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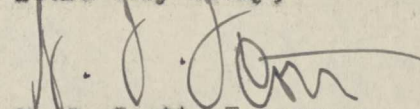
April 2, 1945

Columbia Foundation
612 Russ Building
San Francisco, Calif.

Gentlemen:

Please accept my sincere thanks for your Foundation
check in the sum of \$2535.50 in favor of the Committee on American
Principles and Fair Play in support of a terminal program to insure
the constitutional rights of the returning Japanese evacuees.

Yours very truly,


H. S. Scott, Treasurer

cc: Mr. Galen M. Fisher
cc: Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman

reply 4/25/45
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April 2, 1945.

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

Dear Ruth:

We have been negotiating with Fred Hoshiyama for some time to accept a position on the staff of the Honolulu Association. He has just recently accepted such a position.

He writes now to tell us that his local draft board in San Francisco, California, has given him permission to come to Hawaii providing he is cleared by the proper agencies of the War Department. His letter also indicates, however, that he has received word from the Western Defense Fourth Army Command that his name is on the "restricted list with a provisional exclusion order."

Fred is a graduate of the University of California and has been attending the Yale Divinity School for the past two years. Lorne Bell indicates that he was one of the most loyal and effective workers on his Community Services staff at Topaz, Utah.

We are very desirous of having Fred join our staff immediately upon the completion of his graduate work at Yale sometime early in June. Would it be possible for you to assist us in clearing his name with the Western Defense Fourth Command, or to advise us as to what steps we might take from this end to receive permission from the proper authorities for his clearance? I am enclosing a copy of his letter.

I shall appreciate whatever information you might give us at the earliest possible time. With sincerest good wishes, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Louis J. Meillette
Louis J. Meillette,
General Secretary.

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Via Clipper



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Yale Divinity, 276
March 21, 1945

Mr. Louis Meillette
YMCA of Honolulu
P. O. Box 459
Honolulu 9, Hawaii, U.S.A.

Dear Mr. Meillette:

The Local draft board (San Francisco, California) answered favorably:

"In response to your letter of March 9, 1945, we wish to advise you that this board grants you permission to go to Hawaii, providing you are cleared by the proper agencies, and the War Department.

"We hope this information will suffice."

(signed) A. Alliner
(For the Board)

Having informed you of this release from my local draft board I have another item of news to offset this.

The Western Defense Fourth Army Command, Headquarters at Presidio, San Francisco, informs me that I am on their restricted list with a provisional exclusion order. This order takes the place of the mass exclusion order which was rescinded last December. There is an injunction suit against the Army officials pending in Southern California which will determine whether they have the right to exclude anyone for no reason except their own secret reasons or not.

My present draft status is 4-D. The letter from the draft board did not notify me of any change in draft status yet.

Now in regards to my fiancée--we have decided to not try to go over together. She will remain on the mainland to finish her college first. She has another full year to complete.

I would be interested in knowing the philosophy and policy of the Boys Work program at the Nuuanu Community Y. Any printed statement or pamphlet describing the work, or some brief description by member of the staff will be helpful.

Cordially yours,

(s) FRED HOSHIYAMA
Fred Hoshiyama

April 25, 1945

Mr. Louis J. Meillette, General Secretary
The Young Men's Christian Association
P.O. Box 459
Honolulu 9, Hawaii, U.S.A.

Dear Louis:

I'm sorry to be dilatory about the matter of Fred Hoshiyama. I've been in Washington, D. C. for the past few weeks and have just got back.

I'm working on the Western Defense Command on Fred's exclusion, and should have a reply within two or three days.

I shall "clipper" you immediately.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman
Executive Secretary

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JULIETTE M. ATHERTON TRUST

P.O. BOX 2990

HONOLULU, HAWAII

CABLE ADDRESS "ATHESTATE"

April 2, 1945.

Mr. Galen N. Fisher,
11 El Sueno, Route 2,
Orinda, Calif.

Dear Galen:

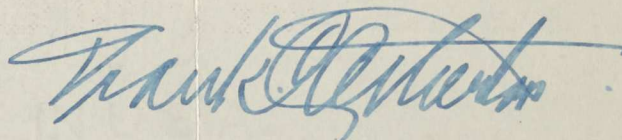
I take pleasure in enclosing herewith check for \$500.00 in favor of the Pacific Coast Committee on American Principles and Fair Play as a gift this year towards the work of your organization.

I note you have recently written to Mr. Kido for the Emergency Committee towards raising a fund here in the Islands to assist in your work. I understand that he is planning to do so, but have not had a chance to confer with him as yet.

Mrs. Atherton and I neither have been very well of late and so we are planning to go to the mainland shortly for a much needed change and rest. We will probably spend only a day or two in San Francisco, going south for a period of time until we are much better, so I may have a chance to see you before I return.

With kindest regards, I am,

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Frank Atherton", with a stylized, flowing script.

April 17, 1945

Mrs. Theodore Richards
Mr. Frank C. Atherton
The Juliette M. Atherton Trust
P.O. Box 2990
Honolulu, T.H.

Dear Friends:

It was very good to receive today Mr. Atherton's letter of April 2, enclosing your generous renewal of your grant, in the amount of \$500.

The enclosed folders will indicate one of the ways we are helping workers in many localities to do their part in developing public acceptance for the returning evacuees, and also in aiding those who return. So far, only about 2000 have come back since New Years, but the numbers will soon increase, we expect, despite the despicable boycotting and other forms of opposition.

I am glad to know that both Frank and his wife are planning to get a change and rest on this Coast, and shall hope to see them before they return home. I also trust that the Richards' health is excellent.

Sincerely yours

Galen M. Fisher
Asst. Treasurer

Mrs. Ruth Kingman

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Washington, D. C.

April 4, 1945

Mrs. Josephine W. Buvenack
Associate Secretary
American Friends Service Committee
1830 Sutter Street
San Francisco, California

San Carlos installation still under consideration stop Lease by WRA
not probable due to size and resulting large concentration of returnee stop Myer
in San Francisco April 12 thru 15 should be given detailed specific account of
housing situation. Meantime suggest you talk with Buell Gallagher re Northern
California Churches opening social halls, under Caucasian ~~xxxxxx~~ supervision.
Get Fisher Gallagher Chapman meet Myer re housing. Letter with details follows.

Ruth Kingman.

R.Kingman:lkx

Connie:

COPY -- (To be read by Paul Taylor and L. Hewes , in F.P. office only..

April 4, 1945

CONFIDENTIAL

Mr. Galen M. Fisher
11 E 1 Sueno
Orinda, California

Dear Galen:

As you see, this typing is peculiarly mine. However, if I were to depend upon my longhand, you would probably give up in despair. So, kindly bear with me---

I arrived in Washington on Sunday, and on Monday had a long conference with Dillon Myer, and on Monday evening a fine two hours with Mr. Fortas, the Undersecretary of the Interior.

