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Replied 11/16/43

2306 Las Lunas St.
Pasadena 8, Calif.
Nov. 1, 1943

Mr. Ruth W. Kingman, Sec'y
Pacific Coast Committee on
American Principles & Fair Play.

Dear Mr. Kingman:

As a member of the Pasadena Chapter, and one much interested in the future welfare of the evacuated Japanese, Aliens as well as American-born, I am writing you to express appreciation of the documents received some weeks ago.

They contain much valuable information to make use of in giving out authoritative facts regarding the Japanese.

I learn through Mr. W. Carr of our Pasadena Chapter, that attention was given by us to the Article in the Oct 19/43 issue of the Los Angeles Times - entitled "Hoover sees bloodshed if Japs return". Has or the Article in which Dist Atty. Fred N. Howser told a State Senate fact finding Committee that he had letters and

I quote "from these organizations informing me that their members have pledged themselves to kill every Japanese who comes to California now or after the war" -

Mr. Carr tells me that the Fair Play Committee here has communicated with Atty. Hoover concerning this statement - and also with President Roosevelt & Atty Gen't Biddle: Somebodies you have done the wrong and here reached other -

This is indeed a very serious matter to allow to be passed without notice.

When you were here in August and addressed us, I asked you if anything was being done for the loyal Aliens as well as American-born Japanese. Much is said of great importance regarding the latter, but it seems very little stress is put on the loyalty of the Aliens in our midst - many of whom have American born wives and children -

I sent the pamphlet "Japanese Americans in Hawaii" to an Alien

Japanese in the Center at Rivers - he has an American born wife and four lovely children, and at present is teaching Mathematics in 7th and 8th grade school there. May I quote a few words in his reply to receipt of the pamphlet.

In referring to the Nisei - he said "they are the citizens of this country and their parents always brought them up with the thought that this is their country, and what they are they owe to this Country." And further on he says "Not only the Nisei, the first generation Japanese, too, majority of them, are not forgetful of indebtedness to this Country for what and where they are." "I am happy to see the Committee on American Principles and Fair Play organized by such outstanding Americans doing every effort to strengthen the American traditions of American Government of democracy."

After reading expressions such as I have quoted I most earnestly wish

that the grand work you are doing will counteract the unjust criticism and hate which seems so wide spread.

And may we include the loyal Aliens as well as the American-born Japanese in our efforts.

I am enclosing a check for five (5) dollars to help a bit in the expense of this undertaking.

Sincerely yours

(Mrs. S. A.) Belle K. White.

JKW

PACIFIC COAST

Committee on American Principles and Fair Play

PASADENA CHAPTER

re: typ long (deplore pamphlet — in future, kindly check) 11/3/43.

November 1, 1943

Dear Mrs. Kingman:

Just as I finished your name, my first question I meant to ask was answered when the postman brought to the door the package of Christian Century reprints. We had been anxious for them because letters addressed to ministers of Pasadena are waiting for them. We are hoping that many ministers will carry out the plan which wec proposed to the Pastors' Union and which was accepted, to preach on the Sunday preceding Armistice Day on the dangers of racial hatred, etc. Will be sending a check later.

Mr. Carr wanted to enclose his new pamphlet but I am thinking we can not until we hear from you. He has hundredsof envelppes directed and ready. Some went out before I asked him to wait and today he has brought me all replies he has received to date in regard to them.

The American Friends Service Committee has sent in an order for 100. Mr. John C. Baker of Office of Reports, Washington, D.C. (W.R.A.) says- "You are to be complimented on the effective manner in which you have used material of many different kinds to drive home with force and vigor the principles of tolerance and equality of opportunity. We should like very much to know who produced this document and what sort of distribution is given to it."

Other favorable reports have come in. Rev. Mr. Heist of Santa Maria wants 500 copies. Japanese American Citizens League wants 2,000. I have just tried to reach you by phone with no response. Will you please wire me if you are in a position to give a favorable reply to these United We Stand pamphlets going out in the letters to ministers tomorrow. You can call me by phone at my home (charges reversed)if I do not get you, up to 9:45 Tuesday morning, or at Y.W.C.A. between 10:30 and 11:30.

My number Sycamore 3,3915
Y.W.C.A. " 3,5171

Mr. Carr and his committee believe they have done a telling piece of work. May we have your decision as soon as possible?

Hastily,

Maynard F. Thayer

we have had no authority.

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PACIFIC COAST

Committee on American Principles and Fair Play

Headquarters: Room 203, 465 California Street, San Francisco

November 1, 1943

My dear Mrs. Kingman:

After giving the matter of continuing the duties of Executive Secretary the deepest consideration, I have regretfully reached the decision, because of demands on my time of a personal nature and other responsibilities, that I must let stand my statement to you of resignation effective as of November 1st. There are many reasons, all personal, which prompt this action.

My deep sympathy for the cause of the Committee and my desire to contribute in furthering it, led me into what has proved a very time consuming and formidable task, which had I realized at the time would have precluded my original acceptance.

It is impossible for me to give to it the time which I have in the past and were I to spend less time on it my feeling is that I would not be able to show a sufficient accomplishment to warrant receiving the remuneration as Executive Secretary, nor would the work progress as I would like to see it.

You may be assured of my continued interest in the committee and my willingness to assist in any manner which might be desired by you until my successor is appointed, and also any time thereafter.

It is one of those decisions which has been dictated by circumstances and one which has been very hard for me to make.

As will be noted by the enclosed accounting sheet there is sufficient money on hand to cover any possible expense in connection with any meeting which you might care to have me arrange, or I shall remit the balance to you, as you prefer. Should there be any interviews you might care to have me attend to I shall be happy so to do and this statement is prompted by a sincere desire to be of assistance when and where I can, such to be my contribution to a cause about which I feel so deeply.

Sincerely,

Arthur W. Ferguson

"... Americanism is not, and never was, a matter of race or ancestry."—*Franklin D. Roosevelt, February 1, 1943*

FRESNO STATE COLLEGE
Fresno, California

November 2, 1943

Dr. Monroe E. Deutsch
Vice-President and Provost
University of California
Berkeley 4, California

Dear Dr. Deutsch:

Please feel free to give Mr. Rowe's letter to Mrs. Kingman or to anyone else. Its circulation should remind all of us of the distance yet to be traveled in the way of general enlightenment.

