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NIGHT LETTER

July 1, 1944

Mrs. Katharine Kaplan
1732 Kelton
Los Angeles, Calif.

We appreciate your good work. Executive Committee members do not have to be approved here. Your idea Advisory Board members be on general Board excellent. Will have them voted in this week if you send names.

Ruth W. Kingman

July 3, 1944

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

Dear Mrs. Thayer:

I was sorry not to be able to reply fully to your letter in time for your luncheon on the 21st. Obviously the mails were remiss again, as my reply, even had I been able to drop everything else at the moment (and I couldn't) could not have reached you by the following day. I hope that the wire was helpful.

We are having an Executive meeting this week to put into final shape the program for the fall. As you have surmised, it is to be a concentrated drive for support of the War Department in any liberalizing of the present order. We were delighted with the outcome of the luncheon with Dr. Sproul last week, and are adding 40 names of outstanding business and professional and labor leaders from the south, to our Committee. I believe that the organizing group is meeting with Mr. Homer Crotty on Friday of this week, willing and eager to start our educational program in Los Angeles. Those who are not to be active on the Executive Committee, and who are considered by our Southern Board members to be "Advisory Board material", will be voted onto the Pacific Coast Committee Advisory Committee. We feel that this will greatly strengthen the Committee in the South, and as a result, all up and down the Coast -- not to say, in Washington.

Mrs. Kaplan is having copies of Dr. Sproul's talk mimeographed, and we will make some available to you. Not having seen it, as yet, I don't know just what use we will be making of it. However, I suspect that we will distribute it widely. In whatever form we reproduce it, you may expect at least enough for your membership, and the length of the address and the form and resulting cost of putting it out will determine whether additional copies will be available free of cost or for what amount.

I am glad that the material that went to Asilomar was used. We received a check for the full amount. If there had been some lack of "balancing" it would have been quite alright ---there is usually some, whenever material is sent out on consignment.

I am glad that Mr. Carr is having a satisfying, successful time with his "Friends of the American Way". There must always be groups and individuals who wish to make use of the method of direct action. I still see no possible overlapping of the work of our two groups, even though we do have many areas of agreement.

I am enclosing a copy of the letter we are sending out to those of our Advisory Board, and some others, who have not contributed this year. You can see from its tone, just about what we see as our work for the coming months.

The entire program will be discussed in this week's executive Committee meeting, and I shall write to you fully immediately following the meeting.

Very cordially yours,

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman

RWK:mj

*Ref 7/5/44
Fisher*

421 Sequoia Drive

Pasadena 2, California

July 8, 1944

Mr. Galen Fisher

2234 Telegraph Avenue

Berkeley, California

Dear Mr. Fisher:

After conversations with Mr. Carey McWilliams and Dr. Morris Opler, several of us have come to the conclusion that a necessary future project for those of us who are working for the return of the Japanese to the Coast, is a possible symposium of the resolutions already passed for their return. Further we believe that we should urge other organizations to pass similar resolutions. We had thought of drawing up a broad resolution which could be printed on one sheet of paper followed by the names of those organizations which had ascribed to it.

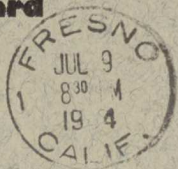
Do you believe that the Fair Play Committee would be interested in such an activity? Would you be the one to draw up such a resolution?

I should appreciate very much your reaction to such a project.

Sincerely yours,

R. Priscilla Beattie

Private Mailing Card



Mrs. Ruth Kingman
2234 Telegraph Ave.
Berkeley - 4
California

July 9 -

Dear RK -

It just occurred to me that you might like to know that Hubert Phillips is teaching at the S.F. State College this summer, in case you wish to get in touch with him. He's living somewhere in S.F. but you can get him through the college -
L. O.

July 10, 1944

Dr. Robert Gordon Sproul, President
University of California
Berkeley 4, California

Dear Dr. Sproul:

Having been instructed, by the unanimous vote of our Executive Committee as it met on Friday, July 7, May I express our deep appreciation of the magnificent statement you made for the Pacific Coast Committee on American Principles and Fair Play in Los Angeles on June 29.

We cannot adequately measure the strength it will add to our work. May I also say that your courage in attacking that highly controversial subject cannot but add stature to the esteem in which you are held in the minds of fair minded men.

It will interest you to know that many of your students have spoken to us in warmest terms of your courage and foresight.

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman
Executive Secretary

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989 So. El Molino Ave.

466 East California Street
Pasadena 5, California
July 10, 1944

Dear Mrs. Kingman:

It is some time since I have written you and I have never thanked you for the telegram which you sent. I was very glad of the information though when I reached the lunch given by Dr. Blake, I discovered that such detailed information was of no use. Although I did give a picture of the occasion to Mrs. Kaplan by telephone next morning, I will tell you something of it also.

There were ten or twelve present with Rev. Stephen Cutter Clark who had recently served as chairman of our nominating committee and carried on numerous helpful conversations for us, Mr. Macdonnell, our new executive committee member, the only members of our Chapter except Dr. Blake. The latter as host told of his interest in the Committee and why he felt its work was needed and then went around the table and asked each to tell frankly how he or she felt. I must admit they were frank.

Some felt we should not stir up "agitation" now. One banker said he disliked very much the name with "Fair Play" which meant nothing but he would prefer such a name as "Protecting Constitutional Rights of Citizens". Personally I feel sure he would join nothing which incurred opposition. The President of the Chamber of Commerce was present and told of numerous relatives who had been missionaries to China and "always distrusted the Japanese". There was considerable criticism of the Pacific Coast Committee. I of course as one of the guests could not answer each of those who spoke but I did say finally "You must remember that we are the ONLY group organized to take this stand and no matter how the Committee worked it was bound to come in for lots of criticism". Dr. Blake was always helpful and Mr. Clark wonderfully so.

The most critical person there was Mr. Ruddock and so I called Mrs. Kaplan next morning to warn her of possible trouble at the lunch. I will not bother to repeat some of his criticisms. He did once say, though, that all minority groups should be included, but Mr. Blair of the Pasadena Post answered that by saying "but the rights of the negroes as to living and voting are not being threatened in California and anyway you might just as well turn it all over to the Civil Liberties Union."

I could not tell whether it had done any real good except

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to bring everything out into the open. I wrote Dr. Blake thanking him for the attempt he made. He said that in inviting people he had no idea how they felt on the subject. He answered just as he left on vacation that he would try to follow up some of the conversations later. I could not reach Mr. Clark who was out of town and then left myself for twelve days at the shore at a friend's cottage and it was heavenly being away from the telephone and meetings.

