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Mr. Robertson M. Fort
American Friends Service Committee
20 South Twelfth Street
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

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IF REPRINTS ARE AVAILABLE.

Ruth W. Kingman
2287 Telegraph Ave. Rm. 215
Berkeley 4, California

July 12, 1945

Mr. August Vollmer
923 Euclid Avenue
Berkeley, California

Dear Mr. Vollmer:

The Conference in Sacramento went off very well. Mr. Frank Clarvoe, editor of the San Francisco News, as luncheon speaker, made a very fine statement, and the work sessions were informative and, I think, fruitful.

I wish that I could say that the session on "Racial Tension and the Law" with Attorney General Robert Kenny, as chairman, was as satisfactory as were the other work groups. Both Mr. Kenny and his special assistant, Mr. Powers, formerly Chief of Police in Bakersfield, were able to parry direct questions pertaining to the failure of law enforcement in the anti-Nisei incidents in California.

Following your suggestions, I tried to ask Mr. Kenny earlier in the week to invite representatives of the Law Enforcement Officers Organizations, but was unable to get to him in time. At the Conference, I raised the question of getting the local law enforcement officers to send out memos similar to that sent out by Mr. Kenny, but was not answered.

In view of the fact that the law enforcement organization is on record as opposing evacuee return, it would be helpful to know just how much effort Mr. Kenny is making to overcome the threat to law and order contained in the public statement of that record.

Mr. Vollmer

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7/12/45

We would greatly appreciate it if you could get some clarification of the situation from Mr. Kenny, and if you would express your personal concern in the matter.

I am enclosing our letterhead, if you should wish to write as a member of our Advisory Board. This is merely for your convenience, should you wish to write as a Fair Play member.

It will be helpful if I can have a copy of your correspondence, as we do need all of the clarification we can get.

Thank you very much.

Cordially yours,

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman
Executive Secretary

RWK:coh

July 12, 1945

Mr. M. M. Tozier
Chief, Reports Division
War Relocation Authority
Barr Building
910 17th St., N. W.
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Tozier:

Enclosed you will find a copy of our
telegram to Mr. Robertson M. Fort.

Mrs. Kingman has asked me to thank you
for the tip.

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary

July 12, 1945

CONFIDENTIAL

Mr. Masaru Marahara
Chairman, All Center Conference
Central Utah Project
Topaz, Utah

Dear Mr. Marahara:

Thank you for your Memorandum of June 18, 1945. If you remember our conversation in my office, I suggested that you give me some confidential suggestions which might be included in my plan which might be suggested as an alternative to the present center closing order.

I would greatly appreciate such suggestions as soon as possible.

Please excuse my note--I'm due at an appointment.

Cordially,

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman
Executive Secretary

RWK:ccn

July 12, 1945

Mrs. George F. West
2020 19 Avenue
Oakland 6, California

Dear Mrs. West:

Thank you very much for your letter of July 1. Such constructive suggestions are invaluable to the work of the Committee and are appreciated.

I am enclosing a copy of the Minutes of the Joint Advisory Board-Executive Committee meeting which you may find interesting. At that meeting a committee was appointed to work out the future program of the Committee with the opinions of the Members, such as expressed in your letter, in mind.

We shall be most happy to receive any further suggestions you have to offer.

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary

Box" S",Livermore July 12,1945

Committee on American Principles and Fair Play
2207 Union Street
Berkeley, Cal.

Dear Madam:

Unfortunately, I seem to have mislaid your kind letter and cannot, therefore, recall your name. I hope you will forgive me for my rudeness.

I must also apologise for not having answered your letter before. However, I expected all the time to come here and, then, to look you up. Unfortunately, I have not yet been able to do so. Therefore, I think I better write this long delayed letter.

I am very sorry that I shall not be in Oregon when your fieldman comes there. However, I shall call on you before going back to Oregon and shall, then, see what I can do to further your aims.

In the meantime I am submitting my application for affiliation with the Committee as a contributing member.

Sincerely yours

Alfred Brettauer
Alfred Brettauer


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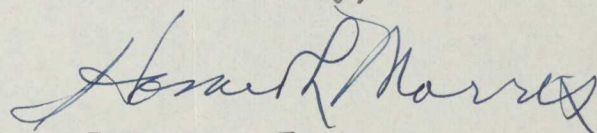
Mrs. Ruth Kingman
Fair Play Committee
2287 Telegraph Avenue
Berkeley 4, Calif.