Taking them in that order, I will tell you something of the gist of the two conferences.

As you will be delighted to know, Mr. Myer, indeed, the entire Washington staff of the WRA seems to be keenly aware of the many unsurmountable problems facing them in the carrying out of the Jan. 1 closing plan. Both Mr. Myer and Mr. Tozier (Pub. Rel. and Reports Officer, Washington Office) told me that many of the points the evacuees are making in expressing dissatisfaction have been carefully considered and are being cleared up to the evacuees satisfaction. For instance, the point of the need of additional financial assistance for the purpose of purchasing furniture etc has already been not only considered, but Mr. Myer himself has emphasized, publicly, in each center, that such assistance is available.

As he indicated to you in his letter, there will be certain specific exceptions to the "out by Jan. 1", but the exact exceptions have not yet been definitely settled upon. However, we can be confident that there will be exceptions. I have still to discuss with Mr. Myer which categories are to be excepted. Until I do, please do not quote me as saying that there will be exceptions, beyond the statement found in Mr. Myer's letter to you. I expect to have an hour or two with him tomorrow, and hope to clear up some of these points at that time. I shall let you know what comes out.

As you know, we have all been greatly disturbed with the slowness with which WRA has approached the whole task of relocation in the Pacific Coast. If nothing else should come of my trip east, I feel

that the whole "Bottle-neck" situation has been clarified and will be rectified within a few weeks at most. This is super confidential. If you and George and I felt that there was a probability that the War Department was unaware of the interpretation of its policy which is being made by its representatives on the Pacific Coast, that certainly has held for the situation in WRA.

The feeling that we have had for some time, that the conservative, over-cautious policy governing the relocation program was to some degree the result of the interpretation of the West Coast office, was 100% right. Some few weeks ago it was brought to the attention of Mr. Myer, and he has taken steps which should correct the situation immediately. To what extent the entire program has been slowed down, and the potential support antagonized (or at best, frustrated) Mr. Myer did not know until I was able to go into the matter with him. He is deeply grateful, and regrets only that I could not have come back sooner. As you may well imagine, changing the policy, over the head of the West Coast office, is ~~###~~ a matter requiring a great deal of care, for it would be a bad thing to appear callous to the fine loyalty and courage which has always been found in that office.

As a result of the change, I expect a rather sharp upswing in the number of returnees to be placed in satisfactory jobs~~####~~ during the coming three or four months. The relocation officers are now all instructed to go ahead, full swing and to recruit jobs, recruit employers, to loan equipment, to assist with the establishment of hostels, and in general to give the type of assistance necessary to a full relocation program.

Another thing I think that I have been able to impress upon the office back here is the critical nature of the housing problem. (I was asked by one of the staff members here to try to get D.M. to more than glibly say that they were giving attention to it, and to sit down with him to impress him with the fact that as matters now stand, there will be no relocation until there is housing). As a result, he has taken all of my notes on the problem (I had about fifteen pages prepared, with the assistance of the S.F. Council of Civic Unity), and D.M. and his assistant Rex Lee are now going over the whole thing carefully, with the idea of presenting their first specific plans to the Housing authority. The fact that they have not been specific up to this time is due to the fact that no specific reports have come from their S.F. office! Isn't that fantastic, when all of the relocation officers knew very well that relocation depends upon housing more than any one other~~#####~~ local factor? This also should be kept quiet, I think, until they've had a chance to rectify their negligence.

Dillon Myer is going out to the Coast next week, and has asked me what I think he should do while there, other than take a look-see at the offices. I have made a definite suggestion, and both he and Mr. Tozier feel that it will work out well if followed through. Instead of meeting with his "support", as Bob Gozzens has always preferred, and instead of talking before groups, I am suggesting that he go about quietly, as our "field personnel" do, going into the rural areas, talking with C. of C. men, bankers, Legionnaires, produce growers etc, leaders in his "opposition", using the approach that now that the Army and Supreme Court are permitting these people to come back, their return is apparently creating difficulties for them (I mean for the persons interviewed)--that Mr. Myer is there to try to help them solve some of these problems, and that his experience and information can be of help to them.

As most of the active opposition is made up of fundamentally decent persons, I would like to see how the conciliatory method could work.---At any rate, that is what D. M. expects to try this trip, and it should prove to be an excellent education not only for the leaders of the opposition, but for D.M. as well, and he never has had a real, first hand appreciation of the problems of the Pacific Coast. As he will be going all the way from Brawley up to Washington state, he should have quite an enlightening experience. I am also insisting that he interview, in their homes, at least one returned evacuee, in the hope that he will be able to better understand what they are up against, and what kind of assistance they still need.

Mr. McCloy is out of town, but there is a good chance that I will see him the last of next week. There is no chance that we will be able to set up conferences before April 25, as the amount of ironing out of the relationship between WRA and Army will take some real concentration. Until I can see McC. there is little hope of accomplishing much.

Mr. Grew is unavailable this week, but I expect to see him early next week. I am going to the White House tomorrow, to see Anna Boettiger. Her secretary called me at my hotel, and arranged for me to see her at that time, and as George has already talked with her at some length, I hope to be able to make some headway. If I find that one appointment with her is inadequate, a mutual friend is going to arrange a luncheon for us to get together again.

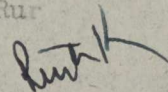
Dillon M. and his ass't. and I are going into the War Food Administration possibility tomorrow, and will also decide the best approach to the Housing Administration. As soon as I see them, I'll report.

So much for thus far! Last night I had an interesting time. I went to the testimonial dinner for Justice Hugo Black. It was quite exciting-- Senator Bankhead presided, and among the several speakers, in addition to Mr. Bankhead, were Mrs. Roosevelt, Justice Murphy, Judge Minton (newly appointed Circuit Court in S.F.), and Mr. Vinson. "All of Washington" was there, in their best wartime bib 'n tucker, and it was quite a sight.

May I suggest that ~~while~~ while this letter and its contents are to be considered confidential, you might like to show it to Mrs. Duveneck, Cushman McGiffert, and possibly Paul Taylor. ~~Connie~~ Connie can show the copy I'm forwarding to the office, to Paul Taylor, so you might let Mrs. Duveneck and Cushman see your copy.

My best to everyone, and I'm in there swingin'

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Fortas report in next

The East and West Association

Devoted to new and better understanding
between peoples through mutual knowledge

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HERMANN HAGEDORN
Director, West Coast Office

West Coast Office
17 East Carrillo Street
Santa Barbara, California
April 5th, 1945

reply

My dear Mrs. Kingman:

The enclosed letter is from a lady in Hood River with whom I have had considerable correspondence. She is a good war horse and deserves all the support that she can get, for she is on one of the hottest hot spots on the Coast. You must have a lot of material that she and her friends would find useful.