I have not heard from Mrs. Kaplan since the long awaited lunch. I though the account in the Times was remarkably full and good. I was glad to hear through you that a large group was willing to enter actively on the Committee work. When their organization is complete I think it will strengthen us. It was stated frankly by Dr. Blake that supporting the policies of W.R.A seems to be supporting the Administration and that is a difficulty. Pasadena, of course, is one of the strongholds of conservative Republicanism. Perhaps this is an added hindrance to our work.

Mr. Fisher's letter is very fine and I hope that "scores of local groups" will be formed. However I do not see much difference to what our group is asking communities to do and what Mr. Carr's group is doing in the enclosed sheet. They must have been much disappointed after the personal interview Dr. Oechsli had with General Emmett when he delivered all those letters and felt most encouraged, to hear within two or three days that General Emmett was being transferred.

I shall await the news of your Executive Committee meeting with interest, I shall hope to see Mrs. Kaplan soon. I had my reservations to New York leaving July 22nd to visit my son's family at a beach for two months but have cancelled them, fearing I might have difficulty getting back. Also it seemed to me that this was not the time for non-essential travel.

Sincerely yours,

Maynard F. Thayer.

*We will have an executive committee meeting on
July 17th so can pass on there any information you send.*

*We shall be glad to receive copies of Dr. Sproul's address. Wish we
could get him here in early fall*

July 12, 1944

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

Dear Mrs. Thayer:

Enclosed you will find a copy of the letter I've just sent to Mrs. Kaplan, together with the material referred to in that letter. I could have written it all over again to you, but feel sure that you will understand the pressure of time and secretarial effort I'm saving in not repeating the same thing in a special letter.

We are editing Dr. Sproul's talk somewhat, in the interest of cutting it down, and to eliminate references of a purely local nature. When this editing is done, we are going to print it, in very good form, as a pamphlet, for the widest possible circulation.

Meantime, Mrs. Kaplan has mimeographed copies which I am sure she will make available to you if you ask for them.

It might be well to send copies to the men who attended your meeting, particularly to those who didn't seem to get the idea of what we do and how we do it. I was delighted with the way Dr. Sproul expressed our objectives and our methods. I do not see how anyone could interpret our intent as one of "stirring up agitation just now".

Thank you very much for the copy of your letter to The World Citizenship Movement. That sort of thing is of great importance, it seems to me, for the bad impression held in the east is no small degree due to their feeling that all of California is strongly opposed to all persons of Japanese ancestry.

I was sorry that Mr. Carr and Dr. Oechsli had to be disappointed with their call on General Emmons. His transfer was a surprise to almost everyone. I heard indirectly that he was quite impressed with the amount of work that had been put into getting those letters together.

We have asked for an appointment with General Bonesteel next week, and hope that one will be granted while Dr. Sproul is still here to go.

The principal difference I can see between what we and the Friends of the American Way are doing is quite well shown in the difference in approach we are making toward that interview. We are not asking that the General recommend any change of policy to the War Department, but will assure him of our strong, public support when a decision for such action is made. We are using every available source of responsible expression to urge the acceptance, by the War Department of the full responsibility for issuing the strongest possible statement at any time when a change of policy is announced, a statement which will leave no doubt in the public mind as to the intent of the War Department to maintain orderly acceptance of the move.

I shall hope to have your reaction to the various parts of our plans as outlined in the enclosed memos. As I stated in Mrs. Kiplan's letter, we wish no publicity on it, so are asking that it be kept confidential within our executive groups. That does not mean that it cannot and should not be talked over -- just not released in print, or reported to the press, as yet. I'm sorry that you aren't getting your vacation.

Cordially,

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman

RWK:mj

July 11, 1944

Dr. Robert Gordon Sproul, President
University of California
Berkeley, Calif.

Dear Dr. Sproul:

The Committee is eager to give the widest possible circulation to your talk in Los Angeles on June 29.

It will doubtless appear as a whole in "Vital Speeches", and in one or two other current magazines. I am sending it to Emmanuel Publishing Co. in San Francisco, and shall probably send a copy to "Common Ground." With wider circulation in mind, it has been suggested that we cut it, purely to shorten it for printing, and at the same time, to leave out the portions peculiarly and solely applicable to the Los Angeles situation.

I need not explain that the deletions do not indicate any degree of disagreement on our part, but rather the desirability of producing it in such form that it will command full reading by persons too prone to reject anything longer!

These tentative cuts are made as suggestions. May I have your opinion as to their propriety and acceptability?

Please make any changes you care to, adding or deleting as you see fit. We have had orders, already, for many hundreds of copies, and hope to have them ready for the earliest possible mailing.

Thank you again, for the fine thing you have done.

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman

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RWK:nh

July 11, 1944

Mrs Katherine Kaplan
1732 Kelton Ave
Los Angeles, California

Dear Katherine:

Now that all of the fighting and the shooting have died---or, rather, now that the meeting has come off in your home town, isn't it a great and glorious feeling?

Every one here is delighted, and as you will note in the enclosed copy of the minutes of Friday's executive Committee meeting, all are high in praise of our ex. sec'y for Southern California. You have certainly done a fine piece of work.

I should not be too much alarmed about the way things seem to be turning in the south. Until there is a better understanding of what we are trying to do, and of how we try to do it, there is bound to be some confusion as to methods to be used.

I am enclosing, with the minutes, a ~~memo~~ memo which we hope to shoot at as a rough blueprint for our program for the coming year. You will see ~~that~~ that we are approaching it in two parts-- the portion providing program for the next six months having been definitely approved, the remainder to be considered as the first part develops.

Until budget requirements for a more elaborate method are met, (we're working on that), we are counting most specifically on the use of --(See Memo, I-A -3. --Letters sent etc.) a simple procedure for gathering names of interested (and other) community leaders in various cities and areas throughout the state. As soon as we can get the financial support required for the more elaborate plan, we shall expand into it. I am enclosing a copy of a part of my letter to Mrs. Draper, of Ventura, as an example of one way this program can be got off to an early start, with minimum of cost and labor.

We were much pleased, of course, with your good report, and are planning on getting out a new letterhead, including the new Advisory Board names. However, we can't get at that until you give us the specific information we need-- i.e. exact names and titles and addresses. We usually write letters of invitation to the new board members, but inasmuch as they will

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been asked, it seems that it will be more appropriate to write letters of welcome and appreciation. What do you think? Also, please give biographical note on each, as you think might be helpful to us. As we are most eager to get these new letterheads out, can you send the complete list as soon as possible, with particular care that the spelling of all names is precise. I've had too many irate members on my neck before now, to risk a repeat. I presume that you will not wish to include the Mr. and Mr. situations (Oh! for instance).