Dear Mrs. Kingman:

We have just had assurance from the Readers Digest that they would supply 5,000 reprint copies of the recent article in the Readers Digest to the Fair Play Committee for distribution.

We have asked that these reprints be sent directly to you by the Readers Digest. It will probably take about three weeks to secure these reprints.

Yours sincerely,


Robertson Fort

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July 13, 1945
228 McAllister Str.
Room #223
S.F. California

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

Dear Mrs. Kingman:

Enclosed is a draft of an outline on the formation of the California Federation of Councils for Civic Unity as based on the consensus of feeling of the group which met in the Council's office yesterday, Thursday, July 12.

It is contemplated that the next meeting will consider further improvements to the basic structure herein set forth, organizations to which this suggested outline should be sent, how their response shall be indicated, and all other procedures to enable the creation of a state-wide federation.

The group awaits call by you for a meeting on this matter soon.

Very truly yours,

Joe G. Masaoka
JOE G. MASAOKA *ho*
Regional Director
Japanese-American Citizens League

JGM:ho
Enclosure

July 13, 1945

Mr. Frank Clarvoe
Editor,
San Francisco News
812 Mission Street
San Francisco

Dear Frank Clarvoe;

When I called your office last Monday, to thank you in person, I was told that you were out of town for the week. I had also wished to ask you what your expenses had been in going to our Sacramento conference. If you will let me know, I shall send you a check.

You cannot know how much we appreciated your participation in the conference. It is encouraging to find men like you (too few) who see the necessity of taking a practical and yet aggressive position on this race business.

To those of us who find ourselves putting all of our efforts in this controversial field, it is a "shot in the arm" to have you taking an active interest.

May I thank you again, and assure you that we all realize that the relatively sane attitude in San Francisco is in no small degree, due to the editorial columns of the News?

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman,
Executive Secretary,

July 14, 1945

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

Dear Marjorie,

It was an interesting evening's program at the Fairmont last night. I hope that Mr. Field felt that he was able to make the effort ~~worth~~ while. I suppose that time will tell.

I was very glad to meet Mr. Elkus and Mr. Koshland, and of course you know how I have wanted you to meet Harry, for a long time.

What I'm writing this for (with great apology for doing so while you are on vacation) is to say that after talking it all over, several times, with Harry, we both feel that I would be making a bad mistake to consider taking on any work which would necessitate my putting in full time in San Francisco, plus commuting, plus keeping house. There seems no possibility of getting satisfactory servants for such a long time to come, that I would have to be working about fourteen hours a day, as a minimum, seven days a week, a feat I couldn't possibly measure up to.

I wish that there were some way whereby I could work in San Francisco, but it doesn't seem practical. I'm really sorry.

Have you considered Ed Banfield? He's the sharpest person I know in this field, with a fresh, new viewpoint and as realistic as they come.

Sincerely yours,

COLUMBIA FOUNDATION
RUSS BUILDING
SAN FRANCISCO

MARJORIE ELKUS
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

August 10, 1945

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

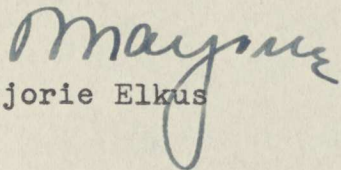
Dear Ruth:

Sorry to be so long in replying to your letter of July 14th. I, too, enjoyed the evening of the Field dinner, and it was so pleasant meeting Harry.

I understand thoroughly your position regarding the San Francisco Council for Civic Unity and think perhaps you have decided wisely.

It will be nice seeing you on the 14th.

Sincerely,


Marjorie Elkus

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July 16, 1945

Mr. Edwin Le Tendre, Principal
Berkeley High School
Berkeley, California

Dear Mr. Le Tendre:

Mrs. Græther as chairman of the sponsoring groups of the Berkeley Girls Harvest Camp, Inc., suggested that you, as chairman of the group sponsoring the Boys Camp would be interested in a situation which has arisen in Auburn.

