr. Bloch of the Survey Committee who will in time see to it that the B'nai Brith people know of the present activities of the League.

Our newly appointed executive secretary for Southern California will soon get in touch with you. She is E. Mrs. Arthur P. Ferguson, a highly capable person in whom we feel great confidence. I am sure that she will keep you from feeling as far removed from our organization, as we hope to see our Southern California branches completely organized very soon.

May I thank you again, for your very significant means of cooperating with our Committee on American Principles and Fair Play.

Very sincerely yours,

RWK:mj

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman

August 30, 1943

Senator Mary Farquharson
Seattle
Washington

Dear Mary Farquharson:

Your good wires are encouraging but tantalizing. I had a good letter from Bob O'Brien today and am sending you a copy of my reply.

I'm going to Washington for 3 weeks on September 17th, and hope to have the Northwest on its way by then.

Cordially,

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman

RWK:mj

August 30, 1943

Dean Robert O'Brien
Box 60
University Station
Seattle 5, Washington

Dear Bob:

Needless to say, I was delighted to get your letter today, and to know that progress is being made. This distance business, plus travel problems, plus the vacation months, has played havoc with our plans for the Northwest. Your report, together with the wire from Mary Farquharson is encouraging.

I am meeting with W.R.A. Regional tomorrow and will get from them the names of the people Dillon Myer "sewed up" in Seattle. According to preliminary reports, they will be surprisingly good. I shall send them on, immediately. Meantime, we are working on a second release, similar to the small four page folder, of which we are using 30,000.

We sent out 10,00 of the Harper's Reprints, and have ordered 2,000 reprints of that good article in Liberty by Maxine Davis. Have you seen the Northfield, Minn. American Legion resolution? Slightly modified, it has been adopted by the entire State Legion, and is a honey. We've ordered 300 and will send them to any American Legion Posts you might suggest.

I hope to hear from you soon.

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman

RWK:mj

cc Mary Farquharson

August 30, 1943

Mr. Jerome W. MacNair
3000 Ridgeview Ave.
Los Angeles, Calif.

Dear Mr. MacNair:

At long last we seem to be coming to life. As you know, the Los Angeles group was called together by Professor Joseph Power. You have probably heard that he has been called to Annapolis via U.S. Navy, and has left in a rush for Washington. In his hurried departure, Mr. Power found it impossible to get together the material covering our preliminary work in Los Angeles. In fact, he had been in Washington for some time before I knew that the organization was not being effected. The result is that nothing has been done.

Following a decision of our Executive Board, I have secured a half time executive secretary for Southern California. As she lives in Los Angeles, we feel that there will now be effective activity in that area. She is Mrs. Arthur Pierce Ferguson, of 2266 Hidalgo St., Los Angeles. I have asked her to call together several persons on Friday evening, August tenth, and have asked her to get in touch with you before doing so. She is to get in touch with our Southern California Board members and several others whom I have suggested. I hope that we can finally do something significant. The general picture is certainly brightening, but continued support of the liberal policies of the government agencies charged with the administration of the program for the Japanese evacuees will need increasing development.

I shall hope to see you at the meeting next week. I am sure that you and Mrs. MacNair will enjoy meeting Mrs. Ferguson. We feel most fortunate in securing her enthusiastic assistance.

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman

RWK:mj

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275 Robincroft Drive
Pasadena, 3, California
August 30, 1943

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

Dear Mrs. Kingman,

Thank you for the very good material you have been sending members of the Committee on American Principles and Fair Play. I'm sure this work will accomplish a great deal.

I wish to ask you for some further help. I have lately heard the problem of dual citizenship of the Japanese discussed and would like some facts.

One person said that all Japanese in America had to send taxes back to Japan; that the parents of nisei sent it back as soon as the baby was born.

Another said that the Japanese were the only race that had dual citizenship. Somewhere I have read that this is not true, that other countries in Europe have the same thing, but I cannot locate my source of information.

Can you straighten me out on these questions, or point me to a reliable source of material along this line?

Yours very sincerely,

Helen Couch

September 1, 1943

Miss Helen Couch
275 Robinerolt Dr.
Pasadena 3, Calif.

Dear Miss Couch:

I hope the enclosed material will
straighten you out on the question of
dual citizenship.

The War Relocation Authority is
getting out a new release on the subject,
and we have given them your address, so
that you will receive a copy of this as
soon as it appears in printed form.

Sincerely,

Secretary

mj

August 31, 1943

Miss Lucille Fessenden
973 E. Del Mar
Pasadena, Calif.

Dear Lucille:

It was fun to see you at the Pasadena meeting, if only for a moment. I should love to have had a chance to talk with you longer, but the student group seemed a bit overwhelming at the time.

I often think of you and wonder if you are doing your photographic work these days? I'd love to hear from you some time, and if you should come north, do come and see me.