Cordially yours,

Hermann Hagedorn

Mrs. Ruth Kingman
2234 Telegraph Avenue
Berkeley 4, California

Connie

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"All Within the Four Seas Are Brethren." — CONFUCIUS, *Analects*

COPY

Hood River, Oregon
March 31, 1945.

Mr. Hermann Hagedorn, Director
West Coast Office
17 East Carrillo St.
Santa Barbara, California

Dear Sir:

I am enclosing, herewith, a copy of one phase of activity I have been able to promote in this community, in the interests of 'better understanding'. This group has been able to successfully carry through several measures of some importance in the past three or four years. For instance, in 1940 they undertook to promote a "County Manager Plan" instead of the present elective system of government. They did not have the support of any sizable group of male proponents and I did not think that any measure of success could meet their efforts (should say our efforts). However they could and did put the plan over and got a bill through the Oregon Legislature permitting the adoption of such a measure by the separate counties as they vote to accept the change.

I am happy to say, that the State Organization has approved my presentation of our work and I believe we shall be able to make some degree of progress with this movement. As is stated in the copy of our broadside-which is mailed directly to members and friends - we did institute a protest campaign throughout the entire state that added weight enough to the movement to bar anti-racial legislation in this session to keep the resolutions bottled up in Committee. However they did slip over an alien-land-law that we didn't know any thing about and were not prepared to take any action thereupon.

Now, several weeks past, I asked for more literature from your office and also from the American Council on Race Relations which I have not received. I NEED AT ONCE, more Wardens of Understand pamphlets, more, PERTINENT FACTS, released by the Department of Interior on the Japanese and the Relocation movement, and any other educational material that will tell the TRUTH and thus disqualify the 'bald faced' lies and garbled facts that are being circulated.

Is there any possible way to interest some powerful person in the moving picture industry (I notice young 'Bill' Rodgers is one of the members of our organization) to bring out something along this line. I don't suppose they could risk an entire production at this time but couldn't they be induced to bring in something here and there that could nullify much of this pernicious tale telling and emphasize some of the basic facts in the building of our American Democratic way of life, such as the basic effort of our beginning to establish this government on the rights of its people to enjoy life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness, irregardless of RACE, COLOR, or CREED? and show that this was emphasized by Lincoln in his address at Gettysburg, when he said, "Our forefathers brought forth upon this continent, a civilization dedicated to the principal etc"---- Just reaching out in the dark, you know. However, if we succeed we have to think of every possible wire to pull.

Sincerely, Arline Winchell Moore
Mrs. Max L. Moore, 318 E. Eugene St. Hood River, Oregon

5/27/45

To League Members wanting suggestions on individual action to further tolerance and understanding and who endorse Item 9 of Active List.

The Wardens of Understanding leaflet enclosed is self-explanatory. Even if you do not care to affiliate yourself with the organization, it contains worthwhile suggestions for action.

Since we all find ourselves in the position of having to refute falsehoods and clear up misunderstandings about the Japanese, alien and citizen, you may want to back up your principles with facts. The enclosed hectographed sheet(and please forgive imperfections) contains some facts about the more common mis-statements.

Mrs. Max Moore, a League member, and from whom I learned of the Wardens has other material which she will lend. I have some also for loan. Mrs. Moore, during the daytime can usually be reached at the Moore Electric store, the East end of Oak St. by address is 1002 Columbia, phone 1722.

Suggested readings:

For all-in-one education on the Japanese--"Prejudice" by Carey McWilliams Request from me, I have one copy, another ordered. "Brothers under the Skin", by Carey McWilliams, with one chapter on the Japanese. Both these McWilliams books could be requested from the State Library, through our county library. I have a copy of "Brothers under the Skin".

"The History of Japanese People in Oregon" by Marjorie Stearns, which may be had from the State Library (the copy I've borrowed is due there April 17) clearly shows that the present situation in Hood River is a carry-over of that twenty-five years ago. And it was only an accident of history that that Anti-Oriental agitation was not directed at the Chinese.

Many thanks to those of you who responded to the request for letters opposing the legislature's anti-Japanese memorials. As you probably know, they were never reported from the resolutions committee.

The poison of manufactured race prejudice is spreading, not only prejudice against Japanese, but Negroes as well. We here on the West Coast must guard against intolerance toward our expanded Negro population. People we know in other sections of the U.S. may be subjected to rumors about the Japanese who settle among them. It wouldn't be a bad idea for some of us to write our friends and relatives to be careful of what they believe

Dr. Ruth Benedict, in her excellent book, "Race, Science, and Politics", says that to understand race conflict, we do not necessarily need to understand race, but we do need to understand conflict; and that whatever is done to relieve economic distress, for instance, also relieves the possibility of conflict. She says too, that here in the U.S. we have the spectacle of the immigrants (of their descendants) of a few decades past, condemning to everlasting inferiority those of later immigration.

Martha Jane Miller

Mrs. Wallace J. Miller, President
Hood River League of Women Voters

rec'd.
4/5/45

Freeman Hotel
Auburn, Calif.

Dear Connie:

Enclosed is the press release to go to all newspapers on your West Coast newspaper file--approximately 1000 Mrs Kingman said--along with copies of the pamphlet "Homeward Bound".--She asked me to write it and send it over to you, since she would be unable to do anything about it while she was away.

Perhaps Miss Handy has called you about sending 10 copies of the pamphlet to each relocation center project manager, so that the people at the centers will get the "good word" on what we are doing, as well as the rumors that seem to come to them automatically.

+ covering letter and/or press release

If this release could be mailed by Monday it would be excellent, because I will be giving a special story to the New York Times at that time, which they would probably like to link up with this joint statement.

This release has been cleared with Larry Hewes,--perhaps you would like to clear it with Galen Fisher before it is sent out. I didn't send him a copy

of the pamphlet thinking he would probably get one from the Fair Play
office.

Best wishes--

Ellen Turner

April 7, 1945

Mr. W. Carl Nugent
228 McAllister St.
San Francisco, California

Dear Mr. Nugent:

Before Mrs. Kingman left for Washington, D. C. she suggested that I send you some material pertaining to the work of the Fair Play Committee. Under separate cover, I have sent you copies of the material we have at hand.

She also suggested that you might find it helpful to read the Reports from the American Council on Race Relations which would be available from their office at 988 Market St., Room 202.

Please do not hesitate to call on us, for any material which we could supply you.

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary

C.C. to Mrs. Maria Booth

April 9, 1945

Mr. Homer D. Crotty
634 South Spring Street
Los Angeles, Calif.

Dear Mr. Crotty:

It was good to have even that brief talk with you over the phone the other day, and I shall hope to see you again while I am in Los Angeles April 24-26. If I did not make clear the points that I was making, let me put them down here.