On June 14, the Auburn Journal published in its column "To Bill From Dad" a pretty clear cut expression of the attitude of the local ranchers and merchants.

This column was called to the attention of our Committee, and we, in turn, showed it to Mrs. Græther and to Ky Ebright, who, as you know, works with the Extension Service in relation to the camps.

The feeling we all shared was one of unwillingness to have the children in the harvest camps either exploited or said to be exploited by any local groups or individuals who wished to interpret their patriotic cooperation in harvesting food during war time, as a means of displacing the loyal Japanese Americans who are now returning to their homes.

I am enclosing copies of both the editorial and the letter signed and sent by Mrs. Græther. I am sure that you will also wish to disclaim any discriminating intention on the part of the Boys Camps.

Will you please let me know of any action you take? We are eager that the relatively small number of irresponsibles in our rural communities shall not be allowed to become the recognized spokesmen for all of the state.

Only by checking on each such incident can we hope to keep the thinking public informed and ready to meet prejudice with facts.

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman
Executive Secretary

Night letter
7/16/45

Lawrence I. Hewes, Jr.
Hotel Clark
Los Angeles, Calif.

LIVERIGHT AND I AGREED TO CONFER RE: CONCERTED POLICY ON CENTER CLOSING ETC. FEEL MACENTIRE, HEWES, WATSON, PERHAPS BLAISDELL SHOULD JOIN DISCUSSION. IF THIS SATISFACTORY TO LIVERIGHT, MAY I ARRANGE MEETING YOUR OFFICE ONE THIRTY JULY 23 OR SOME OTHER DATE AND TIME. PLEASE WIRE REPLY COLLECT.

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

UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY
WASHINGTON



July 17, 1945

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

Dear Miss Halliday:

Our rerun of the pamphlet, "Myths and Facts
About the Japanese Americans," has now been delivered
to us. We are therefore sending you under separate
cover, the 2,000 copies which you requested in your
letter of May 10.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "M. M. Tozier". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

M. M. Tozier
Chief, Reports Division

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The San Francisco News

EDITORIAL DEPARTMENT

July 17, 1945

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

Dear Mrs. Kingman:

I am glad you had a successful conference in Sacramento,
and appreciate your inviting me to participate.

I am glad to assume for the News what ever expense was
involved.

Sincerely yours,

Frank A. Clarvoe
Frank A. Clarvoe
Editor

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July 18, 1945

5500 reply
1/6/45
Mrs. Ruth Kingman
Executive Secretary
2234 Telegraph Avenue
Berkeley 4, California

Dear Mrs. Kingman:

Many thanks for agreeing to serve as one of the advisors of the San Francisco office.

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Congratulations for the meeting in Sacramento. I understand that a movement is on to organize the councils for civic unity.

One matter about which I wish to consult you pertains to the reprints of "They Work For Victory". The printer is estimating the paper quota and covers and so forth. If we can clear this matter, he will be willing to print 20,000 more copies at the rate of about 10¢ a copy. And assuming that we charge 1¢ for freight and handling, one copy would be 11¢ delivered. Do you think the group in California can handle say 10,000 copies at this rate?

Upon checking further with the post-office, we find that our rate should be 8¢ a pound at the book rate and not 12¢. This cuts down the postage tremendously.

We are interested in mailing copies to the California state officials, including the legislators, judges and so forth. What do you think? Do you think it is worth the expense? Also how about the Congressmen? Is it worth sending to the West Coast and Southerners? Your personal opinion will be greatly appreciated.

We have 8,000 copies left of the first printing. They are going out fairly fast so we are worried as to how to make the most of the remaining copies. This will be important if we do not have another printing. The second edition will have slight revision to bring the men in uniform up to date.

My regards to Mr. Kingman.

Sincerely,

Jaburo T. Ido

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DR. MILES E. CARY.....Honolulu, T. H.

July 19, 1945

Miss Murphy
465 California St.
San Francisco 4, California

Dear Miss Murphy:

The following contributions have been
received in this office:

For membership:

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Very sincerely yours,

Secretary

July 19, 1945

Mr. Wesley De Courcey
Religious Life Secretary
C/o C.P.S. Camp #56
Waldport, Oregon

Dear Mr. De Courcey:

At the request of Mr. Togasaki I have sent you, under separate cover, pamphlet material which we have for distribution.