I am also enclosing, for your personal and confidential perusal, a copy of the memo I submitted to the Columbia Foundation with our request for a renewal of their grant to us (plus). It outlines a much more ambitious program than we see our way clear to pursue, but is expressive of our general idea, much better than the short memo. I see no reason why you should not show it to your Executive Committee members, but I should not wish it to be made public in any way. I feel that its greatest value is in tying in our work with the work done by and for other minorities. As I pointed out to Mrs. Elkus, we have no desire to remain "single minded", or one track minded -- however, until other groups summon up courage enough to take over our work, I see no way out of it.

One thing we must do, in the coming months, is to "sell" our concern to the other groups of persons with concern for the other minorities, so that they will be willing to recognize the loyal Japanese Americans as a respected groups within the overall picture of minorities. I shall welcome any suggestions you have to make on this.

I hope that you will be able to establish an Executive Committee there in Los Angeles for purposes of consultation and moral support, as well as for the strength it will give any program.

Let me hear from you soon. I should have those bi-weekly forms to file from now on, now that your initial project, which has most naturally taken all of your time, is complete.

---oh yes -- I'm so glad that you saw my nice husband while he was down south -- it was doubtless good for both of you to get away from the job for a while. --My daughter is much excited these days, planning on induction in the WAC (Air Corps) next week. She hopes for overseas duty, but is prepared to sit it out in Podunk for the duration. We're much pleased with her.

Cordially yours,

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman

RWK:mj

July 12, 1944

TELEGRAM

Mrs. Katharine Kaplan
1732 Kelton
Los Angeles, Calif.

Please order one thousand Script reprints. Shorter form
now being printed here for wide distribution. Can you
send me 25 mimeo copies immediately.

Ruth Kingman

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Committee on American Principles and Fair Play

Headquarters: Room 203, 465 California Street, San Francisco

July 13, 1944.

Special Delivery

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman,
Committee on American Prin-
ciples and Fair Play,
2234 Telegraph Avenue,
Berkeley, California.

Dear Mrs. Kingman:

I enclose herewith copy of letter from
Dr. Millikan and Mr. Crotty, dated July 10th, which
I read to you over the telephone this morning. I
shall appreciate your sending me the material for
reply.

I assume that you have in mind that Rev-
erend Edward J. Whelan, now on our Advisory Committee,
is a resident of Los Angeles. There may be others
already on the committee who reside there.

Yours sincerely,

James E. Harrison

Encl.
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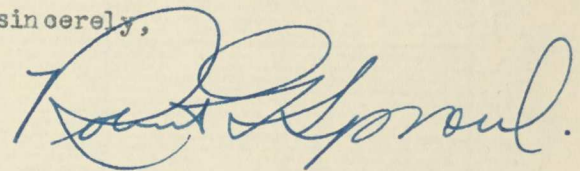
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2234 Telegraph Avenue
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Dear Mrs. Kingman:

Naturally, I am pleased that the Committee on American Principles and Fair Play likes what I said at Los Angeles, and that it wishes to give my remarks wider circulation. I liked the saying of it, too, for I was getting tired of being quiet in that difficult area.

The deletions suggested by you, in order to bring my remarks within a compass which may command full reading, meet with my entire approval. You are at liberty, of course, to use what I said in any way that you may please.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Robert H. Sproul". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent initial "R".

RGS:W

Have been out / ^{the} ^{not}
have replied your letter do you
tell with me ^{to} you
refused to reply without ^{it} ^{not} ^{was} ^{the}

[Faint signature]

Ref 7/22/44

July 15, 1944

Dear Buck -

As my typewriter is being repaired, I have to resort to this type of correspondence - Hope you don't mind. I ought to get the machine back by Monday, but as I had so much on my mind, I wanted to write to you immediately.

In regard to developments here - Homer Crotty - who will in all probability, be our chairman is leaving Monday for a 20 day vacation. As he had not heard from Mr. Harrison as of yesterday in regard to comments - approval or disapproval - of the ideas that he & Dr. Millikan outlined, he will rely on Dr. Millikan calling a meeting of those interested as soon as Mr. Harrison's letter arrives. However Mr. Harrison has been in conference with you in this matter, but they will not move here until word comes. As if you could hurry it along, it would make a big difference here.

We shall, of course, have a Committee here. But what it shall be called is up to Mr. Harrison, I guess - I hope he insists on having it named

Executive Committee.

We have quite a few who are extremely anxious to get going immediately - but because Crotty + Mullenhan feel so strongly that Samuel Haskins - Harney S. Mudd and a few others are essential to our success, they are going a bit slower - but we will be sure to move as soon as approval comes from the North.

Your plans for "General" and "Special" Program are beautiful. When do you think that the "Special" one will be used? You mentioned Executive Secretary for So. Calif as $\frac{1}{2}$ full time. It can only be $\frac{1}{2}$ time responsibility as far as I'm concerned. The Negro problem is, of course, continuing to take quite a bit of time. Anything over & above that is of course Fair Play, so my schedule full time race relation with a very large $\frac{1}{2}$ time for Fair Play most of the time.

I shall start to work on the I-A-3 section. A few things have already developed along these lines, but I shall continue to push them.

Mr. Crotty is very enthusiastic and anxious for the Committee to send out a bi-weekly bulletin - dated. This bulletin to contain up to the minute news, i.e. how

many were relocated ^③ between July 1 & July 15
1944, where did they go, etc. Also activities,
current ones, in the centers. Statistics reports as
to births & so on. A little human interest - also
how many had been relocated in the past - &
where & how were they received.

Cratley would like to see this go out
twice a month regularly. No more than 2
mimeographed pages, but always dated.
The trouble with some of our factual material is
that it is not dated. These bulletins should
go to all of the membership, newspapers, house-
organs, etc.

He also feels that if this ^{current} material is
regularly put out, and especially if it contains
a few of the unpleasant happening - it would
gain the confidence of many more people. He
would like to see this started immediately.
What do you think about it?

I am enclosing the California Club bill.
It's a big one - but well worth it, according to
everybody. This amount will really be a loan

as ~~well~~ ^④ soon make it up as soon
as the Exec. Com. is formed. I can't start
in asking for money until we have officers -

The reprints from "Script" will be
\$24.00. They are billing your office and will
be ready in about 10 days.