Ever since the January 10-11 Conference, we have been convinced that the most important job is to get a strong community-wide committee organized in all the towns where Japanese have lived and to which they are likely to return, giving first attention to the more hostile spots. Such a committee is being called Council for Civic Unity in many cities, but the name is not so important as the purpose and leadership.

you propose that they form a Committee or Council to
Fresno, Turlock, Sacramento, this winter + spring (Nail Pan) in Fresno one etc
The central purpose of our Committee *not only to ensure fair play for evacuees but*
from our standpoint, the immediate purpose is to ensure a
fair chance for returnees, but in hostile cities, if you propose to focus only on the Japanese, the obdurate citizens are apt to shy away. If, on the other hand, you make a cover all minorities, to prevent disorder and damage to property and life and the city's good name, then they recognize its value and importance. This is just what happened in ~~two cities that I know about, the latest being Fresno.~~ *there*, one of the chief business men was indifferent until the plan to include all minorities was proposed. He was a Roman Catholic, and said he wanted to be prepared to check any revival of the Klan or any other kind of vigilantes. The Mayor also saw the importance of the idea and called a conference of leading citizens, who formed a Council for Civic Unity. In fact, their first task will be to deal with anti-Japanese actions and attitudes. The Chapter of our Fair Play Committee in Fresno is headed by Prof. Phillips of State College, and includes a score of good men and women, but they *did* not carry much weight with the farmers and others whose self-interest makes them more or less anti-evacuee. The Council for Civic Unity does carry with those interests. Phillips and his associates are therefore very glad to join forces with it, and as ordinary members of the Council to keep the pressure on it to take action.

Just before Mrs. Kingman left for the East, she talked over these matters with Mrs. Booth, but to refresh her memory, I am sending her a copy of this letter. Also in a day or two, she and you will receive useful new materials, namely: "Homeward Bound", "Guide Posts", and a sheet called "Next on the Agenda for Returning Evacuees".

Sincerely yours

Galen M. Fisher

April 10, 1945

Mrs. Josephine Duveneck
American Friends' Service Committee
San Francisco, California

Dear Josephine;

For two perfectly good reasons, I am writing this memo in a very informal way. 1) My typing is so bad that I hesitate to use it on a formal report and 2) The results, thus far of my work in the field of Housing have been intangible to the point that a formal report is impossible.

However, I can report progress, both to our Committee and to the S.F. Council on Civic Unity. I have spent three hours with the Fed. Housing people, two hours with the unit working on racial problems. This latter period was spent in exploring possibilities available on the West coast providing people out there really wanted to do something--i.e. the people in the Housing Authority, in the area.

It seems that nothing can be done here, without having been instigated out there, as a request of the local authority. The people here advised me to wait until I get back there to get the proper pressures organized to push it through. The most valuable thing I've picked up, to date, is an insight into the "knowhow" of getting things pushed through these agencies. I think that we can do it. I am now pressing the State, Justice and Interior Departments to gang up on this housing bottleneck, and I think that it can be managed-- not as a solution for our immediate problem of temporary housing for the "look-see" returnees; that will have to be reached some other way.

When I wired you I suggested that you call together a few people (Fisher, Chapman, Gallagher) to meet with you and Dillon Myer when he gets to S.F. WRA is still thinking too much in terms of public responsibility. I hope that you can all plug at him to figure out some way of meeting that responsibility within the limitations within which he finds himself (budgetary, pressure etc). The government should not be allowed to dodge this problem. That there is little hope of his doing a very effective job on the housing bottle-neck, is due, I feel, to the slowness with which they have approached the whole question. They are only now having their Washington people start making surveys etc, which cannot prove effective in the immediate crisis.

As a sort of an interim setup, I am suggesting that the Cooperating groups such as church, Welfare, Friends, etc, consider some such program as the following (subject, of course, to much modification and amplification).

This recommendation is based upon our experience in Berkeley, where, during the week prior to the evacuation of persons of Japanese ancestry from that community, the First Congregational Church turned all of its facilities, except only the main auditorium, to the Wartime Civilian Control Administration, for their use as a control Station.

The other Protestant Churches of Berkeley gave full cooperation,, and as isted in a program of friendly asistance to the evacuees and in supplementing the church life necessarily curtailed by the turnover of the social and Sunday school facilities.

The following proposal provides two alternate plans, which areas follows:

Plan I. In each community where ~~#####~~ a considerable number of returnees are expected, let the pastors, governing bodies and leaders of the Women's organizations of the various churches meet to develop plans for the following:

- 1) Each church to provide space for a determined number of cots (to be loaned by WRA (o.k. already given) and kitchen and where possible, shower facilities, for a 2 to 4 week period.
- 2) Management to be conducted by local membership, probably thru women's Assn's.
- 3) Where church life is broken into, i.e. Sunday School classes, women's meetings, luncheons, dinners, Scouts, athletic groups, Red Cross activities, etc, arrange for such activities to be carried on in nearby churches.
- 4) The time to be devoted by each church will depend upon the number of churches in the community. The period planned for should not need to be in excess of 3 months.

Plan II. -- The same, except in very small communities, where a more definite pooling of resources may be necessary, and one church used for one purpose and another for another.

Where there have been Japanese language churches, this may not be necessary, but in any event the management of the hostels thus provided should be under Caucasian direction ~~at~~ all times.

There may be many objections to the disruption of church routine, but the example of the Berkeley Congregational Church provides at least a partial precedent for cooperation with the government on a government program.

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The enclosed summary of the Proceedings of the Conference on Interracial Cooperation will tell you of one of the most significant projects undertaken by our Committee. The Conference is being followed up by intensive field work in various communities, especially in places where there is hostility toward the return of any evacuees. In a few days we shall be sending you some of the materials which field workers are using.

Much of the success of the Conference was due to the able work of our Executive Secretary. Mrs. Kingman has been for ten days in Washington, D. C. engaged in efforts to remove some of the chief impediments to the safe return to this Coast of evacuees who have been cleared by the Army.

You will be glad to know that although the Committee in Los Angeles lost the confident services of Mrs. Joseph Kaplan, they have succeeded in securing Mrs. Gracia Booth who with her husband has had much experience in social enterprises and has had close contact with the Japanese evacuees.

Sincerely yours,

Galen M. Fisher
 Galen M. Fisher

GLF:cc

April 12, 1945

Mrs. Maynard Force Thayer
466 E. California Street
Pasadena 5, California

Dear Mrs. Thayer:

Replying to your good letter of April 9th: congratulations on getting out Kenny's excellent speech to the Sheriffs. Please send 100 to this office and bill us for them.

Mrs. Kingman has made decided progress on several lines, but she is not ready to report yet, so I will simply say that housing for returning evacuees is one. She took fifteen pages of data to help drive home the urgency of the need--data that she had specially gathered for the purpose. She is due home April 23.