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

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary

ROSENBERG FOUNDATION

177 POST STREET
SAN FRANCISCO 8, CALIFORNIA

July 19, 1945

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

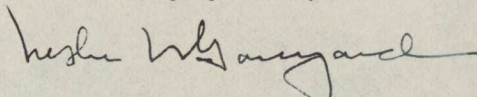
Dear Mrs. Kingman:

Quite frequently we are asked for suggestions on the items in a budget estimate for a small office--sometimes in connection with a proposal being submitted to the Foundation for assistance.

A comparison with our own office does not seem to be enough to qualify us to give the correct information. For this reason we are asking a few small organizations whether they would be willing to answer the questions on the enclosed sheet for a sample month.

We would like to prepare a summary which would not identify the figures with any organization. Will it be possible for you to cooperate in this way? Would a copy of the summary be helpful to you in preparing your own budget estimates?

Sincerely yours,



Leslie W. Ganyard
Secretary

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August 2, 1945

Mrs. Leslie W. Ganyard, Secretary
Rosenberg Foundation
177 Post Street
San Francisco 8, California

Dear Mrs. Ganyard:

Mrs. Kingman is away from the office for a few days rest and has asked me to reply to your letter of July 19.

We will appreciate a copy of the summary your office is preparing.

Very sincerely yours,

Constance C. Halliday
Secretary

By phone

1612 Louisiana St.
Vallejo, Calif.

2837

Dear Mrs. Kingman:

This is an S.O.S. I tried to reach you by phone at 465 California Street, but the operator could not place your organization which I gave her as "Committee on American Principles and Fair Play."

The Vallejo Council for Civic Unity wants Miss Milloy and me to give a report on the meeting in Sacramento. Since we were assured there that we need not take notes, Miss Milloy took none, and I took only those which I wanted to use immediately.

Since several weeks have gone by, we are wondering if we were overlooked in sending out the transcripts.

It is simply that there has been a delay in getting them out, do you think we can have them in time for next Thursday night's meeting?

Because we need to get out cards and do some publicity, we would appreciate your calling me by phone regarding this. You can place the call COLLECT.

The meeting was so well planned and the message from it so very vital, we are anxious to do the very best report on it. Sorry to cause you this extra trouble.

Very sincerely,

Helen B. Anthony
(Mrs. H.R.)

Address on registration card is Army-Navy YMCA because I was moving at that time. The above is my new address.

→ Box 71 Vallejo
worth 8317

July 20, 1945

Mr. George E. Rundquist
New Heathman Hotel
Portland, Oregon

Dear George:

How goes it? California seems to be calming down on the Japanese-American front--we're that busy with Gerald K. Smith at present writing.

How long are you going to be in Portland? Are you coming south before going East? If so, when? Sandy Liveright and Davis MacIntire and Annie Clo, Larry Hewes and I are going to meet on Monday to dope out a plan to "deliver" about September 1. It would be swell to know what you've picked up during the past weeks.

What's chances of coming down some time, on your way East, at least?

Cordially,

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman
Executive Secretary

P. S. My best to your niece Alice.

July 20, 1948

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

Dear Rabbi Reichert:

Enclosed you will find the minutes of the meeting of the sub-committee appointed on July 2nd, by Dr. McGiffert, for the purpose of working out a plan (including budget) for the work of the Committee during the next few months.

The sub-committee, as appointed by Dr. McGiffert, included the following members of the Executive Committee: Dr. McGiffert, Dr. Paul Taylor, Mr. Galen M. Fisher, and Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman, in addition to Mr. Allen Blaisdell and Miss Annie Glo Watson.

Because of the presence of the four Executive Board members, Dr. McGiffert and I thought that it might avoid duplication of effort and expenditure of time, if minutes of the meeting could be sent to the remaining members of the Executive group, as well as to those present.

We hope that you will read these minutes carefully so that when I call you some time between Wednesday, July 26, and Monday, July 30, you can tell me whether or not you feel that we should meet as a group, for further discussion or whether the plan is clear enough to merit a telephone vote, pro or con. (If you are to be out of town at that time, will you please call me before you go?)