Tom Bodine wonders what we think of an idea that popped into his head. It concerned the possibility as well as the advisability of selecting an advanced and superior student of medicine who has been unable to gain admission to another medical school and to endeavor to arrange for his return to the West Coast school of medicine in which he had been enrolled before evacuation. Tom cited a medical student as an example but another line of equally essential work would serve as well. That group of students, far advanced in scientific studies, is the one which apparently is finding the greatest difficulty in completing work. I am telling Tom that it might be an interesting experiment and suggesting that he look for a woman student, one who stood high in the esteem of her instructors, who has close relatives in the army and who would not find the problem of living accommodations too difficult. The line of study would, of course, have to be one in which we sorely needed well-trained persons. Mrs. Kingman may have suggestions or comments on Tom's idea and I hope to see her in Berkeley within a few weeks.

Very cordially yours,

(Signed) MARGARET COSGRAVE
Registrar

MC:jmd

Copy for Mrs. Kingman

MRS. ARTHUR PIERCE FERGUSON • 2266 HIDALGO AVENUE • LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

Nov
~~October~~ 3, 1943

My dear Mrs. Kingman:

I called Dr. Farnum this a.m. to determine on which date Dr. Fisher would be free for another meeting. He was hesitant and said he did not know what later bookings he might have for him but suggested that while there would be a Friday night meeting that would be the most likely one on which he could absent himself, and gave me the evening of Friday, November 12th.

However, I called on Mr. McCandless this afternoon and he said the Friday evening meeting he felt was a very important one and many of those whose names Dr. Fisher had suggested to meet to discuss American Principles and Fair Play matters would undoubtedly be present either at the afternoon or evening meetings of the Church Conference scheduled for that date. He suggested that Dr. Fisher meet with this group following the Church Conference meeting, and wrote a letter to Dr. Fisher to that effect, a copy of which I suggested be sent to you, airmail, special.

Dr. Bird, Bishop Baker, Dr. Muelder, Mr. McCandless, Dr. Farnum and doubtless others with whom Dr. Fisher may wish to meet on American Principle matters will all be at the Church Conference, and should a meeting be planned at another place, they probably would not be able to attend, so I thought Mr. McCandless's suggestion a good one. Until I hear further from you I would think it unwise to do anything further on the meeting.

I talked with Mr. MacNair before I talked with Mr. McCandless and told him of the contemplated meeting of the 12th, but he is the only one with whom I have talked about it.

I talked with John R. Richards, and he definitely is willing to go on the Executive Committee assuming that David Faries, Homer Crotty and a sufficient number of men of such stature came on to make it really a strong board (he did not say it in these words but the meaning is the same). He is too good a man to lose and I would suggest that if he cannot be worked in on the Los Angeles Committee that you write him from the San Francisco and suggest that his name go on your Advisory Board, for he made the statement he would be willing to be on your Advisory Board.

I would suggest that when Dr. Fisher comes to Los Angeles that he endeavor to get definite committments from the Educational and Church groups and that either Dr. Sproul or Mr. Ruddock get together the civic and business groups. Either one of the two could have a luncheon or meeting with five or six men whose names would mean something on the committee and get their consent to serve on the Executive Committee in five minutes.

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After Dr. Fisher has had his meeting and Mr. Ruddock or Dr. Sproul has met with a group of business men - then it would be well to have a meeting (after having first set up the Executive Committee), and then go on from there.

When talking with Dr. Farnum I asked him if he would be willing to serve as a Vice Chairman and to this he consented.

Mr. Ruddock should be able to get without any effort

Mr. J. R. Pinkham, Pinkham Holdings Co.,
957 Roosevelt Bldg.

Garner A. Beckett, Riverside Cement Co.
621 So. Hope St.,

A. J. Gock, Bank of America,
660 So. Spring St.

Preston Hotchkiss, Attorney
621 So. Hope St.

Harry J. Bauer,
So. Calif. Edison Co.,

James Shelton, V.P. Security National Bank with whom I have already talked would consent I am sure to come on if approached by Mr. Ruddock.

David Faries, with whom I have also talked could be secured by Dr. Sproul.

I would suggest that you write to Dr. Leonard Bloom, Sociology, UCLA. I think his interest should not be lost to this committee.

The Dr. Muelder to whom Dr. Fisher will want to write is Dr. Walter G. Muelder, University of Southern California.

I am enclosing a letter from Mrs. Mellinkoff which I received yesterday.

Hastily,

Clito W Ferguson

The address of John R. Richards is 621 South Spring St., L.A.

Ans by F's

November 3, 1943

Dr. Galen M. Fisher
223 Telegraph Avenue
Berkeley, California.

Dear Galen:

Mrs. Ferguson has been discussing with me the possibility of securing a meeting of a Los Angeles group which would further the work already done in respect to the Fair Play Committee. While Dr. Farnham told her that Friday evening, November 12, was clear, we now discover that there is a mass meeting scheduled at First Baptist Church in conclusion of the sessions of the Mission on World Order held earlier in the day.

My suggestion to Mrs. Ferguson is that it might be better, instead of trying to hold an entirely separate committee meeting, to hold the meeting for a brief period following either the afternoon session or the evening mass meeting.

In either case it would seem that it might be desirable for a letter from you to go to the prospective committee members asking them to be sure to attend either the afternoon meeting or the evening meeting and to hold themselves in readiness for a brief conference afterward. The meetings are being held in the First Baptist Church, 8th and Westmoreland Streets.

If this plan commends itself to you, our suggestion is that you yourself send the letters of invitation from Berkeley for whichever session seems best to you. Otherwise if you think some other arrangement is better you will undoubtedly get in touch with Mrs. Ferguson about it.

Cordially yours,

James W. McCandless.

JWM:G

CC: Mrs. Ferguson.
Will you please see that the letter addressed to Dr. Fisher reaches him as promptly as possible.

replied
11/8/43

Fowler, California
November 3, 1943

Dear Mrs. Kingman

I cannot tell you how I appreciate your telephone call – the interest and helpfulness it showed. Also I am most grateful to have been saved from two wrong statements.

So far we have no idea how our discussion at the club was received – and shall have until reactions seep back to us. At the last moment the program committee, which had asked us to make the talk, got cold feet and ruled out any questions afterwards – making it impossible for us to judge attitudes and also making it unnecessary for us to have prepared ourselves on hundreds (little exaggeration) of points which we could not include in the talk itself – so far as this talk is concerned. Just for myself, I cannot know too much about all of this.

I enclose three dollars, which I hope will cover the cost of your telephone call plus fifty cents I owe for copies of Galen

OK AM

Fisher's reprints, plus a lot left over for a call to some one else.