As to Councils for Civic Unity, the January 10-11 Conference pointed the way in Findings of the Public Relations Round Table, as reported on pp. 10-11 of the "Highlights", copy of which has been sent you.

The experience of our field workers, and those of the American Council on Race Relations who are cooperating closely with us, has proved that the best way to secure local protection and assistance for returnees is to get a community-wide committee formed which embraces all minorities, but recognizes that one of its first tasks is to look after returnees and develop public acceptance for them.

Just a few days ago I discussed this matter with Mr. Crotty and wrote him substantially as follows:

"The central purpose of our Committee is to ensure a fair chance for returnees, but in hostile cities, if you propose to focus only on the Japanese, the ablest citizens are apt to shy away. If, on the other hand, you propose

that they form a Committee or Council to cover all minorities, to prevent disorder and damage to property and life and the city's good name, then they recognize its value and importance. This is just what has happened in Fresno, Turlock, and Sacramento this winter and spring.

In Fresno, one of the chief business men was indifferent until the plan to include all minorities was proposed. He was a Roman Catholic, and said he wanted to be prepared to check any revival of the Klan or any other kind of vigilantes. The Mayor also saw the importance of the idea and called a conference of leading citizens, who formed a Council for Civic Unity. In fact, their first task will be to deal with anti-Japanese actions and attitudes. The Chapter of our Fair Play Committee in Fresno is headed by Prof. Phillips of State College, and includes a score of good men and women, but they did not carry much weight with the farmers and others whose self-interest makes them more or less anti-evacuees. The Council for Civic Unity does carry with these interests. Phillips and his associates are therefore very glad to join forces with it, and as ordinary members of the Council to keep the pressure on it to take action."

As to Pasadena Chapter and Los Angeles Committee, I suggest you and Mrs. Booth and Mr. Crotty work out a practical plan of cooperation. You might decide that field work in several cities within an hour's travel of Pasadena should be assigned to your Chapter. Field workers are hard to find. We have four working in Northern California part time and are trying to find others. We offer expenses where necessary, but in the present cases, the salaries are being paid by cooperating organizations. One of the best workers, George Rundquist, got Fresno Council for Civic Unity appointed by the Mayor. He may be available again.

I should thin you could enlist several able and tactful field workers in Pasadena, and others in Los Angeles, even though they might all be part-time, or able to give only a few days at a stretch.

If you do discover any capable person who could give most of his or her time to field work for at least a month, let us know at once. If salary must be paid, we can probably spare the funds for one full-time or two half-time persons both in Southern California and in the Northwest.

Sincerely yours,

Galen M. Fisher

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

Dear Mrs. Kingman:

Following are the names of prominent citizens of Merced County who attended a dinner in Merced on April 7th to talk over Japanese matters. Please send these individuals sets of whatever helpful materials you may have on hand.

Wilbur C. McMurry
Dean Leshar
Victor P. Reich
Max Smith
Hugh H. Griswold
N. L. Cornell
Wm. J. George
E. E. Greenough
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Sheriff, Merced County
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Real Estate, Merced
(Visitor) Vernalis, California
Methodist, Merced
" Atwater
" Le Grand
Christian Church, Merced
Nazarene, Merced
Pastor, colored Church of God
Presbyterian, Merced

Most cordially yours,

Gordon K. Chapman
Gordon K. Chapman

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P.S. They have taken steps to organize a Countywide Committee.

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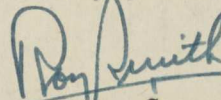
Sirs:

The attached is a report of an inquiry that we of the United Ministry to Resettlers here in Chicago have made. As you will see, we have been able to get reports from less than 30% of the churches in Greater Chicago. However, the remaining churches are likely not to have many resettlers.

The sheet showing the "Composition of Resettlers" is based on a sampling of about 3500 only in Chicago, as the total number here is around 8000. This result is far from being altogether satisfactory, but at the same time we are not discouraged by it. It shows that a great deal of adjustment has been accomplished and at the same time shows that a great deal more is needed.

Resettlers are coming into Chicago almost as rapidly as they did last year. Our task for 1945 is certainly as great and perhaps greater than it was in 1944 or 1943.

Sincerely yours,



Roy Smith, Secretary
Committee on United Ministry to Resettlers

Enclosure

This shows only one phase in the work here, and only the beginning in that phase. The big job lies ahead.

COMPOSITION OF RESETTLERS

(Tabulation based on 3493 persons)

MALES	-----	2,317
FEMALES	-----	<u>1,176</u>
Total	--	3,493

AGES

	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>
Below 16 years	0.5%	0.9%
16 to 20 "	19.7%	25.8%
21 to 25 "	28.8%	36.5%
26 to 30 "	14.8%	12.0%
31 to 35 "	6.4%	3.1%
36 to 40 "	4.3%	2.1%
41 to 45 "	3.8%	3.6%
46 to 50 "	2.8%	3.6%
51 to 55 "	3.0%	1.2%
56 to 60 "	4.1%	1.2%
61 to 65 "	1.7%	0.3%
66 to 70 "	.6%	0.0%
Over 70 "	.1%	0.0%
Undeclared	9.4%	9.7%
	<u>100.0</u>	<u>100.0</u>

Of the males 70% are aged from 17 - 30 (inclusive)

Of the females 70% are aged from 17 - 25 (")

Of the males 50% are aged 24 years or less.

Of the females 50% are aged 22 years or less.

Marital Status

	<u>Married</u>	<u>Single</u>	<u>Undeclared</u>	<u>Total</u>
Males	601	1212	504	2317
Females	306	606	264	<u>1176</u>
Total	907	1818	768	<u>3493</u>

PEOPLE OF JAPANESE DESCENT IN CHICAGO CHURCHES

Sent enquiry to 1350 churches

Replies received to April 3, 1945 - - - - - 373

Churches having no Japanese at all - - - - - 281

Churches having Japanese - - - - - 92

Denomination	Churches	Members	Sunday School	Choir	Youth	Attending	
						Regular	Occasional
Methodist	15	43	27	9	17	83	132
Presbyterian	16	36	26	3	14	28	58
United Presbyterian	2	-	6	-	5	-	6
Congregational	11	31	30	6	11	27	49
Baptist	10	24	23	16	57	95	90
Brethren	1	12	7	-	2	-	6
Community	6	7	4	-	1	13	59
Disciples	3	2	1	-	3	2	9
Episcopal	11	37	12	2	1	4	56
Moody	1	-	-	-	-	12	13
Evangelical & Reformed	3	-	-	-	-	-	15
Lutheran	7	4	10	-	2	-	12
Evangelical	3	2	5	-	-	5	10
Seventh Day Adventist	1	2	1	-	-	-	-
Free Methodist	1	-	6	-	3	-	12
Unknown	1	-	2	-	-	-	4
TOTAL	92	200	160	36	116	269	531

The Japanese Church of Christ (Meetings at Fourth Presbyterian Church)

Adult (Issei) Division: Members -

Old Timers...10; Resettlers (Issei)...52; Resettlers (Nisei)...10; TOTAL 72

Usual attendance about 60. Some 20 others attend occasionally.