If there are any points you wish clarified, will you please call either Miss Halliday, the office secretary, or me?

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Mr. Richard R. Perkins
2749 Cedar St.
Berkeley, California

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We hope that you will read these minutes carefully so that when I call you some time between Wednesday, July 25, and Monday, July 30, you can tell me whether or not you feel that we should meet as a group, for further discussion or whether the plan is clear enough to merit a telephone vote, pro or con. (If you are to be out of town at that time, will you please call me before you go?)

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Mrs. Wallace Alexander
Los Aronas
Orinda, California

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1) Naomi Mulane, Josephine Duvalnech,
et al - A.F.S.C.

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3) F.O.R., 2151 Vine Street, Berkeley

Please send any comments to A.J. Muel
F.O.R., 2929 Broadway, N.Y. 25, N.Y.

July 23, 1945

LOUISE ROUNDS
✓ LOUISE JENSEN
MARY FARQUHARSON

I am enclosing copy of letter I received from Malcolm Pitts of WRA, in response to one I wrote Secretary Ickes about certain phases of the closing of the Centers.

I would appreciate your comments if at some points the statements in his letter do not coincide with what is actually happening on the Coast.

Yours in fellowship,

A. J. MUSTE

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY
WASHINGTON

Office of the Director

July 18, 1945

Mr. A. J. Muste, Secretary
Fellowship of Reconciliation
2929 Broadway
New York 25, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Muste:

Your letter of July 3, addressed to Secretary Ickes, has been referred to me for reply.

I am glad to see this additional expression of the Fellowship's interest in the welfare of the displaced Japanese Americans. We are, as you know, now directing our efforts towards helping all eligible evacuees to find new homes and jobs by the end of this year, in the firm conviction that this is the way in which the welfare of these people can best be served.

I am concerned over the fact that you seem to fear that the agencies of government most concerned may not be making it possible for the evacuees to relocate "under tolerable conditions." In all honesty, I do not believe that this is the case. This agency, the one which has direct responsibility in this matter, is doing everything possible to help these displaced people get back to a position of independence and self-respect. So far, we have been able to solve every individual resettlement problem which has been presented to us. Our field offices are in a position to offer evacuee resettlers a wide variety of services including help in finding employment, straightening out property problems, contacts with welfare agencies and interested private groups, legal advice, and other assistance. In this program, we have the assistance of a number of other government agencies, such as the United States Employment Service and National Housing Agency, as well as of private groups such as your own.

I do not believe that our present program of individual readjustment on the general basis of individual choice can well be termed a "second evacuation." It has very little similarity to the mass movement, without individual choice or decision, which constituted the West Coast evacuation of 1942.

Because we are anxious to keep our present program moving along on the present basis, we have recently announced a program of gradual closing of the centers, under which centers will be closed over a period of two months - from October 15 to December 15 - instead of closing all eight simultaneously at the end of December. This program should enable us to avoid any possible bottlenecks in transportation, counselling, location of housing, and other types of assistance during the last part of the relocation movement, and should permit us to go on solving evacuee resettlement problems on an individual basis.

The closing of the schools is a natural and inevitable result of the process of center liquidation. Since all the centers will be closed by the end of December, and evacuees will be leaving steadily up to the time when the centers are closed, it would hardly be possible to furnish anything like an adequate educational program for

the few children still remaining in the centers next fall. Moreover, the sooner families in the centers can get their children out of the unnatural center environment where they have already spent too many of their formative years, and into ordinary American communities and public schools where they can grow up like other American citizens, the better it will be - both for them and for the United States.

The War Relocation Authority is already giving grants, right at the centers, to evacuees who are in need of short-term financial assistance in order to resettle. These grants, which may cover such expenses as the cost of new furniture, or a first month's installment of rent - or in some cases, emergencies such as medical care - are in addition to the \$25 per person given to all needy resettlers to tide them over until the first pay checks come in.

However, in the case of evacuees who need continuing, long-term assistance, we are following a policy of referring their problems to the appropriate public or private welfare agencies in the community where they plan to relocate. Even if we were able to care for such individuals, it would be definitely desirable, I feel, for us to use the short time during which we will still be "in business" in getting these people accepted by the agencies in the communities where they will be living, and on which they must ultimately depend.