I am sending back Pehle's letter, of which I made a copy, plus the copy of the general license. Am I also supposed to send back executive orders 8998, 8963, 8832, 8389, and 9095? I have seemingly misplaced Miss Gefferd's letter detailing what I was supposed to return — I shall be glad to send back these executive orders if you have no copies; I am not likely to have further use for them.

Thank you again for your help.

Sincerely

Alice Hoier

November 3, 1943

Dr. Monroe E. Deutsch
Administration Building
University of California
Berkeley, Calif.

Dear Dr. Deutsch:

Dr. Babcock came into the office last week, greatly concerned with the poor diet of the people at Manzanar. I suggested that a letter to Dillon Myer would not be out of order, portions of which we might use in answering Costello, etc. If we could indicate (not necessarily by his professional signature) his position as a geneticist, it would be helpful, but of course we do not wish to jeopardize his position.

What is your feeling on the matter?

Cordially,

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
BERKELEY, CALIFORNIA

November 5, 1943

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

Dear Friend:

With the permission of Margaret Cosgrave I am sending you herewith a photostatic copy of the letter of Mr. Rowe, Superintendent of Schools in Madera County, to which I referred.

I am also sending you a copy of Miss Cosgrave's letter because of the proposal in the second paragraph. As an actual fact there is a young American Japanese named Masamichi Suzuki who is within a year from his degree at the University of California Medical School and has had an excellent record. If you should be interested in this case, I could give you more information about it.

I suppose that the procedure would be to take up such a case with General Emmons; however, he might feel that this is in violation of his assurance that the Japanese and American-Japanese would not be permitted to return to the Coast at this time.

Cordially,

Monroe E. Deutsch

Monroe E. Deutsch
Vice-President and Provost

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Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman,
2234 Telegraph Ave.,
Berkeley, Calif.

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275 Robincroft Dr.
Pasadena, 3, Calif.
Nov. 3, 1943

Dear Mrs. Kingman.

I am sending you the names of two prospective new members for the American Principles & Fair Play Com. I know you will get in touch with them –

Miss Dorothy Seymour
1040 Bush Street
San Francisco, Calif.
and
Miss Donna May Lewis
2414 Telegraph Ave.,
Berkeley, Calif.

Thank you for recent material which is fine.

Yours sincerely,
Helen Couch

RWK reply 11/10/43

PACIFIC COAST

Committee on American Principles and Fair Play

Headquarters: Room 203, 465 California Street, San Francisco

HEADQUARTERS
NORTHWEST AREA: 2712 10th Ave No.
Seattle 2, Wash.

November 5, 1943.

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

Dear Mrs. Kingman:

Herewith my vouchers for the traveling expense showing $64.43, plus $6.55 for the return pullman fare. From this should be deducted the $7.50 Traveller's Ins., as I presume this would be a personal item. This makes the total amount $63.48.

There is also an item of $5.00 for postage stamps.

Regarding the reprints of Mr. Fishers article, I have been re-reading it and feel that I have a much better appreciation of it now. It seems to me that I should have 200 for the present. You sent a circular letter giving prices on this pamphlet. Does that mean that this office is charged with them; or is it the cost to organizations who wish them for distribution to their members?

I find a letter waiting here from Harry R. Sheppard, with copy of H.R. 2701 attached. Since this specifically refers to those people who express "loyalty to a foreign state" it would seem to definitely exclude the greater number of the Nisei. Would it be in order for me to write him again (on my own stationery, perhaps) assuming that by the terms of this bill, he is friendly to those who declare loyalty to this country - regardlessof the shade of the skin. Or would it be better merely to let it rest with him, but to use the terms of this bill in writing to our Washington Congressmen. I am thinking over a letter to write to them, but will send you a draft of it first.

Last night Dean McLean telephoned me, and Dillon Myer also talked with me. The P-I here is publishing the same stuff as you find in the Examiner; while the Times gave Mr. Myers' own account of the affair in full.

The cough I had has developed to the place where I can hardly talk without strangling. As soon as I get it subdued will see people.

Yours very sincerely,

Clara M. Siegley

Mrs. Clara M. Siegley

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PACIFIC COAST

Committee on American Principles and Fair Play

Headquarters: Room 203, 465 California Street, San Francisco

November 6, 1943

My dear Mrs. Kingman:

I talked with Dr. Munro Friday and he very graciously offered to talk with Mr. Crotty, at a very early date, in an endeavor to get him to Chairman the Los Angeles Committee.

I told him that Dr. Deutsch had written to Mr. Crotty explaining why he thought it would not be necessary to incorporate, (as Mr. Crotty had originally requested). However, Dr. Munro felt that as the committee became more and more influential it would in all probability become a target for the opposition and that by incorporating it would relieve any individual of the committee from feeling that they would ~~not~~ be liable for any potential liability. However, I told him I would write you of ~~your~~ his expressions and that he would no doubt hear from you shortly regarding this.

Dr. Munro seems to feel that if Mr. Crotty takes the Chairmanship that he, Mr. Crotty, would be able to add to the committee many able men, although he felt we had already secured some very fine names. He thinks John R. Richards a fine addition, and felt very enthusiastic over the possibility that Dr. Coons may be the Executive Chairman.

I see where Engle has let loose in the Hearst papers again about control of all relocation camps by the military. Each day's developments points more strongly to the very urgent need for the functioning of an American Principles Committee here in the South. I am sorry Mr. Cozzins had to cancel his speaking engagements here at this time for the Tule situation makes it so necessary that people have the true information to counteract all the misinformation being circulated.

You will probably want to write to Dr. Munro immediately. He has been so very cooperative and has a real interest in the work of the committee. I feel that if Mr. Crotty can be secured for Chairman the Committee will shape up nicely and can soon start functioning.

My very best wishes to you.

Sincerely,

Arthur Cushman McGiffert

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AMERICAN FRIENDS SERVICE COMMITTEE

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA BRANCH

1830 SUTTER STREET • SAN FRANCISCO • WEST 7873

November 8, 1943

Mrs. Ruth Kingman
Room 263
465 California Street
San Francisco, California

Dear Mrs. Kingman:

Thank you for your letter of November 6th and for various packages of literature which have arrived and which I have read with great interest and appreciation.

I have sent out some of the extra copies to people who have asked for material refuting the general hysteria of the present time. I am so glad there is an organization that gathers together the true facts and makes them available for us to slip them in wherever an opportunity occurs. One only wishes such openings were more frequent.

Will you put Mrs. Gantvorrt (I don't know her first name) in Los Altos on your mailing list. I think she would like to join the committee and might contribute to its work.