In regard to the names for the Advisory
Board - that list I sent you was not altogether
intended for that, but rather as a list who were
vitaly interested. After the Committee meets, the
names to be on the Advisory Board will be
considered and, if you agree, asked to serve.

I have no bi-weekly forms here - if
you send them to me, I'll be happy to complete
them.

There was no copy of the minutes of the
Exec. Com. meeting in the letter you sent. I should
like to see them very much.

I think it is splendid that your
daughter is going in the WACs. She will do a fine
job there. She is really one of the loveliest girls
I've ever seen. She has everything - brains,

beauty, personality — a wonderful combination.
Give her my congratulations.

There's so much that I wanted to
"talk" over with you — I think I've got most of
them in the letter.

Please let me hear from you soon
about all of this, especially re: Mr. Harrison and
the bulletin.

Cordially —

Katherine.

July 15, 1944

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

Dear Mr. Harrison:

This being Saturday afternoon, and the office secretary not available, I hope that you will bear with my own peculiar kind of typing. I felt that it was important to get this memo to you, as you will probably wish to write to Mr. Crotty as soon as possible. In reply to your letter, may I answer in memo form.

1) The names of the persons suggested by Mr. Crotty were presented to the Executive Committee on Friday, July 7 and were added to the Advisory Board of The Pacific Coast Committee.

2) According to our by-laws, any local groups or individuals may work within the framework of our organization, who recognize the limitations set forth by those by-laws. Mrs. Kaplan has a copy and can go over them with Mr. Crotty. Under these very simple regulations, almost any kind of program decided upon locally, can be developed, subject only to general policy. Mrs. Kaplan is quite familiar with this policy, and will be able to interpret it to our members in Los Angeles.

3) It is most desirable that some smaller executive body be available to Mrs. Kaplan for counsel and support. Even though, at this time, Mr. Crotty and Dr. Millikan see no immediate need for a local program, as separate from our general plans, there is little doubt but that such a program will develop, and will be much more effective if projected as a result of the thinking of the executive group.

4) Such an executive body should undoubtedly include a Finance Chairman and Committee, to work with Mrs. Kaplan. Mr. Crotty has suggested that they be responsible for the local budget, so the formation of such a Committee can be presupposed.

5) As our general plans call for frequent conference between Mrs. Kaplan and this office, I see no need, at this time, for any detailed discussion of program, other than can be developed by means of those conferences. I am sending Mrs. Kaplan, by today's mail, a detailed memo covering a tentative plan for our work in the coming months, together with the suggestion that she go over it with the Executive group in Los Angeles and Pasadena. It is

expected that southern groups will present suggestions for modification or amplification in the light of the local situation.

6) I feel that the members in Los Angeles will probably wish to prepare the type of printed material they feel right for that community, and an Executive Committee with authority to prepare and distribute such material will be necessary. It is understood that no release shall be made that has not been checked by the Pacific Coast Executive Office as to general policy and content. This is practically the only limitation on local autonomy, and the only one of importance.

I trust that these notes will make it possible for you to reply to Mr. Crotty. You remember that it was at his request that we incorporated. I'm glad to see that he kept his word as to his willingness to accept the Chairmanship contingent upon our incorporation!

We are preparing for the printer, the splendid address made by Dr. Sproul in Los Angeles on June 29. It is quite the best public statement made to date, and we hope to give it very wide circulation.

In its edited form, it is much shorter, and contains much less about the Committee itself, less still of purely local import, and reference to the Republican Party Platform!

As soon as the shorter form is printed, I shall send you several copies, as I feel that you will be interested in sharing them with persons you think will be interested.

As I write this, we are still trying to reach you to verify the time for our meeting with General Bonesteel. In Dr. Sproul's speech he refers to our position in relation to War Department policy. I am marking this for you to note, as I feel that our call ~~on~~ on General Bonesteel should emphasize our insistence that any change of policy on the part of the War Department must be accompanied by a strong, and emphatic declaration of its support of the rights of the returning evacuees.

With cordial personal greetings, and I hope that you can read this.

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman

Jun. 1 pm.

7/16/44

Dear Mary

no special changes needed, but I have signed one sheet, in case Sprad may want to change the Marshall appeal, in margins, I have checked slips.

Yes, send a carbon to

Bob Inglis, + 1 to Dr. H. H.

Bill, Phelan Blaf

Also send me a copy of

the Gibbons Hunt
+ Arthur
appeals,

to Giant Forest, Sequoia

Nat'l PK, Cal

so I can be working on an appeal to other church boards.

Retype the attached + send to the names on the back of it. I have raised some money especially to make possible immediate printing of the abridged Sprad speech, + will guarantee \$150. so ask Ruth to proceed with it at once, if possible. We need it badly to raise more money.

Ym.

John M. Fisher

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Pasadena - July 17, 1944.

Dear Mrs. Kingman:

Thanks you for your letter received last Saturday and for the minutes of Executive Com. coming today. I am always astonished that you have so few present at such meetings, since it is that Committee which seems to make all decisions as to policy.

This note is not in answer to any of your material but to pass on one suggestion. To be sure Mrs. Kaplan wrote me that Mr. Ruddock seemed to be enthusiastic about Dr. Sproule's letter and the meeting generally. I think it was wonderful to get forty signed up out of such a group.

I noted you are to get out a new letterhead and this is my suggestion for whatever it is worth. Why not write Mr. Ruddock, say you are to have a new printing and ask whether he will continue to allow his name to be used as member of Advisory Council. That will necessitate his either declining or agreeing and if the latter, he really ought not to criticize the Pacific Coast Com. as he did at our lunch. He can think your letter is just a formal one and indeed you could do the same with Dr. Mellikan and Dr. Muir, just to carry out the idea.

Mr. Ruddock told those people who did not belong and were critical

that he only allowed my name to be used because of my friends, Bob
Sproul and Dr Millikan, think Com is spending too much money -
(am sure I do not know where they get it) is sending out too much
material and just keeping things stirred up. It was quite
discouraging.

Of course if Mr Ruddock is really converted and will stay
so, that will be fine - But why not test him out?

Dr Sproul's speech reads well and I think wide distribution
will be fine. Let us know about pamphlets as soon as possible. I
believe you said we would have one for members anyway but
will want more. Hope they will be cheaper. I think we should send
out much material at a less cost.

Sincerely yours,

Maynard Force Thayer.

Our Exec Com. meets here tonight.

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July 17, 1944.

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

Dear Mrs. Kingman:

I enclose copy of letter I have today
written Mr. Crotty.