We have not been having the difficulties in acceptance of such cases which seem to be indicated by your letter. The state welfare boards of Oregon, Washington and California have all agreed to provide the same assistance to persons of Japanese ancestry as to other residents of those states. In Oregon and Washington, the county welfare programs are under the supervision of the state board. In California, the individual county boards have almost unanimously been willing to take on responsibility for evacuees who were residents of those counties before evacuation.

Potential dependents who wish to relocate eastward, have, of course, greater difficulty in being accepted by public welfare agencies, since any public board is reluctant to accept responsibility for persons who have not been living in the community. However, we have even been able to get some dependent evacuees who wished to join their families east of the Rockies accepted by local welfare agencies there.

Even if we were to deem it desirable to keep our field offices open beyond the announced date, I think it very unlikely that we could get funds from the Congress in order to do so. During the last hearings in which this agency appeared before the House Appropriations Committee, we were very closely questioned as to the necessity for allotting funds even to keep the centers open up to December.

However, I do not think that it is at all necessary to keep the WRA district offices open beyond March. I am entirely confident that by March of next year, the resettlers will either be able to solve their own problems, or will have made the proper contacts so that they can rely on local agencies. I feel that this is entirely desirable. The WRA is, at best, only a temporary service agency. The sooner the evacuees can become independent of WRA, the better it will be for them and for all concerned.

We are, of course, quite ready to admit that the successful completion of our present program requires the assistance of all interested private groups and individuals all over the United States. Accordingly, I am very glad to know of your continued cooperation in the work of resettlement.

Sincerely,

(s) Malcolm E. Pitts

Acting Director

Berkeley High School

Elwin LeTendre, Principal
BERKELEY 4, CALIFORNIA

July 23, 1945

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman
2287 Telegraph
Berkeley, California

Dear Mrs. Kingman:

I thank you for your letter and the clipping from the Auburn Journal. The Editor of the Auburn Journal, Mr. Bert Cassidy, is a personal friend of mine, and I shall be going up to inspect the Harvest Camp in July, and will not only talk with Mr. Cassidy, but with many of the growers in regard to my personal feeling for Japanese Americans.

In fact if our camp were to run another year I am sure we would have some Japanese boys among our workers.

The treatment which was recently rendered to the Japanese Americans at Auburn via the courts, "riled my blood" also, and I assure you that I personally shall do all in my power to assure fair play, and a fair chance to all Americans regardless of race, color, or creed.

Yours sincerely,

Elwin LeTendre

Elwin LeTendre, Principal
Berkeley High School

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438 East Maple St.
Exeter, Calif.
July 23, 1945

Committee on American Principles
and Fair Play

Room 203
465 California Street
San Francisco, California

Dear Sir:

I am enclosing a check ^{S.F. City} ~~for~~ \$10.00
for the work the Committee is
carrying on. If you have on hand
the government pamphlet, "Nisei in Uniform",
may I have several copies.
You probably have seen the clipping
I'm enclosing. Pritchards, who own
a store in Frankoe, have come out
for fair treatment. Perhaps they are
members of the Committee. If not,
they might like some literature.

Respectfully yours,
Blodys Swearingen

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July 23, 1945

Mr. Galen M. Fisher
Mrs. Ruth Kingman

Comrades (Don't misunderstand me!):

I have been studying the draft of the plan for the State organization of councils for civic unity, and I think it is very fine.
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The only possible objection I can't to dropping the Federation from the title of the State organization is this: Would not there be a tendency to confuse the State organization with the various local groups? I know that the Regional Office of the NAACP very often receives calls and communications that are intended for the San Francisco Branch, and the other way around. It seems to me that "Federation" is a pretty definite way of insuring a lack of confusion--or at least, keeping it to a minimum.

Relative to the Board of Directors serving as trustees, etc., I fear that I am not well enough informed on that type of organization to offer any intelligent suggestions.

Mr. Fisher has given us something quite concrete in the way of an organizational plan to work on, and I think that the next time we meet, we should be able to put the plan in shape for submission to the other organizations.

One other item: I received a call from Josephine Dillon of Vallejo, who wanted to know when the minutes of the proceedings at Sacramento would be available to civic unity councils whose representatives were present there, and other interested organizations who didn't send delegates. If either one of you could tell me this, I will notify Mrs. Dillon.