Sincerely yours,

Josephine W. Duveneck

Josephine W. Duveneck
Associate Secretary

JWD: gh

November 8, 1943

Mrs. E. E. Siegley
2712 10th North
Seattle 5, Washington

Dear Mrs. Siegley:

Enclosed you will find an index of the releases that have been sent out from this office. In addition to those on the list, we have distributed our own 4 page pamphlet, and are selling copies of the reprint of Mr. Fisher's articles in the Christian Century. The list also does not include the material distributed by the Branches (e.g. the Harper's reprint sent out by the Pasadena Committee Branch).

Everything mentioned on the list, has been sent to each paid member of the Committee(Set #3 will be mailed in the next 2 weeks).

We have extra duplicates of many of these releases, and will be happy to supply you with extra copies as you find use for them. In the future, then, you will be able to refer to the desired material by letter and number. I will keep you informed of similar Sets (properly indexed) as they are sent out. (You may refer to our own 4 page release as "A").

Sincerely,

Secretary

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GIBSON, DUNN & CRUTCHER
Lawyers
634 South Spring Street
Los Angeles 14, California

November 9, 1943

Dr. Monroe E. Deutsch
University of California
Berkeley, California

My dear Dr. Deutsch:

I have your letter of November 5, 1943, relating to the Pacific Coast Committee on American Principles and Fair Play. I want to say at the outset that I am thoroughly in sympathy with the objects of the Committee.

As a matter of principle, since I was duly burned by Grand Opera, I have decided not to go on any committee which involves the handling of funds raised by public subscription or for charities unless the committee or organization has been incorporated.

I believe that these various organizations should be coordinated with all organizations combating race prejudice throughout the country. It is most discouraging to see the growth of this race prejudice in this area. I am one of the directors of the Southern California Council of Inter-American Affairs and hence have heard something about Latin-American difficulties here.

Little Tokyo, which was a Japanese city in the middle of Los Angeles, was vacated by the Japanese early last year. At the present time a good part of the vacant buildings and nearly all of the rooming houses have been taken over by the colored people who have come in from the south in such large numbers during this year. The situation is certainly going to be fraught with no end of mischief when the Japanese return.

You seem to imply that the work of the committee will be terminated, with its objects accomplished, at an early date. I wish wholeheartedly that this may be true.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely yours,

(signed) Homer D. Crotty

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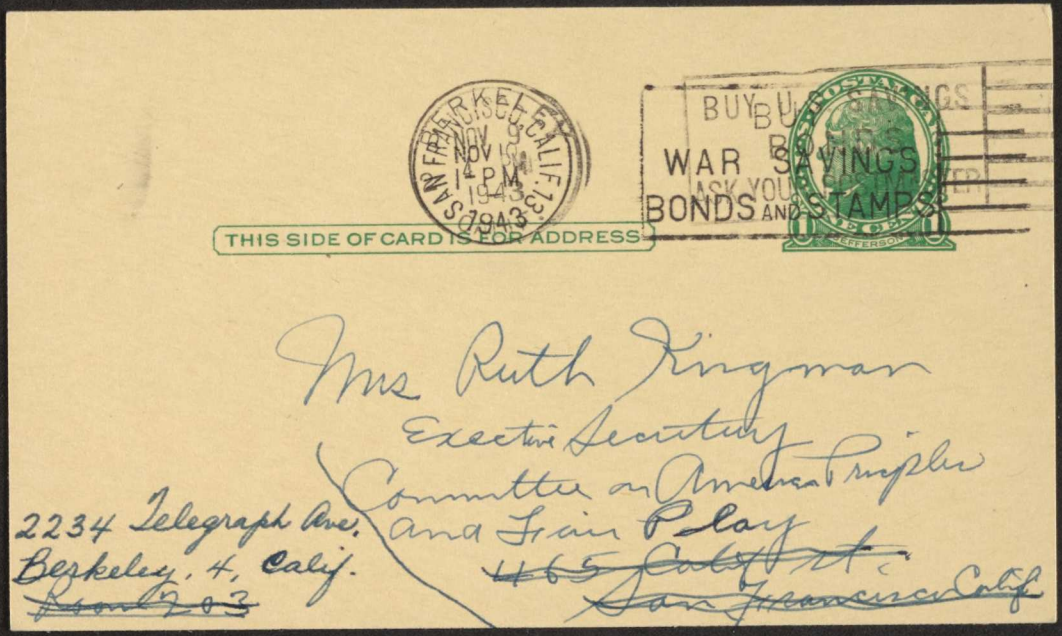
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670 San Luis Rd.
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Dear Friend —

Your letter of 11-1-43 with timely message enclosed is very heartening. The other documents were also duly received & partially read. This should help correct some of the editorials in The S.F. Chronicle.

Cordially Will James

November 9, 1943

Mrs. Maynard F. Thayer
466 East California St.
Pasadena 5, Calif.

Dear Mrs. Thayer:

I certainly hope that I didn't sound too "unbending" about that pamphlet--I am sure that you and I are in complete agreement, but I had to make some statements which expressed the feeling of our group. Galen Fisher is to be in Los Angeles this coming week, and I hope will talk with you and Mr. Carr and a few others, hoping to get this policy thing straightened out. I feel sure that no one wants the adoption of sharp, regulatory rules, and such most certainly won't be necessary.

Dr. McGiffert has just turned over his entire file to me--letters received in my absence,--and I fail to locate an any questions we haven't covered, with one possible exception.

This had to do with you inquiry as to where the question arose as to the "rumor" of letters circulating. This must be Mr. Ruddocks' question in letters sent out as individuals, who of course have a perfect right to write whatever they wish--we were able to assure him that no unwise letters have gone out from any of our offices, and so the misunderstanding seems to have cleared up.

This Tulelake thing is distressing, but not unexpected. I It is unfortunate that WRA has to come in for such virulent attack.

What do you think of the telegram we sent out? I thought it a good idea to let our membership know that we had made such a move.

I certainly hope that you can see Galen Fisher. I shall ask him to phone you on Thursday, 11th or 12th 12th

Incidentally, now that Mrs. Ferguson cannot carry on further, have you any suggestions for a possible successor?

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman

November 9, 1943

Mr. Harry S. Scott
465 California St.
San Francisco, Calif.

Dear Mr. Scott:

Mr. Galen Fisher has authorized the payment of this to Mrs. E.L. Siegley of Seattle, after subtracting $7.50 (insurance), making the total of $63.48.

In addition to this, is the $5.00 for stamps, to be replaced in her petty cash.

Sincerely,

Secretary

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November 10, 1943

Mrs. E. E. Siegley
2712 10th Ave. No.
Seattle 2, Washington

Dear Mrs. Siegley:

I am sorry that your cold is so bad. Here's hoping that it is much better by this time.