Youth (Nisei) Division: (No formal membership) Average attendance about 45.

30 persons regular and some 70 others who attend occasionally.

The Japanese Christian Church at Moody (Meetings at Moody Memorial Church)

Adult (Issei) Division: Average attendance Sunday services about 70

Some 90 others attend occasionally.

Youth (Nisei) Division: Average attendance Sunday services about 75

Some 90 others attend occasionally.

(No Formal Membership)

CHICAGO CHURCHES HAVING RESETTLERS
(Reported up to April 3, 1945)

1. Wilmette, Methodist Church	Wilmette
2. Sixth United Presbyterian	Woodlawn & 62nd
3. North Shore Methodist	Glencoe
4. St. Peters Evangelical & Reformed	Elmhurst
5. St. James Methodist	Ellis & 46th
6. First Baptist Church of Chicago	935 East 50th
7. Diversey Parkway Evangelical	925 Diversey Parkway
8. Woodlawn Methodist	E. 64th & Woodlawn
9. St. Mark's Presbyterian	1109 S. Ashland
10. St. John's Episcopal	Byron & Kostner
11. Raymond Chapel (Baptist)	816 West 31st
12. Evanston, First Congregational	1417 Hinman Avenue
13. United Congregational	1305 N. Hamlin
14. Congregational Church of Rogers Park	1545 Morse
15. Chinese Christian Church	2701 Wentworth
16. Kenwood Church	4608 Greenwood
17. Luther Memorial	2500 Wilson
18. Hyde Park Baptist	5600 Woodlawn
19. Rogers Park Presbyterian	7059 N. Greenview
20. Buena Memorial Presbyterian	4301 Sheridan Road
21. Galewood Congregational	6415 W. Bloomingdale
22. Hinsdale, Seventh Day Adventist	120 N. Oak
23. Moody Memorial	Clark, LaSalle & N. Avenue
24. Wesley Methodist	Seminary & Diversey Pkwy.
25. Ravenswood Presbyterian	4300 N. Hermitage
26. St. Paul's Evangelical & Reformed	220 Division, Elgin
27. Bryn Mawr Community	7000 Jeffery
28. Oak Park, Austin Blvd. Christian	634 N. Austin
29. Naperville, Methodist	Naperville
30. Wilmette, Baptist	1020 Forest
31. Central Church of Chicago	410 S. Michigan
32. Sauganash Community	4541 Peterson
33. Bethany Presbyterian	Humboldt & Courtland
34. Evanston, First Methodist	1630 Hinman
35. Cary, Methodist	Cary
36. Evanston, St. Matthew's Episcopal	2421 Hartrey
37. Woodlawn Immanuel Lutheran	Kenwood & 64th
38. Fourth Presbyterian	126 E. Chestnut
39. First Church of the Brethren	Congress & Central Park
40. Jackson Blvd. Christian	2421 Jackson
41. Third Presbyterian	Ashland & Ogden
42. Warren Ave. Congregational	3101 Warren
43. Chicago Theological Seminary	5757 University
44. Presbyterian Church of Norwood Park	Nina & Nicolet
45. Englewood Second United Presbyterian	521 West 65th
46. Des Plaines, First Congregational	Des Plaines
47. Arlington Heights, First Presbyterian	Arlington Heights
48. unknown	
49. Watson Park Congregational	6337 Cornelia
50. Lake View Presbyterian	716 W. Addison

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| 51. South Congregational | Drexel & 40th |
| 52. Evanston, St. Paul's Lutheran | Greenwood & Maple |
| 53. Naperville, Grace Evangelical | Naperville |
| 54. University Church of Disciples | 5655 University |
| 55. Park Ridge, St. Mary's Episcopal | Prospect & Crescent |
| 56. Glencoe Union | Box 35 |
| 57. St. Stephen's Methodist | 113th & State |
| 58. Armitage Ave. Methodist | 834 W. Armitage |
| 59. Humboldt Park Methodist | 1717 N. Fairfield |
| 60. Fullerton-Covenant Presbyterian | 600 W. Fullerton |
| 61. North Shore Baptist | 1311 Berwyn |
| 62. First Immanuel Lutheran | Ashland & Roosevelt |
| 63. St. James Lutheran | Fremont & Dickens |
| 64. Trinity Lutheran | Barry & Seminary |
| 65. Central Free Methodist | 2201 W. Adams |
| 66. St. Paul's Evangelical & Reformed | Fullerton & Orchard |
| 67. Oak Park, First Congregational | Oak Park |
| 68. Epworth Methodist | Kenmore & Berwyn |
| 69. Austin Manor Presbyterian | 1700 Parkside |
| 70. Church of Our Saviour | 530 Fullerton |
| 71. First Presbyterian | 6400 Kimbark |
| 72. Olivet Presbyterian | 1441 Cleveland |
| 73. St. Paul's Methodist-Wesley Foundation | 1605 W. Harrison |
| 74. Oak Park, Second Presbyterian | 410 Washington |
| 75. United Church of Hyde Park | 1448 E. 53rd |
| 76. Second Baptist | 1857 W. Jackson |
| 77. Woodlawn Baptist | 6207 University |
| 78. Oak Park, Fair Oaks Presbyterian | 744 Fair Oaks Ave. |
| 79. Tabernacle Baptist | 3300 W. Monroe |
| 80. Rogers Park Baptist | 1900 Greenleaf |
| 81. Belden Ave. Baptist | 2309 N. Halsted |
| 82. Wicker Park Lutheran | 2112 LeMoyne |
| 83. Chicago Temple | Washington & Clark |
| 84. All Saints Episcopal | 4550 N. Hermitage |
| 85. Second Evangelical | 1908 Sedgwick |
| 86. Hyde Park Methodist | Blackstone & 54th |
| 87. Woodlawn Christ Church | 6451 Woodlawn |
| 88. St. Chrysostom's Church | 1424 N. Dearborn Pkwy |
| 89. St. Mark's Episcopal | 4427 Drexel |
| 90. St. James Episcopal | 666 Rush |
| 91. St. Paul's Episcopal | 4945 Dorchester |
| 92. Church of the Ascension | LaSalle & Elm |

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April 16, 1945

Project Manager
Gila River Relocation Center
Rivers, Arizona

Dear Sir:

Under separate cover, I am sending you copies of a pamphlet published by the American Council on Race Relations and the Committee on American Principles and Fair Play. The information contained therein may prove helpful and informative to those planning to return to the West Coast.