I willingly forgive you, Mr. Fisher, for pushing me in to pushing Mrs. Kingman out of the chairmanship of the last meeting!

Cordially yours,

JOSEPH JAMES

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July 25, 1945.

Ans. Aug. 1

Mr. Galen M. Fisher,
11 El Sueno, Route 2,
Orinda, California.

Dear Mr. Fisher:

It is with great pleasure that I enclose check of the Emergency Service Committee to the order of the Committee on American Principles and Fair Play in the amount of \$663.00. I am also enclosing copy of Mr. Kido's letter to me.


This sum was raised throughout the Territory especially for the Fair Play Committee and was not simply taken from funds on hand.

If I might take the liberty of speaking for the Emergency Service Committee, I know that in sending this contribution they send every encouragement for the splendid work of your Committee. Prejudice is not local and we are all so closely bound together that what affects you in California will sooner or later be felt here.

It is, however, such actions as this of the Emergency Service Committee and your continued efforts in California that give us hope for the future.

With kind regards,

Very sincerely,


Wm. Morris Maier
Executive Secretary.

P.S.

I might add that Loomis, after our discussion, went the third mile and wondered if some of us ought to add to the enclosed gift, depending on how your finances are coming along.

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Territorial Emergency Service Committees

Adult Building, Nuuanu Y.M.C.A.

Honolulu 39, Hawaii.

July 23, 1945

Ans. Aug. 1. Receipt sent

Mr. William M. Maier
American Friends Service Committee
Y W C A Bldg.
Honolulu 9, T. H.

Dear Mr. Maier:

Enclosed is a check for \$663.00 made out to the Committee on American Principles and Fair Play. This is our contribution to the cause for which the Fair Play Committee was organized.

Since this contribution was the result of my reading a letter addressed to you, I am taking the liberty of handing it over to you for transmittal.

Sincerely yours,

(Sgd.) Mitsuyuki Kido

Executive Secretary
Terr. Emergency Service Committee

Enclosure - check.

THE AMERICAN COUNCIL ON RACE RELATIONS

PACIFIC COAST REGIONAL OFFICE

988 Market Street, Room 202

SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA 2

LAURENCE I. HEWES, JR.
REGIONAL DIRECTOR

July 27, 1945

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To: Mrs. Josephine Duveneck
Mr. Joseph James
✓ Mrs. Ruth Kingman
Mr. Joe Grant Masaoka
Miss Annie Clo Watson

On July 23, Mrs. Kingman, Miss Watson, Mr. A. A. Liveright, Mr. Davis McEntire, and I met for lunch to discuss the need for making clear the position of the various groups here in California apropos the present resettlement policy of the War Relocation Authority.

The group asked me to draft our position in the form of a letter to Community Chests and Councils, Inc., and to the American War Community Services.

In accordance with the wishes of the group, I am transmitting a proposed draft to you for your suggestions, corrections, and editorial comment.

If you will advise me promptly of your feelings in the matter, it will expedite the preparation of a final draft.

Laurence I. Hewes, Jr.
Laurence I. Hewes, Jr.

reply
8/2/45

CAREY Mc WILLIAMS
904 SPRING ARCADE BUILDING
LOS ANGELES 13, CALIFORNIA

July 30, 1945

Air Mail

Committee on American Principles
And Fair Play
Room 203
465 California Street
San Francisco 4, Calif.

Gentlemen:

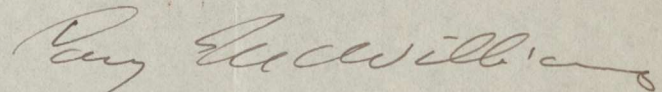
Over the week-end I received a telephone call from John Lewis of PM, asking me to do a story about the pending indictment which I understand will be returned by the Federal Grand Jury in San Francisco against certain parties in Auburn in re the **Dot** case.

I would greatly appreciate if if you could send me pertinent information as soon as the indictment is returned. PM has also requested pictures of the parties involved, if they are available.

I do not know whether you can help on this phase of the matter, but if so, it will be appreciated.

Thanking you for this information I am,

Yours very truly,



Carey McWilliams.