I am sending your travel voucher to Mr. Scott, this morning. The check will be sent to you immediately.

As the cost of the Fisher reprints is such that we cannot send them free, even to our members, we shall send you 200 copies, and bill them at the usual rate. It will be up to the Seattle office to collect as they are distributed, or carry the cost up there.

Concerning the Sheppard Bill, I am not sufficiently familiar with it to give you any help. I suggest that you ask one of your lawyer members as to his opinion, then use the Committee stationery to express the opinion after conferring with 2 or 3 other members. I always follow that procedure on legal or legislative matters.

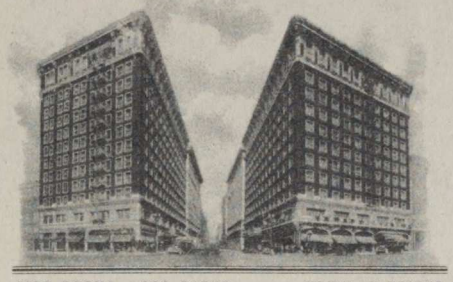
It will certainly be a good thing when Dillon Myer makes some kind of a statement in this Tulelake mess, I am writing him today, urging him to do so. Official emphasis should be laid upon the nature of Tulelake, the segregation center, in relation to relocation centers. It looks as though W.R.A. will continue to have Washington support. Even Hearst is worried about that!

As soon as anything breaks in that direction, if I get it ahead of the general public, I shall let you know.

Cordially,

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman

RWK:mj



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Nov. 11/43

My dear Ruth — Have seen Dr. Munro & Mrs. Ferguson & the problem of an Exec. Secy & Chairman is still to be solved. Will hope for more light after tomorrow's consultation.

I'm due in Sacramento on Tues. Nov. 16 & might give a push to Fair Play there between afternoon & evening sessions, as I did at Pasadena. If you think so, set it up, subject to feasibility & approval by the program chairman for Sacto. Rev. Alfred Tonness, YMCA Secy. I'll be home late Sat. ~~Nov~~ eve.

Carr at Pasadena thinks of starting a friendly parallel committee to reach the masses & fight fire (Lechner) with fire. He says Lechner went to Wash'n with 100,000 sigs — to a petition calling for the anti-Jap. proposals he has been pushing, & will try to get Myer fired, etc.

Sincerely
G. McNiche

Spoke 3 times yesterday & sighed for the desert

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Mrs Ruth H. Kingman
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Nov 13th.

MRS. MAYNARD FORCE THAYER 466 E. CALIFORNIA STREET PASADENA CALIF.

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Dear Mrs Hungman:

It was fine to have even a brief visit with Mr Fisher last Wednesday. Many ministers followed our request to preach on some phase of Japanese question last Sunday. We heard that Dr Albert E. Day (1st Ch. E) gave a fine sermon which is being printed and sold at .05 each. Mr Fisher asked me to get 200 for him and I can have them next Tuesday and will ship to your office. He will tell you how he wishes them used.

Hastily,
Maynard F. Thayer.

OK Amy
11/22/43

355 No El Molino
Pasadena, Calif.
November 15, 1943

My dear Ruth—

Saturday I had lunch with an old Mills friend of mine who has lived most of her life in the Hawaiian (too many a's) Islands. Her husband is a lawyer there and I think they are kindof eminent. They were there on December 7th, and I gathered that the husband had quite a voice in the handling of the Japanese question there. Among other things she said that they were

for transportation back to Honolulu. I don't know Mr Wild, except by reputation, but it might be an interesting and/or fruitful contact (how I hate that word)

I'm still hoping that you can go with me to Poston - train comes right to Parker for your trip back.

PK 11/18/43 OK

I'm enclosing a dollar for twelve more of the Galen Fisher pamphlets. Have already sent out twenty-five. If I keep this up I will be passing out stuff on the corners

surprised that W. R. A (or whoever was responsible) put the ones they had certified as bad right in with our evacuees of all sorts. Also that that group was the one behind much of the fuss at Tule Lake.

I've sent her a copy of the Galen Fisher articles and said I thought you might be interested in their views - gave your address & number etc. If you want to follow it up, her name is Mrs U. E Wild and she and her husband and family are at the Clift Hotel, waiting

next!

It was fun to see you and Eleanor.

Did I tell you that I am to take the books to Poston & present them there?

Best –

Afton Nance

November 16, 1943

Mr. Harry S. Scott
465 California St.
San Francisco, Calif.

Dear Mr. Scott:

Below is the expense account for Mrs. Kingman for her trip to Washington D.C. during the months of September and October. Will you please make a check out for the balance due to Mrs. Kingman.

Meals en route from San Francisco to New York	$ 12.10
Tips (for above)	3.35
Meals in Washington (3 weeks)	63.00
Transportation in Washington	21.00
Meals on return trip from Washington via St. Louis, Camp Shelby to New Orleans, (2 days in St. Louis)	10.55
Meals on return trip from New Orleans, to San Francisco, via Los Angeles (2 day stopover)	12.05
Tips from Washington to San Francisco	5.00
Hotel in Washington, D.C.	64.50
	191.55
Forwarded by Committee September 16.	100.00
BALANCE DUE	91.55

Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

Secretary

mj

reply RWK 11/24/43

PACIFIC COAST
Committee on American Principles and Fair Play
PASADENA CHAPTER

November 17, 1943

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

Dear Mrs. Kingman:

No, you did not sound too "unbending" about the pamphlet. I was in a very embarrassing position myself. They went out and I trust did no harm. Anyway Mr. Carr has had a good many orders even from clergymen. I am quite sure we shall not get into such a situation again.

Your letter was delayed but I did write Mr. Fisher as soon as I saw his name on the program. Our time with him was on such short notice that only Mr. Carr and I got there and in some ways that was good for it gave an opportunity for frank conversation. You may already know that Mr. Carr asked if there would be any feeling if he and some others organized a small group to really go out on more of a crusade and speak more the language of the opponents, not in any sense of opposition to this committee but so as to have more freedom. It was the first I had heard that suggestion but I know that he says he always feels hampered. Mr. Fisher said he would speak of that to the Pacific Coast Committee.

Mr. Carr is a great worker as you know although he says he is not going to have nearly as much time. He is also a very sweet natured person. However your general committee does not make suggestions of things to do which would keep people like him busy. In fact we all feel at a loss to know just what we should be doing. He and Gale Seaman have both said to me "What is the next project we take up".