If additional copies are desired, they may be had either from this office or the American Council on Race Relations.

Very sincerely yours,

Office Secretary

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April 16, 1945

Project Manager,
Colorado River Relocation Center
Poston, Arizona

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Very sincerely yours,

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Mrs. Marie Danrow Glass
707 Hampton Way
Fresno 4 Calif.

Dear Mrs. Glass:

I trust I have deciphered the name correctly, if not,
please pardon me.

Your note of March 22 was sent me by Mrs. Kingman who
went to Washington late in March, and had no time to follow up your
suggestion about the article in March Sierra Educational News. Only
a few days ago did I read the article. I agree with you that it is
biased, despite its profession of impartiality.

After thinking over the matter, I have written to Mrs.
Irene^T Taylor Heineman, Asst State Supt. of Public Instruction, and a
level-headed patriotic educator, asking her what she would advise. I
also said I would be glad to get some one like Dr. Deutsch to write
a balanced article for the NEWS, to counterbalance LaRue's. It is my
opinion that it would be best not to make it a rebuttal by referring to
LaRue's article, but to do the same by indirection, by virtue of the
facts and principles presented.

You may be interested in the enclosed, which we prepared
to help local workers. It is good to know that the Mayor of Fresno has
appointed a Council for Civic Unity, which will take up matters affecting
all minorities, including the Japanese.

Sincerely yours

Galen M. Fisher

April 16, 1945

Mrs. Irene Taylor Heineman
Dept. of Public Instruction
State Building
Los Angeles, Calif.

Dear Mrs Heineman:

Have you noticed that article ^{on the "Japs"} in the March
SIERRA EDUCATIONAL NEWS, on page 28, by a school superintendent in
Imperial Valley? It purports to be impartial, but makes some
extraordinary assumptions, such as that the "acid test of loyalty
and devotion is shown by not returning to California for the durat-
ion", and confuses the Japanese in Japan with Americans of Japanese
stock. Since it came under my eye a few days ago, I have wondered
how best to counteract its insidious influence, and was about to
ask Vaughan MacCaughy how he would like to have Dr. Deutsch or
Chancellor Ray Lyman Wilbur write a short article, making no ref-
erence to LaRue's article, but effectively expounding the sound
position to take, both in view of the decisions by the Army and the
Supreme Court, and the instructions which I believe your Department
has sent out to all public school teachers on the subject.

Perhaps you have some better suggestion. Whatever
you suggest, I feel sure, would be sound and desirable, and your
knowledge of the field is so much better than mine, that I wish you
would take the ball, or suggest what we should do. Ruth Kingman
has been in Washington for ten days, but should be back this weekend.
She has been wrestling with high authorities on housing and how the
Army can and should make its influence felt to counteract the hes-
tity in farming areas, especially.

I shall be in Los Angeles on the 24-26th, but hope
to hear from you before I leave home.

Sincerely yours

Galen W. Fisher

April 16, 1945

Miss Murphy
465 California St.
San Francisco, California

Dear Miss Murphy:

The following contributions have been
received in this office:

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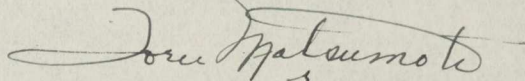
April 18, 1945

Miss Constance Holliday
Committee on American Principles
and Fair Play
465 California Street
San Francisco 4, Calif.

Dear Miss Holliday:

May I acknowledge your letter of March 15th with its enclosure. It is a very fine report and interesting story and I would like to thank you for sending it to us. Please express our appreciation to Mrs. Kingman.

Very sincerely yours,



Toru Matsumoto

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F-2—Air View of City of Fresno, California



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Fresno, the metropolis of the San Joaquin Valley, has a population in excess of 60,000. It is a city with an impressive skyline, a business and industrial area covering almost 100 blocks.

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reply 4/12/45
Dear Mrs. Kingman: Please forgive this April 18, 1945.
form 7 letter. Will you cover the hostel at
San Jose also. You know of course - but Mr. T. Kawakami
2227 Jackson St., San Jose is back there to run it.

Sincerely,
Toru Matsumoto

Dear Friend:

I have recently returned from a visit to four of the Relocation centers: Granada, Minidoka, Heart Mountain, and Rohwer.

The people in the Centers were very much concerned about the impending closing of the Center schools. This factor alone seemed to cause many families to want to relocate where their children may continue their schooling.

The West Coast, being their former home, is still sentimentally attractive, but there is a general feeling that for considerations other than sentiment many of the families contemplating relocation will seek opportunities elsewhere.

It is expected that there will be a large exodus from the Centers this summer. To prepare for this locally, we need to know the services available across the Country. I plan to devote the next issue of the RESETTLEMENT BULLETIN to information on what local organizations and friends can and will do.

Will you be good enough to fill out the enclosed questionnaire and return it to us at your earliest convenience?

Thanking you in advance for your cooperation,

Sincerely yours,

Toru Matsumoto

Toru Matsumoto
Director for Resettlement

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RESETTLEMENT ASSISTANCE QUESTIONNAIRE
(Please keep duplicate)

Name of Agency
Address
Telephone Number
Name of Person in Charge
Home Telephone Number (If willing to receive calls after office hours)

I. Check services you will be prepared to render to resettlers:

1. Meet the train
2. Guide about town
3. Accommodate temporarily
 a. Rooms Meals
4. Assist in finding housing
5. Provide counselling
 a. Provide counselling in Japanese
6. Provide a furniture pool
7. Assist in finding jobs
8. Help make contacts with local schools
9. Sponsor social gatherings
10. Arrange legal advice
11. Introduce to local churches
12. Help in relations with local welfare agencies

Name agencies:

13. Have a place to which resettlers can ship furniture from the Centers

Name of person in charge
Address

14. Operate a Hostel or a temporary apartment:
- Name.
- Address
- Telephone Number
- Director
- Give cost in full detail:

15. Help cash out-of-town checks
16. Use of a loan fund
17. Use of a scholarship fund

II. General Information.

1. Name of organizations of persons of Japanese ancestry working on local re-settlement with you:

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2. Sample schedule of hostel rates:

Cost of Stay per Day		
	Before finding employment	After
For: Single girl
Single boy
A couple
A family -		
Adult
Child

3. Have you any publication? If so, we suggest that it be sent to the following in the camps.

	Number of copies
1. Project Director	1
2. Relocation Division	5
3. Welfare Division	5
4. Evacuee Council	10
5. Reports Officer	2
6. Churches*	4
7. Y.M.C.A.	1
8. Y.W.C.A.	1
9. Parent-Teachers Association	2
10. Block Managers (for Mess Halls)	30
11. High School Principal	3
12. Grade School Principal	3
13. Student Relocation Counsellor	1
14. Library	1

If you send the copies of your publication in one envelope, it would be well to mark each copy with the name of the one who should get it. For Evacuee Council and Block Managers, address "Chairman". *Send at least two copies to the Buddhist Church.