Cordially yours,

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman

RWK:mj

August 31, 1943

Mr. Herman Spindt
Bureau of Guidance and Placement
University of California
Berkeley, Calif.

Dear Herman:

I presume that the copies of the autobiographies of Helen Karasawa and Matsuo Uyeda which came from your office were sent at your suggestion.

Thank you very much. There seems to be a fine collection in the making, of just this type of material. It is hard to see how people generally, here on the Coast, fail to recognize the existence of potentially fine Americans in most of our Nisei. I hope to be able to get together a truly significant and representative selection of these personal histories. If properly compiled they should make a potent document.

Thank you again.

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman

RWK:mj

August 31, 1943

Mr. Scott Newhall
The Chronicle
Mission at 5th
San Francisco, Calif.

Dear Scott:

If the Mine Okubo stuff in This Week was of your editing -- thanks, personally, and more power to you. That sort of thing is powerful and certainly leaves no weak spots to be hit at.

We are having a young U.C. alumnus, Yori Wade, do an autobiographic thing for the Alumni Monthly which should be good. He is in the army, his mother and fiancée in a Relocation Center. Yori was one of the best liked editors of the Daily Cal a few years ago, and I'm looking forward to a good piece of writing from him. --will see that you get a copy.

Thanks again -- and best to Ruth.

Cordially yours,

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman

RWK:mj

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY
WASHINGTON, D. C.

31 August 1943

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for positive use*

Dear Miss Jefferds:

Replying to your letter of 26 August, I thought that the enclosed copy of a recent letter from Colonel Scobey to the Reverend Arthur T. Kent of Gardena, California, might be helpful.

It occurs to me that the weekly newspaper put out by the Japanese-American Citizens League, known as "The Pacific Citizen", would almost certainly be a source of valuable material. I have noted that very little that comes out about persons of Japanese descent escapes their notice.

Sincerely,

John M. Hall
JOHN M. HALL
Captain, F.A.
Assistant Executive

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

Enc.

Cy ltr 28 Jul 43 Col. Scobey to Rev. A. T. Kent.

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C. WALTER BORTON
1632 CHESTNUT STREET
PHILADELPHIA, PA.

With warm appreciation
of your good work & thanks
for the Harper article
I was in Berkeley last
Summer & how much
interest in your objections
Cordially
C. W. Borton

May I suggest a return envelope
when appealing for funds?

Dear Mrs Chigman - full

Hold everything yourself! I am not going to be on our YWCA staff this fall so I've been waiting a bit to know what to write you. We've done a huge reorganization in our Y - which has created unions as a department and readjusted membership with an information desk set up. This dissolves me as a staff person. In reality it had been happening for a year, which is why I was gravitating to so much Public Affairs activity.

Just now I am debating 'Yes' or 'No' about another Association, not having decided fully that the contacts I have made in Portland are not after all (aren't double negatives awful? I started in 1950 & see it then) valuable enough to consider seriously in whatever contribution I might make to the local effort and to the Y itself -

I have not talked to Mr. MacNaughton, but precisely as Bob O'Brien is, Mr. MacNaughton will accomplish more and wield a profounder influence on the Northwest in the next five years than Mr. O'Brien possibly can -

I'd ask for the job myself except for —

1 - \$100 - would hold me

2 - The thing might fold up and I'd be on a limb in a year - unless I could do it related to another thing that is more sure of ongoing.

I have thought hard about carrying it with something else that might also deal with ministerial needs - but one dare not be crack pot, but the very persons, whose influence + backing ^{one} the needs, distrust ~~their~~ emotional & intellectual strength & stability.

Point 2 Jane Chase is leaving the Diocesan Office Aug 1st - I'd like terribly to do a combination

that would use her writing skills and what I know about ~~the~~ the town & countryside - She is not here till Monday - so I can't talk to her.

Is there any chance that Dillon Meyer will be in B - on a Friday? If so, write Mr. McNaughton & tell Arnold, & tell each you have written the other, asking if the City Club would like a chance to have him.

A few people here should see him if he is to be here for ever so brief a time.

Got this fax & called the City Club - so you will have my wire by noon & hope -

I really think as much for 'Fair Play' can be accomplished in Portland if headquarters are here if I am around - Tell me what you think and I'll inform you as to what I do -

Send mail to my home - I'm on vacation after Tuesday - 3304 P. E. 52nd Ave - Portland (6) -

Best wishes,

Mildred Beardslee

September 1, 1943

Mr. Alfred Lundberg
P.O. Box 58
Oakland, Calif.

Dear Alfred:

Just a note between trips! I got a quick look at the draft of your letter to Governor Terren and all I have to say is that it is powerful -- exactly what should be said, and expressed in good, rolling Lundberg wording.

May I have as many copies as possible, as soon as possible?

And thank you -- again --

Cordially,

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman

RWK:mj

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