It is unfortunate that the W.R.A. did not accept your committee suggestion to segregate at once the troublemakers at Tule Lake, which after the Manzanar experience I can not understand. The resulting publicity hurts the whole cause very much.

I am very glad you sent copies of the telegram. It is well to keep the members informed of your activities. It was a constructive thing to do also.

It was news to me when Mr. Fisher told us Mrs. Ferguson could not continue and I am indeed sorry, especially since the Los Angeles group has not yet been organized. I wish she could remain until that is accomplished. I have not talked with her since you were here. I wonder whether her

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decision is necessary or she is discouraged. I thought she was going to be very helpful. I only hope that Mr. Fishery was able to line up a chairman while he was here.

At your request, probably, Mr. Cozzens sent me some data about himself. I will keep it hoping he may come later. I think it was better not to have such a meeting anyway while Tule Lake was uppermost in the press.

We are to have an executive committee meeting tomorrow evening and I wish I had some suggestions of things to do next.

Yesterday I sent the copies of Dr. Day's speech which Mr. Fisher requested. I had not seen a copy myself until then. It is fine in many ways but perhaps would have done more good if some of the statements had been a little more temperate. I hear there was some criticism voiced after the service. On the whole we had a good response to our request to the ministers to speak on this subject on Armistice Sunday.

At present I can think of no successor for Mrs. Ferguson. I should think the provisional committee there could work on it. Mrs. Heineman might have helpful suggestions. Some one on that committee wondered why Mrs. Ferguson had not called them together.

I am enclosing statements.

Sincerely yours,

Maynard F. Thayer

November 17, 1943

Dr. Monroe E. Deutsch
Administration Building
University of California
Berkeley, Calif.

Dear Dr. Deutsch:

Thank you very much for the photostatic copy of the letter from the Superintendent of Schools of Madera County. In talking with Mr. Galen Fisher about it, he reported having conculted with Mrs. Irene Heineman, Assistant State Superintendent of Shcools, who was quite incensed about the letter.

She felt that probably no legal steps could be taken in the matter, but promised immediate pressure from Dr. Dexter, who has a real abhorrence of that sort of thing, on Mr. Rowe. Mrs. Heineman is confident that Dr. Dexter's move will be effective,

As to the possibility of an approach to General Emmons in behlaf of some Japanese student whose graduate work might be resumed in California, may I suggest that it might be well for met to talk over the possibility with Mr. Myer (I can always phone from the W.R.A. office in San Francisco) as he is more completely up to date with the attitude of the War Department, where such decisions are made.

I expect to speak to him, some time within the week, and shall bring up the subject at that time.

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman

RWK:mj

MRS. MARY FARQUHARSON
2126 EAST FORTY-SEVENTH ST.
SEATTLE, WASH.

Replied

November 19, 1943

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

Dear Ruth:

I was out of town when your letter of November 10 arrived - hence the delay in replying.

Your impression of Mrs. Siegley of course does not surprise me too much, although the degree of impression is disturbing! Of course both Bob and I realised that she has definte weaknesses. To be frank, since she has been on the job I have come to realize that she has more weaknesses than we were aware of earlier.

I think in some respects Seattle is unique as far as difficulties are concerned in getting the right sort of person for this job. Everyone with whom I have spoken agrees that to a very marked degree - much more so than any part of California that I know of, or in Portland - people are either in a very conservative group (as far as public opinion is concerned) or they are in a very liberal group. In other words, the kind of person who is well-known in the community with considerable prestige and standing, and at the same time is somewhat aggressive in his willingness to defend civil liberties, etc., just is very difficult to find. Mrs. Siegley, I am well aware, just doesn't know the score at all as far as labor is concerned, or as far as a good many other things are concerned. But, realizing her limitations, Bob and I argued somewhat as follows: that section of our population which is influenced by the Communist Party (not as large as it once was, but still not negligible) won't be interested in this Committee under any conditions. The Party line, at the moment, is agin the Japs! The generally liberal group as far as civil liberties are concerned - such people as contributed to the Gordon Hirabayashi Committee, etc., will support this sort of thing no matter who is the secretary or what persons compose the boards. The group we really need to work on, we felt, is the conservative group, and we thought that Mrs. Siegley could reach that group.

Mrs. Mosiman's influence was perhaps as strong as anyone's in helping us to decide that Mrs. Siegley could do the job. Again, quite frankly, I have been somewhat disappointed in Mrs. Mosiman, at least as far as being willing to go to bat when the issue affects the medical profession. (On a separate sheet I am giving you the facts about this case with the hope that perhaps you can suggest some way of helping the situation.) I discussed your letter with Bob, and as the matter stands at the moment, he is going to see Henry Elliott and try to find out from him whether he thinks Mrs. Siegley is as good a person as we can get, or whether he has any other suggestion. Henry Elliott appointed her (Mrs. Siegley) secretary to the Municipal Rent Committee when he was chairman

of it. Because of both Bob's and my awareness of Mrs. Siegley's limitations we discussed with Mrs. Mosiman the belief that it would be better for Mrs. Siegley to be asked to serve for only a limited time - perhaps six months - so that a change could be made if it was felt to be advisable. Mrs. Mosiman felt very strongly that this arrangement should be made, because she is not unaware of the kind of persons that Mrs. Siegley could not approach.

Because I am busy about so many different things - in and out of town, etc. - I have not been in close contact with what the developments in the Committee have been. Around the edges I have been somewhat disturbed because I have not heard anything about it, and have wondered what was going on, if anything. Of course I realized that Mrs. Siegley had gone to California, and also knew that Mrs. Mosiman has been in the East. Because of my very deep concern about the issues involved it is a little difficult for me to keep my hands off of the organizational end of it, but I realize that that is not my function. Both Bob's and my relationship to the organization is a little nebulous. The organization details have not been too clear in my mind - whether or not general memberships should be solicited, or whether the executive board and the advisory board should be worked on exclusively.

Mrs. Siegley's point of view regarding Anna Boettiger is of course silly, but on the other hand, I think I can understand why she has it, better than an outsider could. It goes back to this thing that I said in the beginning about the kind of a difficult place that Seattle is to work in. When the Boettigers first arrived the Commonwealth Federation - completely dominated by the real Communist Party, but working through the Democratic Party - was a very powerful factor in local politics. The Boettigers did not know the score at all and were unwise enough not to try to find out. They aligned themselves openly with Howard Costigan and a group which were very much feared by the large percentage of people in Seattle, and as a result many leaders of women's groups as well as other middle class people are very suspicious of Anna B. Incidentally, the Boettigers came to realize their mistake, and Anna has admitted as much to me. Of course I agree that as far as this committee is concerned Anna Boettiger would be a tremendous help. However, judging from the daily doses of poison which come out through the pages of the P.I., as well as from reports I have had from friends who should know, she has very little voice in the policy of the paper now. It seems to have gone all out for Hearst once more.