It seems to me that in order that the
record be clear, the Executive Committee should
adopt a resolution defining the authority of the
local Los Angeles Committee in the manner you sug-
gest, i.e., giving them power to provide for raising
funds and also providing that they may issue printed
material subject to the approval of the Executive
Committee on questions of policy.

Yours very truly,

MEH:MFM
Encl.

W. I. Brobeck

July 18, 1944

Mr. Galen Fisher
Grant Forest
Sequoia National Park
California

Dear Mr. Fisher:

Enclosed please find copy of finance letter sent to Atherton Trust Fund. Changes that were made in this letter to send it to James Flint and Ray Gibbons, have been marked in ink. I hope this will serve the purpose. I would have made separate copies, but am a little rushed right now, and thought you would want it immediately.

The additional signatures for the solicit letters you signed are being obtained, and the letter raising money for the special fund will be sent to the list of names you enclosed, today -- signed by you, per me.

Sincerely yours,

Office secretary

mj

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Headquarters: Room 203, 465 California Street, San Francisco 4
1732 Kelton Avenue
Los Angeles 24, California

July 18, 1944

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman
2234 Telegraph Avenue
Berkeley 4, California

Dear Ruth:

As we have not yet heard about Mr. Harrison's reaction to the plan for organization here, I have gone ahead with arrangements assuming that the Northern group approves.

After a long conference with Dr. Millikan yesterday, it was decided that letters asking persons to serve in various capacities should come from the head office and be signed by Dr. McGiffert.

We selected the names for the Executive Committee, for the Advisory Board, that is ones to be added to the Pacific Coast one. These not chosen to serve on these particular bodies will receive another letter welcoming them etc.- then I shall see these people later for funds, help and so forth.

All who indicated their interest at the luncheon, we feel, should be treated in this manner, so that we will have a real interested body that feels as if it "belongs".

Dr. Millikan and I drafted the letters which should go to the various groups. I have enclosed these and a list of the persons to whom they should go.

The minute that these letters are in the mail, please let me know so that I can set up the Executive Committee meeting. I hope that you will be able to get these letters off soon as time seems to go by so rapidly.

It was Dr. Millikan's firm conviction that these letters should go out through your office. I hope that you approve of this.

Cordially,

Katharine

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P. S.

Please note that we have removed Mr. George S. Behrendt's name from the Advisory Board list that we sent to Mr. Harrison, and have added the names of Mendel B. Silberberg, and Judge Ralph E. Jenney.

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RAG CONTENT

NIGHT LETTER

July 20, 1944

Mrs. Katherine Kaplan
1732 Kelton Ave.
Los Angeles, Calif.

Letters will be in mail Monday. Shall We hold up printing letterhead for replies to come on. We had understood VonKleinschmidt to be on Board. If you and Crotty feel this inadvisable perfectly OK otherwise how about it. For some reason this thought valuable in Washington.

Ruth W. Kingman

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421 Sequoia Drive

Pasadena 2, California

July 18, 1944

Dear Mrs. Kingman,

Naturally, I was disappointed that the Berkeley office did not favor a broad resolution which would express a decent

attitude of many people toward Japanese Americans. As I see it now, it could offer support to the W. R. A., and to the Army after they had issued orders for the release. Carey McWilliams says that he will write such a resolution subject of course to change. He seems to think that this is one method of influencing public opinion. Dr. Opler, when I saw him last at Manzanar, believed that we might actually move in the right direction this way. Could you take it up with the board, for of course an organization formed originally for the interest of the Japanese Americans should appear at the top of the list of organizations. Incidentally, Dr. Cecil Dunn of Occidental was very much interested and agreed to help.

Mrs. Thayer wanted me to mention the fact that at a meeting of the executive board last night we were of the opinion that the small sheet giving the points for which the Committee stands is out of date. Would it be possible to have a short statement printed comparable to that on the back of "Beyond the Horizon"?

When Dr. Opler was here last time, he gave me the names of people who might possibly be interested in forming a Fair Play Committee in Claremont. I spoke of them once to Mrs. Kaplan who was in the middle of arranging the luncheon and offered to help her on them. I'm sending them on to you, so that you may do with them as you like. They are without addresses, but whoever goes out to Claremont can find them in the phone book.

These are the names: Dr. Henry Cooke, Dr. Theodore Ferk-

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Kins, Clarence Neff at the church, Mrs. Everett Dean Martin, Dr. Chen, Mrs. Dorothy Sleeper, Dr. Pitman, Miss College at Pilgrim Place, Miss Marion Ewing at the College Library, Mr. Charles Porter, Dr. William Kirk, Howard Pattee, Dr. Shelton, Rev. and Mrs. Toomay, Mr. Robert Bernard, Dr. Bruce McCulley.

What do you think of the idea of issuing a penny postcard with say ten points concerning the Japanese Americans, such as , "DO YOU KNOW(in large type that)(1) over 10,000 Japanese Americans are serving in the armed forces of the U. S. (2) that there was no sabotage at Pearl Harbor or on the mainland. Authorities: J. E. Hoover, Warren, etc. etc. Obviously, these would be intended for the uninformed who never would read any of our other literature and would be sent to every fifth person in the telephone book. Now this is an idea of Mrs. Nance, and if you are interested, it would be well to write to her. We could all cooperate in getting it out. Certainly, that might do something toward educating the people of the state to accept these people decently when they are released.

Do you have any suggestions of persons who might be in the South during the next month or so who would enjoy speaking on the problem at a neighborhood meeting? Is there any chance of Galen Fisher being here ?

(over)

I liked Mr. Fisher's letter which was sent to various possible members. Several people who have been members are now uncertain as to whether they should ^{renew} renew their membership, for they do not know what the Committee is doing. Wouldn't it be well to send his letter to them as well or rather to the entire membership? I think it might do some good.

Sincerely yours,

R. Priscilla Beattie

Same sent to: Chester Rowell, A.C. McGiffert, Frank Gaines,
Maurice E. Harrison

July 20, 1944

Dr. Robert Gordon Sproul
Administration Building
University of California
Berkeley, Calif.

Dear Dr. Sproul:

Enclosed you will find a copy of a
letter from Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman to
Major General Charles H. Bonesteel re the
meeting held with him on July 17, 1944.

Sincerely yours,

Office secretary

mj

July 22, 1944

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

Dear Mrs. Thayer:

Enclosed you will find a copy of the letter I have sent to Mr. Ruddock. With Dr. Millikan and the other Southern California members taking such a fine and renewed interest in the work of the Committee, I felt that it would be a mistake to write to them re the new letterhead. At the same time, I did feel that Mr. Ruddock's questions should and could be answered.