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P.S.: Perhaps the Japanese-American Citizens League might help on the pictures.

C.M.

August 2, 1945

Mr. Carey McWilliams
904 Spring Arcade Building
Los Angeles 13, California

Dear Mr. McWilliams:

In reply to your letter of July 30,
requesting available information re: the
Doi case, may I make the following report:

As we have never taken any particular
part in legal actions involving the Japanese-
Americans, we have no pertinent information.

However, following your suggestion re:
the J.A.C.L.'s possible access to pictures
pertaining to the case, I telephoned
Joe Masaoka's office and was assured that he
would try to track down the pictures (there
were several in San Francisco papers) and get
them to you immediately.

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman
Executive Secretary

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Rec'd 8/2/45

July 30, 1945

Dear Mrs. Kingman,

Thank you for your most prompt and very cheering letter! We all look forward in seeing you again. With friends like you I am sure everything will turn out well.

These answers to your two questions are

- 1) We don't own our old home since we had rented on long periods of time.
- 2) The Satos are returning to their home and the living quarters would be too crowded with all of Mr. Obata's things. But if absolutely necessary we could double up.

Recently I wrote a letter to Mrs. Clausen on San Juan Rd. asking her if she wished to rent out her home to us. She has been trying to sell it for quite a while and might rent it out to us. The Takahashi's home is quite a distance from the university and would be hard without suitable transportation.

Also you might talk with Mrs. Helen Crawford
on 2740 ^{Be 16930} Willegass Ave., Berkeley. She found our
other home and perhaps she might know of some-
thing. Other people you could talk to are

Mrs. June C. Nahl
6043 Herwood Ave, Oakland.

Mr. Bob Winston
5951 Keith Ave
Oakland,

Dr. Henry Schenkofsky
1925 - 23rd Ave, Oakland

Mrs. Charles Wood
6318 Bullard Dr., Oakland, Calif.

There isn't very much to go on but it is the
best I can do.

I can not thank you enough for all the
trouble and work you've through for us. We are very
grateful and will always remember your kindness.

Everyone sends their best regards to you.

Until I hear from you

I remain

China Obata
540 Summit Ave.
Webster Groves, MO.
MO.

August 2, 1945

Mr. & Mrs. Chuiro Obata
540 Summit Avenue
Webster Groves 19, Missouri

Dear Obatas:

Following your suggestion, I have written to all of the persons you mentioned, and am trying to reach Mrs. Crawford, (whom I know personally) by phone.

This housing thing is terrific. Almost everyone I know has tenants "doubled up" in their houses, and most incoming people (Navy, Army, Government, University, etc.) are having to take cramped quarters, at least temporarily.

We are doing our best, and will continue to try, but I wouldn't be surprised if squeezing in with Mr. & Mrs. Sato will be your ultimate solution. After you once get here, you can join the throng of house-searchers, a method which works eventually.

Meantime, we're still working at it, and are looking forward to seeing you.

Cordially yours,

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman
Executive Secretary

RWK:cch

39 East 10 Street
New York 3, N. Y.
July 30, 1945

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman
The Pacific Coast Committee on
American Principles and Fair Play
2234 Telegraph Avenue
Berkeley 4, Calif.

Dear Mrs. Kingman:

I believe I said I don't wanna' but I didn't give the right reason -- really. So I'm enclosing it.

Tell me what you think of it, will you?

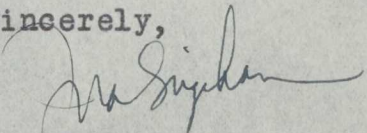
I think that a natural sequence would be a piece on the good people, since the bad boys really get enough publicity to make them grow.

Someone said that other people might want to go back for the very same reasons that I don't, and I guess that's true. After all, how can you fight a thing like discrimination unless you're on the spot? On the other hand, there's a lot of fighting to be done otherwise too....

You may have seen the enclosed pamphlet put out by the Workers Defense League. I'm sending it to you for whatever use you may have for it. I worked with Winifred Raushenbush for a time and I know that she has a lot of ability, though she is inconsistent at times -- as we all are. I think this pamphlet is good.

Let me know if anything interesting develops on the home front.

Sincerely,


Ina Sugihara