I am afraid, as you can see, that I cannot do too much to assure you that you are needlessly alarmed! I do think that Henry Elliott's judgment will be good. As soon as I have a report from him I shall get in touch with you again. I am extremely eager that the organization really get going here, and if we can find a much better person to be the secretary, certainly a change can be made.

Cordially yours,

Mary Farquharson

Mary Farquharson

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Committee on American Principles and Fair Play

Headquarters: Room 203, 465 California Street, San Francisco

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November 23, 1943

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman
2207 Union Street
Berkeley, California

Dear Friend:

You will find enclosed copies of two letters which have come to me in reply to mine. One is from Homer D. Crotty and the other from Gurney E. Newlin.

I am sorry that I have not been more successful. At any rate, the interesting thing is that both of these persons indicate they are in full agreement and sympathy with our policies. I should think that they might be put on the mailing list for literature. If at any time the organization is incorporated, it would seem that Mr. Crotty would join.

Cordially,

Monroe E. Deutsch

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Enclosures

"... Americanism is not, and never was, a matter of race or ancestry."—*Franklin D. Roosevelt, February 1, 1943*

PACIFIC COAST
Committee on American Principles and Fair Play
PASADENA CHAPTER

466 E. California St.
Pasadena, 5, Calif.
November 23, 1943.

Dear Mrs Kingman:

Our Committee voted to send Dr Day's sermon to the 300 Methodist ministers of Southern California believing that since he is an outstanding Methodist, his words would carry weight with them. We are suggesting that others may care to preach on the same topic.

Unfortunately we can get only 200 copies as Dr Day decided they would not have an extra 1000 done, since his following sermon is now in print. They will go out early next week. I think I shall suggest that for any further information, they may communicate with you. That may help you to find interested people in other places.

Had a long talk with Mrs Ferguson today. I believe that what you need is for one of your interested men to come down, get a Chairman and have a full time Secretary to get things under way. Later part time might do. Los Angeles needs to begin work!!

Mr Carr is getting many orders from ministers and all kinds of people.

Sincerely -
Maynard F. Thayer.

PACIFIC COAST

Committee on American Principles and Fair Play

Headquarters: Room 203, 465 California Street, San Francisco

Headquarters N.W. Area: 2712 10th Ave No., Seattle 2.

November 23, 1943

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Mr. Galen Fisher,
Rm 311, 260 California St.,
San Francisco, California.

Dear Mr. Fisher:

Since returning to Seattle I have been very busy, altho there is still not much to show in the way of accomplishment. However, I feel that considerable has been done in groundwork, but the Tule Lake business has caused the people we want to interest to feel that it is better to wait until things have cooled off before letting their names appear.

You will remember that I suggested that you get in touch with Mrs. Lena Latham Goble, whose address is 641½ So Detroit, Los Angeles.

Mrs. Goble is Pacific Coast Director for The Delphian Society, and in that capacity speaks before many women's organizations up and down the Coast, and has a considerable following and influence. Also, she is, in my opinion, about the most brilliant woman speaker I have ever heard.

I think if your approach to her could be thru the Institute of Pacific Relations you would interest her; and then use your own judgment as to the proper method and time to invite her interest in the Committee of Fair Play.

It was a real benefit to me to be able to confer with you and before long I will be asking specific help and suggestions.

Yours very sincerely,

Clara M. Singley
Executive Secretary
Northwest Area

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TELEGRAM November 24, 1943

Mrs. Arthur P. Ferguson
2266 Hidalgo
Los Angeles, Calif.

Lundberg can meet with Los Angeles Committee December 3, 4:30 p.m. Can you check with 3 or 4 reserve Biltmore Room and reply immediately. I will then notify all you have suggested to date.

Ruth W. Kingman

November 24, 1943

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

Dear Mrs. Thayer:

I was glad to get your letter, verifying Galen Fisher's impression of Mr. Carr's feeling on a parallel group in Pasadena which might put out material more specifically written for a public our Committee does not attempt to reach. We are asking Dr. McGiffert to write to him about it, and feel that he will straighten things out in a fine friendly fashion. Mr. Carr is such a thoroughly "swell" person, that nothing must be permitted to strain our personal relations with him. I'm sure that Dr. McGiffert will be tactful.

By next week, the O.W.I. release of the official statement on Tulelake should be here in sufficient numbers that each of our members will have a copy, immediately.

From time to time it has been suggested that specific concrete projects for the local committees would be welcome. I can understand this, but is should be noted that the Committee is not so much a "project group" as it is a membership group which membership makes possible certain over all, policy influencing emphases. It is sometimes difficult to explain this, in the light of the controversy surrounding our area of interest.

I've just wired you regarding the Times questionnaire. I do hope that you can get an excellent response, as it is rather obvious that the Times does not expect our people to do much about it. I have wired to Santa Barbara, Palos Verdes, and to Dr. Farnum in Los Angeles, and to Mr. Carr, making the same suggestion to them. I hope that Mr. Carr will put all of his good, enthusiastic people to work on this, for I think that we can "fool 'em" in a large way.

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman

RWK:mj

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355 No El Molino
Pasadena, Calif.
November 25, 1943

My dear Ruth-

Thanks for your wire, but I am certainly sorry that you couldn't come. I have been staying at Poston and finding it very interesting. Much of the time I've been with the evacuee group - have had a good time and learned a lot. Just what good I've been to the J. R. C is something else again. I've been wondering if you ever heard from the

Clubs but they have no one to write to which makes it just a little hard.

I have suggested the church groups which sent presents last Christmas, and some of the intercultural bureaus in New York, and now will start dinging on the friends I have which may be dinged! Consider yourself dinged!

Just before I left I had a card from Mr. Lee in Palos Verdes. Evidently he asked for some supplies while man you wrote to about the Junior Red Cross album that I snuck out of the office to show you. That has been a big disappointment and has not made my job here any easier - darn the so-and-so.

I know that this next notion is not a program for Fair-Play, but do you know of any eastern or middle western groups or organizations which might be willing to furnish names of young people with whom these kids could correspond? They have started Correspondence

you were away, and he has not received them. He thought I was still living in Berkeley and asked me to phone you. He says they have a list of at least twenty-five whom they would like to keep informed. He is especially interested in copies of "Pertinent Facts" — and may I suggest that you send them a few copies of the Galen Fisher reprints because I believe they would be most interested in distributing that one, per-

haps somewhat more widely.