I am sure if he feels any further question in his mind, that he will reply to that effect. If not, we will be glad to go on as before, and I feel that you share that view.

I am glad that you have raised the question as to the suprisingly small number represented on our Ex. Committee. It is done that way very deliberately. You can easily understand, I think, that the men and women on the Advisory Board are all sufficiently busy with their own private, as well as public works. We have them on that committee because they are recognized as leaders in public and private endeavour.

This necessitates a smaller group for our executive body, and with two exceptions (Alexander and Wilson) they all attend from time to time. At no time is consideration of any policy or question made without full discussion, ahead of time with all. A very carefully prepared agenda is made ready, so that action can be prompt and effective immediately. Toward this end, they (the Committee) have their Executive Secretary, one of whose duties is to keep her Executive Committee well informed and in constant contact with the office. Our busy members are not living in such a way that they can, in numbers, get together for any purpose, at any given time. Therefore, the work has to be so planned and presented that a minimum attendance is necessary, even tho a maximum of discussion has gone on over the phone and in individual conversations.

This provides, incidentally, one more explanation as to why my own time is so full, and why the office correspondence, at times, is allowed to slide for a few days. When the Committee was organized, it was planned that the work would be carried on from the office, with a minimum to be done by the already overworked members. I try to make it work out.

The Sproul speech, in final form, goes to the printers on Monday, and should be ready very soon.

We had hoped that it could be printed in such a way that it would be possible (financially) to distribute some 10,000 to 15,000 ~~at no cost~~. I still have hopes of doing so, as we do hope for the widest kind of circulation. However, as the printing alone, with the kind of makeup we feel it merits (much the same as we've done before), will come to something over \$500. for the first 10,000. In order to be able to send it out at no charge, it will be necessary to have it all underwritten. As soon as I possibly can, I shall present the idea to several interested individuals, hoping for generous support for the idea. If you can get any considerable contributions toward that original cost, ~~#####~~ ~~#####~~ it will help greatly toward our goal.

We regret that the printing bills are high. So far, we have gone into the red on all of the things we have done, so feel that we have not overcharged. However, if we could promote that underwriting idea, it would be a fine thing, don't you think so? For then, we could get out even more stuff.

If you have a y idea how we could "get out more material at less cost" you may be sure that we would more than welcome the suggestion. Of course, mimeographed material is cheaper, but the consensus of opinion seems to be (and certainly the replies we get bears this out) that most of the mimeo stuff goes into the wastebaskets of most people who are not already interested and concerned.

We would appreciate and give the most grateful consideration to any suggestions as to possible modification of costs of our program.

Very cordially yours,

July 22, 1944

Mrs. Katherine Aaplan
1732 Kelton Ave
Los Angeles
California

Dear Katherine:

One nice way of saving money for the committee, in travel funds, is to have a husband who has to go to L.A. once in a while, and have him hash things over with you a bit. --Thanks for helping FEPC morale, and at the same time letting me get the sort of detail in your work that cant possibly be done in a letter. --Harry enjoyed being with you a lot, and I think it was swell that you could get together.

I hope that you didnt mind the von K suggestion--according to Harry, it probably wasnt such a hot idea, but for some screwy reason, that name was the first one asked about **after** our luncheon, in inquiries from Washington. Ive a hunch that there may have been some careless statements go out from that source (vK) before-- now perhaps this new setup will stop such .

I presume by now that (cant you tell that this is Saturday afternoon, and no Mary Jefferds in the office?) you will have seen the copy of Mr. Harrison's letter to Mr. Crotty. If not, and it is inconveient for you to get to it, I shall send you a copy. It might be a good idea, in the future, for me to send you copies of anything going from our board to anyone in your bailiwick. I shall do so.

I'm wondering if MA. Mudd is going to cooperate--as I remember, he scared some of our people off last year by failing to even reply to a letter from R.G.Sproul on the subject.

No, I did not mean to suggest a full time schedule for you, but in case we can raise the budget for the special program, it should provide an assistant for you, who could give full time. We won't know about that until we hear from regular budget and Mental Health Concentration program.

We are working up a good print job on Sproul's speech, and hope to be able to finance 10,000 to 15,000 with no charge to anyone. Most of our stuff has to pay for itself, if in printed form, but this we are determined to give wide circulation gratis.

I am wondering if you have met Miss Priscilla Beattie, of 421 Sequoia Drive, Pasadena 2. At one time, Priscilla felt that she should work out with Mr. Carr, and his Friends of the American Way, a group of fine people who are unwilling to work as slowly, and to them, as impersonally as our program requires. Later, she decided to accept the more careful, and less spectacular policies of our Committee, and is very active on the Ex. Committee in Pasadena.

She has sent in some suggestions here to this office, which we have not the time nor personnel to attack. Parts of her suggestions, at least, merit consideration, and I see no reason why they grow up in Pasadena, possibly assisted by others in your area, might not be able to work on it. She says"

What do you think of the idea of issuing a penny postcard with say 10 points concerning the Japanese Americans, such as "DO YOU KNOW (in large type that) (1) over 10, 1000 Japanese Americans are serving in the armed forces of the U.S. (2) that there was no sabotage at Pearl Harbor or on the Mainland: Author ties etc. ---Obviously, these would be intended for the uninformed who never would read any of our other literature and would be sent to every fifth person in the telephone book.--Certainly, that might do something toward educating the people of the state to accept these people decently when they are released".

---Also, she is interested in getting speakers for neighborhood meetings etc. Just how much good these neighborhood things do is more than I know. Personally, I see little use for them, at least in the more sophisticated communities where much of our activity lies. There certainly is no objection to that sort of activity if there is a call or need for it.

I am telling Priscilla that you will get in touch with her when you can, to talk things over, at least. You will have to use your own discretion as to how much of her thinking is sound-- I have found her spirit large, her suggestions a bit over ambitious, and not always judicious. However, it is persons like that, whose dynamic on this thing is rich and powerful, who will keep our more academic approach from becoming a bit sterile. We need such spirit and fire in our organization.

There is a wealth of material to be had on activities in the Centers and among the relocated evacuees. Such is prepared and sent out by WRA, and I have asked that you be sent all such stuff, as it is prepared. You will know best what sort of thing will appeal to your southern communities. Up here, an entirely different approach has to be used. It will be a fine thing if a release can go out biweekly, from L.A.

Did Harry tell you that Bev is now a WAF, a fullfledged member of the Army Air Corps, and she is most delighted, just now, having been notified that immediately following her 5 weeks of Basic and Indoctrination in Des Moines, she is slated as a "Public Relations Man" to be attached for her 3 months of duty (they have to put that in before applying for OCS) to McClelland Field, right here in Sacramento, which means showing off the uniform on weekends. I.