Note also that Poston has 3 camps, Gila has 2 camps.

If enough copies are not available for all of the above-named, do not sacrifice the Relocation Division.

4. Please notify us of any changes that occur in the above information.

Also, please give us information as to other services available not mentioned above. We shall welcome any pertinent information.

Date.

Signature

April 28, 1945

Mr. Toru Matsumoto
Committee on Resettlement of Japanese Americans
297 Fourth Avenue
New York 10, New York

Dear Mr. Matsumoto:

I have just received your letter of April 18, enclosing a questionnaire applying to potential help for resettlers.

As you may know, the Fair Play Committee has never done any actual welfare work for the "returnees." We have tried to stir up interest and support for the people who do come back, but are strongly of the opinion that the primary problems of jobs and housing are definitely up to the War Relocation Authority.

Due to the sharp housing shortage, we do not feel that we should urge the return of any of the evacuees unless they are coming to their own homes, or until the government has provided some sort of satisfactory housing. We are pressing for that housing.

What little information we have been able to get as to available housing and employment, we have turned over the W.R.A.

I had not heard that Mr. Kawakami was supervising the hostel in San Jose. Do you have the names of the Caucasian sponsors as well? We feel that while the public attitude

Mr. Matsumoto

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is no better than it is, we should lean heavily (for public relations purposes) upon Caucasian sponsorship where available. As the San Jose hostel is probably church sponsored, can you tell me if it is staffed by Caucasian or Protestant Church Commission Japanese personnel? I shall be glad to get in touch with them.

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman
Executive Secretary

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April 19, 1945

Mrs. Dillon S. Myer
116 Great Falls Street
Falls Church, Virginia

Dear Janesse: (is that the way to spell you?)

I hope that you will excuse the typewriter, and the letterhead and everything that makes this letter look businesslike. But I simply can't seem to sit down at my desk at home long enough to get even a note down on paper.

However, I do want to thank you for the charming evening spent in Falls Church. I had never been in Virginia before, and your lovely house, and your girls and, of course, you and Dillon gave me a very special feeling "home away from home."

Thank you, again. We look forward to seeing you again in Berkeley, and I promise another lunch, at least, in our sunny patio.

Will you give my greetings to your nice girls, and pats on the heads to the other two members of the household?

And, of course, when he returns, my sincere regards to Dillon, whom I admire.

Very sincerely yours,

April 19, 1945

Mr. George Rundquist
297 Fourth Avenue
New York 10, New York

Dear George:

I was desperately sorry to miss talking with you before I left Washington. I tried all morning, Friday, to even get a long distance operator, but understandably, they were all tied up with official messages.

I have so much to talk over with you that can't be written. I suggest that you read the May "Fellowship" (F.O.R. Publication) catching Caleb Foote's "Third Evacuation." For the first time, I find myself 100% in agreement with Foote. I read the manuscript, as Sayre felt it should be checked. I regret that I concur.

Your office's letter to Galen was misdirected and did not reach him until yesterday. We hope that it will make no difference in the trend of things--you must come out to see this through.

I had two long talks with Fortas--McCloy was in Europe (I'll see him here in San Francisco) and I spent hours on housing, Justice, etc. All lead to a disquieting conviction re: the lack of realism in W.R.A. program.

When / or are you coming West?

I can't write what I'd like to talk with you about, as it is still too nebulous to dignify on paper--not to say inadvisable.

What say?

Cordially yours,

Reply 4/25/45

Fairview, Oregon
April 19, 1945

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman
465 California St.
San Francisco - 4 - Cal.

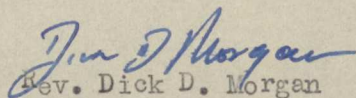
Dear Mrs. Kingman :

Just what is the Committee
on American Principles and Fair Play ? -- what
has it done, and what is it doing , and what
is its purpose.?

We of this Gresham area, near Portland
have been having some difficulties with those who
oppose the return of the Americans of Japanese
ancestry principally because of the competition
they are in the truck garden and berry growing .

We have been pretty busy .. Just now the
farmers are busy with their farm work, so not
so much is being said and done by them just now.

We would be glad to hear from you ,


Rev. Dick D. Morgan

Will you also communicate with Mrs. Mary C. Harding
of 3006 Harrison, Milwaukee - 2- Ore. who needs
help and encouragement in dealing with the same matter.

April 25, 1945

Rev. Dick D. Morgan
Fairview, Oregon

Dear Mr. Morgan:

Thank you very much for your letter of April 19. In partial reply, we are sending you some material including a Brochure explaining the purpose of the Committee. Following your suggestion, we shall send a duplicate lit to Mrs. Harding, of Milwaukee, Oregon. There is new material being prepared which will be sent out soon. If you can let us know the type and form of the most widely raised questions in your community, we will try to send you documented answers as soon as possible.

Most of the work of the Committee has centered in the dissemination of pertinent information to persons who are interested in the maintenance of the Constitutional rights of law-abiding persons of Japanese ancestry. We hope, of course, that knowledge based upon that information will lead to whatever action seems called for--whether it be public statement, support of conscientious law enforcement, or checking up on a lack of it.

We hope that any groups organizing as Fair Play Committees will take care that there is representation on the committees of education,

labor, industry and church. We have always believed that the men and women who have given the greatest leadership in other civic causes make the best leadership for our local groups--they may be drawn from any or all of the many organizations to be found in all American communities during the war period, - Bond, War Chest, Red Cross, etc.

If you should wish to effect such an organization, will you let us know? We shall be glad to send you a copy of the By-Laws of this Committee.

We are finding it a very good plan to suggest inclusion in the programs and policies of groups not desirous of working exclusively for the rights of persons of Japanese ancestry, the emphases made by the various Councils on Civic Unity. The Council in Seattle, appointed by Mayor Devon is doing fine work, and while having a broader base of concern for the problems of all minorities, it includes programming for law-abiding Japanese Americans among the others.

Miss Ann Madsen, secretary of that Council, will be glad to give you information as to that type of organization. Her address is 1404 1/2 6th Avenue, Seattle, 1, Washington.

Please let us know if we can help you.

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman
Executive Secretary

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WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY

Gila River Project
Rivers, Arizona

Reports Office

APR 19 1945

Committee on American Principles and Fair Play
465 California Street
San Francisco 4, California

Gentlemen:

Thank you for send copies of the pamphlet published by the American Council on Race Relations and the Committee on American Principles and Fair Play. The information will prove helpful and informative to those planning to return to the West Coast.

Sincerely,



L. H. Bennett
Project Director