July 26, 1944

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

Dear Mrs. Thayer:

Thank you very much for your suggestion that we get out a short statement somewhat like that printed on the back of "Beyond The Horizon".

We shall act upon the suggestion, immediately, and hope to have a large number available at the same time the Sproul speech is ready. As we plan it, it will be a single sheet, long and narrow, to fit into our letterhead envelope. On one side will be the same statement that appears on "Beyond the Horizon", on the other, the augmented list of our new letterhead. I shall have to await all of the verifications from Los Angeles before setting it up, but even so it should be ready simultaneously with the Sproul speech release. Thank you for the idea.

We can hope to have it done inexpensively, so that we can include a sheet in almost all of our letters and other communications.

As to when we may expect these things to be off the press, I can only surmise, as the printing business, here, as everywhere, is jammed. It looks as though we should have the first printing here in the office by the latter part of next week. Of course, we'll mail them to you immediately.

I haven't seen the smaller Races of Mankind, for some time, I believe that the earliest edition was in the smaller size, as that was the way I saw it, months before the controversy made it popular.

Your offer, together with that of your other members, to assist in further organization in the South was generous. We had not thought in terms of additional active chapters, though of course, the more the better. We had really thought more in terms of large numbers of key persons in many communities who could be kept informed so that with any change in policy a vocal expression of support could be expected. If you people and Mrs. Kaplan think that the chapter method is the best for the South, do go ahead and make plans in that direction.

I shall greatly appreciate the names of the YMCA leaders on the Coast, and shall prepare a letter for your signature together with that of Dr. McGiffert, to go to each of them. I shall send you a copy for your approval. It was good of you to offer to do that. Next week I am going to Tahoe to meet with the YMCA secretaries of the western area. They have asked me to confer with them over several sessions, and I hope to get no little cooperation from that group. Mas Satow, a Nisei Y Secretary is to be there, too, and I look forward to a good conference.

I am still sorry that you cannot get your trip east, but it is probably wiser not to risk the possible delays. I should go up into the Northwest, but hesitate for the same reason. If only our organization had Travel and Hotel Priorities!

I have looked up the Johnson Deportation Bill, and have discussed it both with the WPA attorney and the American Civil Liberties lawyer in San Francisco. Neither consider it to be much more than a political gesture, as it is not possible that any such legislation can possibly be passed.

There is nothing in the temper of the Congress, outside our rather peculiar Western Delegation, that would indicate that its members would entertain any consideration of legislation whose purpose would be the deportation of any lawabiding persons, particularly the parents, brothers and sisters and even wives of the many men in the service, who happen to be of Japanese ancestry. Neither does there seem to be any indication of a temper which would single any particular minority among our citizenship for deprivation of rights of citizenship by any method such as that outlined in the Johnson Bill.

There are already, on the statutes, means of taking away citizenship, and the grounds covered in those statutes really apply to the thing Johnson is trying to get at, but apply to any citizen, regardless of racial or national background. The lawyers to whom I have spoken, and the one or two Congressmen with whom I have talked, feel that there is little to worry about in the Johnson Bill.

However, it would not be amiss if one of the lawyer members in your Chapter would study it, and write a really comprehensive analysis of the thing, to be noted in letters by your several interested members, written to Mr. Johnson. I met the Congressman while in Washington, and, together with many of my friends back there, I felt that he is not at all the typical racist minded person that some of our Western representatives have proven themselves to be. He is a fine man, most conscientious, whose constituency (Stockton and thereabouts) is rabid on the subject of Japanese Americans. He is influenced by the more extreme of the American Legion, and is honest in his conviction that we must get rid of "Japs". It is not at all im-

possible that friendly, convincing letters, recognizing his sincerity and decent attitude would do more than anything else to make him willing to withdraw or even further (he's already modified it a lot) temper the bill. I hope that this answers yours and Mrs. Sanger's questions.

As to the coming elections. We know that President Roosevelt's attitude is excellent. We do not know anything as yet as to Mr. Dewey's feeling, but were disgusted with Mr. Bricker's statement in Los Angeles, that "no community should have to have Japanese who did not want them -- it should be decided locally!"

Very cordially,

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman

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July 25, 1944

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman
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Berkeley, 4, California

Dear Ruth:

After I received the telegram from you regarding von KleinSmid, I phoned Dr. Millikan. He was not awfully sold on the idea, but he agreed that if the inclusion of his name really meant anything in the east, and Millikan had to grant that maybe it did, we should have it included. Dr. Millikan has felt, and I beleive that you agree with him, that sometimes such committees get t op heavy with educators and churchmen. But in vK instance, I guess it is wise. I had suggested it to Millikan quite awhile ago, and he had vetoed it. But he now agrees.

Dr. Millikan is coming around wonderfully well. It is quite an experience to work with him; he is a remarkable person, not a Nobel Prize winner for nothing, and everything else too. He is entertaining the Executive Committee at luncheon on Aug. 4 at the California Club. He didn't have to do all of that, but he really wants to.

At this meeting we will elect officers. Probably make Crotty chairman, he has agreed to accept if elected. Crotty is away on his vacation, but I worked it out with him before left. I would like to have P.G. McDonnell and Ethel Toll as vice-chairmen. P.G. because he is exceedingly capable, and lives near me, which will help no end. Ethel Toll because a woman should be there, and Ethel is past pres. Jr. League, etc.

Of course, we will discuss plans for membership, finance, and all that sort of thing, including program in Los Angeles. I hope the Committee comes up with good ideas and a desire to do something about them. I rather agree with Miss Beattie, whom I incidently have meet, that a well set up speakers bureau could do a lot of good. P. G. would be an excellent persons for setting up such a thing.

We will do some more looking into the bulletin idea before we go into action on it, but I think that it will be a good

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thing. I am rather surprized that you say it wont work out up North. Crotty seemed to think that it was a wonderful approach. I wish that we had a more complete WRA office here, they have very little specific info such as I want, but I'll find it.

It was grand seeing your nice Harry Kingman again. He is always so helpful in his comments and suggestions. He told me about your interview with the new General. It sounded rather encouraging. Looks like he will come through when you need him.

Did he tell you about my new job? I believe that it all a part of Fair Play work, or I wouldn't have taken it. I'm Chairman for the study of Minority Problem for the California State League of Women Voters. I wrote a "Kit" on housing, health, employment problems, and child welfare. These kits to be included in the study groups of these sections throughout the entire state, or wherever there are Leagues. Our Mrs Alfred McLaughlin, it seems, suggested my name, and she will be vice-chairman. As you can guess, I bring in the Japanese whenever I can.

I would be very helpful if you could sent me copies of the letters you write to the people down here. It is not always easy to get them, particularly this one from Mr. Harrison, so please sent that one on, if its convenient.

Harry did tell me about Beverly's going into the WACs. That was a wonderful move. She is a grand girl and I can imagin how proud you are of her.

The Script reprint ts should be ready in a couple of weeks, maybe sooner. They are sending you the bill, the reprints to me, then I'll take out a few and sent the rest up to you.

I have more trouble with typewriters. the margin on this animal seems to be skidding, as you can easily notice. Also it doesn't spell so well tonight. I'll get the margin fixed tomorrow, but I don't know about the spelling.

I'll send that bi-weekly report in on Aug. 1, and after that every two weeks. This month has been dull, I'm afraid. Mostly waiting for other people to act, but I guess that things like that do happen.

With best wishes,

Kashner

P.S. I am enclosing a copy of vWON KleinSmid's letter to Sprockl. It is the most terrific think that I have ever seen.

K.

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Dear Mrs. Kingman:

You surely sent me a great deal of interesting material which I shared with our executive committee the other evening. We think the plan sound fine and progressive and sincerely trust that financing will make them able to be carried out.

Some of the members, especially Mr. Seaman, Priscilla Beattie and I, want to offer our services in helping the spread of Chapters as your plans are carried out. We might know people in some of the places where you hoped to establish them. For instance, Priscilla now has a list of Claremont people supplied by Dr. Opler.

The Y.W.C.A. General Secretary of San Pedro wrote me in regard to a letter she had received from Mrs. MacNair as secretary of the Friends of the American Way and wanted to know about the organization. It had occurred to me before that the Y.W.C.A. in all the coast cities are presupposed to be favorable to the type of work we do and I have wondered if you would like at some time to get out a letter to them, waiting now perhaps until your plans are more definite. If you would care to have me sign any statement going out I should be glad to do so, for they probably all know me and I am a member of the World Council, Y.W.C.A.

Priscilla Beattie was writing you and I asked her to put in one question which arose the other evening, that in regard to a short statement such as on the back of "Beyond the Horizon" instead of the longer statement of principles. Today Mrs. Morse, our membership chairman, was here working on a letter to be sent to our members shortly, asking each to secure one new member this summer. We are to enclose an application card and would like to enclose this short statement if you decide to print it. We are getting out new letterheads and would like to send our letters as soon as possible.

Also you said that we would have copies of Dr. Sproul's talk for our members. We should like to enclose that in our letter.

Questions (1) Are you favorable to the idea of the short statement

(2) When may we count on having them and the Sproul speech

Have you seen the small pamphlet "Races of Mankind" recently issued? Formerly they used the usual size but this is only four inches by six by

cutting

down the margins.

Mrs. Kaplan sent me the mimeographed copies of Dr. Sproul's talk and I will get them out at once to those present at Dr. Blake's lunch. For distribution about here the local references are a help.

May I hear from you as to my two questions?

Sincerely yours,

Maynard Fore Thayer

If you have answered Priscilla - my only question would be when -

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Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman
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Dear Ruth:

Carey McWilliams just phoned me to say that he and Tully Knoles are broadcasting on the Town Meeting of the Air on August 3rd in Sacramento, probably in the Municipal Auditorium.

They will be ^{on} positive side of a debate with two members of the California Joint Immigration Committee on the subject of whether or not the Japanese can be assimilated into the American way of life.

McWilliams said that Denny is a tricky showman, and may stack the audience to please the farmers in Sacramento and the California Joint Immigration group. He suggested that, if possible, you could get members of church groups, the Y people and other who are interested in our work to go, and of course, applaud in the right places, so the the radio audience will not think that the C.J.I.C. has it all their way. Maybe the WRA folks could help also.

An address such as these fellows will give can sway public opinion, so I really think something should be done about it, don't you.

Cordially,

Kashner

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Dear Mrs. Kingman:

You have sent us a great deal of interesting information in your recent letters and I appreciate the very fine way in which you answered Miss Sanger's question. I copied that for her and we can also use it to answer other queries. Priscilla Beattie was here last evening and she read your letter. She is going up to Manzanar again this week.

Priscilla came in to meet Mrs. Leisa Bronson who is on the West Coast right now representing the P.A.C. She said you two did not get together in Washington.

I am glad you liked the idea of the shorter statement of principles. You wrote a fine letter to Mr. Ruddock and I hope that his questions are now all answered and that he will work with the group. I shall be eager to see his reply.

Enclosed is a list of Y.W.C.A's in the three Coast States. Today I wrote Mrs. Heard and suggested that if she would send you a list of President's names, the letters would be more personal and perhaps more effective. Of course there are numerous Student Associations which could be very helpful. Whether you have been in touch with them, I do not know. I am sorry that Marian Rieth is resigning and do not know who is to take her place. I am very glad you are meeting with the Y.M. secretaries.

Priscilla has another 500 Fortune reprints through the W.R.A. I believe this is 1500 she will have sent out. We intend to send one to our membership together with the Sproul talk and we are asking them to pass them on as they try to secure new members.

When I referred to the organization of new groups, I was thinking of Mr. Fisher's letter, a copy of which you sent me. In this he said as part of a new campaign, "the formation of scores of local groups whose members will ensure fair-play and work opportunities to returnees". Perhaps he did not really mean Chapters. Did you note that the workers who refused to allow Japanese to work on the roadbeds said "If they are not safe enough to be allowed to return to California they surely are not safe enough to do this other work". It seems as if it were about time for the War Department to do something.

Yes, I am sorry about my trip but am glad I decided as I did. I still hope to get out of Pasadena for a time.

This is my first use of our new letterhead.

My best to you,

Maynard Force Thayer

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Dear Ruth:

I am enclosing my monthly report, the bi-weekly one, a letter to Dr. Sproul, and my gas application blank for Dr. McGiffert's signature.

Miss Fredrickson received this letter from Mr. Freeman, and so we are having the copies mimeographed, and will send him the bill per request. The reason why I am sending a copy of the letter to you is that Freeman may be the lead you need for someone to work in the Northwest part of the country. It was just an idea, but one I thought worth passing on.

I imagine that you are about to have your gas allotment renewed also, so if you could get this to Dr. McGiffert as soon as possible, I'd appreciate it.

Have you had any replies yet from those we have asked to serve on the Advisory Board and Executive Committees?

Cordially,

Katherine

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