Also I've found in discussion with the administration here that they would much appreciate getting ~~a~~ prints of the various publications of the Fair Play Committee. They didn't know that we had done very much of anything - I told 'em a few things and they were much interested. Such information might help build morale among the evacuees, too, if a few key people could get

Ticket! Just see what you missed by not coming along because I just *might* have been able to have you invited too!

Very best,
Afton

your publications from time to time.

You can see how bursting I am with ideas which mean work for someone else. It is really big of me, I know.

This is to be a big evening. I am having Thanksgiving Dinner (*turkey* how we do coddle these Japs!) with my Palos Verdes pals and *then* I am going to a Boy Scout Benefit Hop on a Complimentary

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PACIFIC COAST
Committee on American Principles and Fair Play
PASADENA CHAPTER

November 26, 1943.

Dear Mrs Kingman:

Have not heard from Mr Carr today and preferred to wait and see if he would call me.

Have talked with Mr McAdam, Mr Burton and some others but did not mention the letter you said was on its way to Mr Carr.

Our Pasadena papers treated us all right and I have not heard from any other newspapers since Wednesday.

The Examiner yesterday carried the news of Mr Carr as being author of the pamphlet - copy enclosed - Today's Examiner did not mention us so far as I could see.

Mr McAdam (an American Legion man) is meeting tonight with someone who is to "investigate" us. He is a good one to do it.

We meet Monday night at the home of a Caltech Professor and wife - Mr and Mrs Morgan Ward, to hear Dr Morris Opler of ~~Caltech~~ Claremont Colleges, just returned from a stay at Manzanar where he did some work. Gale Seaman went to Manzanar today for a stay of several

days. He agreed with Mr Carr about the value of the pamphlet when he called me after I had asked to have the mailing held up. I have said frankly I did not approve of it and only regret that I did not hold out firmly on that opinion.

I would appreciate a letter I could read Monday night to a group of about forty - similar to your letter of the 24th - but omitting any reference to Mr Carr, That would give an idea of what is the place of local groups.

I deplore all the criticism the whole group has come in for, but two men have called me - one a Pasadena teacher - one a man from Glendale to say they want to help.

Excuse hurried scrawl -

Sincerely -

Maynard F. Thayer.

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TELEGRAM

November 26, 1943

Mrs. Arthur P. Ferguson
2266 Hidalgo
Los Angeles, Calif.

Lundberg will make personal calls replacing meeting.

November 27, 1943

Mr. Homer Crotty
634 South Spring St.
Los Angeles, Calif.

Dear Mr. Crotty:

Dr. Deutsch sent me a copy of your letter, expressing your very natural unwillingness to join an unincorporated group. While we have not, up to the present, felt this to be necessary, I have taken it up with several of our members, and after discussion it has been decided that we shall incorporate.

Mr. Maurice E. Harrison, our Chairman, is drawing up the necessary forms, and we shall go ahead with it immediately.

Mr. Alfred Lundberg is to be in Los Angeles on December 2nd and 3rd on some State Chamber of Commerce business. At that time he is going to try to talk to several men, you among them, who have expressed interest in the work of our Committee. Mr. Lundberg will be at the Biltmore and either he or Mrs. Ferguson will call you, hoping that it will be possible for you to get together sometime late Friday afternoon.

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman

RWK:mj

November 27, 1943

Mrs. Arthur P. Ferguson
2266 Hidalgo
Los Angeles, Calif.

Dear Mrs. Ferguson:

One, I hope last big favor to ask. After all of our juggling about, we decided to let Alfred Lundberg talk to several people personally. I have written to Mr. Crotty, (incidentally, I told him that we are incorporating) Mr. Parles, Mr. Shelton, and Dr. Munro telling them that Mr. Lundberg will try to see them.

He is free on Friday afternoon, December 3rd from 4 to 6. Will you be able to make appointments for him, of if not, find when he can phone. He will call on or phone anyone else you suggest. I have given him these names, and have told him that I am asking you to call him at the Biltmore to give him background re these men, and names of any others you think he should talk with. He is a honey so don't hesitate to speak right out in the whos and whys. He is a Republican, and an anti-newdealer. He is also a staunch supporter of all minorities. Impress upon him the feeling you have of the necessity of getting the Southern California people to help support a full time secretary.

If you have any questions, phone me Wednesday morning in my office, between 10 and 12.

Carr certainly caused just the trouble we expected, didn't he?

That stuff never should have gone out, and he knew it. The whole thing is deplorable.

Cordially,

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman

RWK:mj

November 27, 1943

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

Dear Mrs. Thayer:

It was by a mere chance that I came into the office this morning, as I have put in so many extra hours of late that I had decided to take a bit of a rest over the weekend. It is fortunate that I did, however, as it will be possible for me to send you a bit of the result of some of our Committee's thinking at this time.

First of all, may we congratulate you on your handling of the questions put to you this week by the press? It is not easy to stick to such a rigid set of answers that they cannot be misinterpreted, but you have done remarkably well. Please tell your people that we think so, will you?

The type of organization we employ is different from that of many "project groups". Perhaps the easiest way to differentiate is to designate the Pacific Coast Committee as a fact finding and documenting group, the local committees, as the fact disseminating branches. The wide membership, with a large part of the dues going to the maintenance of the Central Office, makes it possible to collect and reproduce much valuable reference material which would not be made available any other way. The handling of this material is no small part of our work here in the Berkeley Office.

Another function we try to fulfill is that of keeping closely in touch with National as well as local attitudes, and we maintain contacts with agencies and persons responsible for policies and attitudes both on the Coast and in Washington. The importance of this function cannot be overemphasized in view of the impossibility of attaining anything like an unbiased impression here in California from the press at large.

As for the local groups, we hope that they will take more active roles, distributing and interpreting the materials we send out, providing the local press with accurate information, and instituting study or discussion groups in existing organizations,

church, fraternal, civic, patriotic, radio, etc.

As to policy, we emphasize the principles involved, "constitutional rights of lawabiding persons", rather than questions of welfare; objectivity in approach, rather than subjectivity. Any program a local group wishes to undertake, following that general policy, is heartily endorsed, provided speakers use documented material and printed material be passed on by the Central Office.

Mr. Lundberg is to be in Los Angeles next week, and expects to see more of the Los Angeles people whom we feel will at last swing into much needed action there.

May I extend our best wishes to your entire group and to you in particular.

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman

RWK:mj

November 29, 1943

Dr. Arthur C. McGiffert
1708 Scenic Ave.
Berkeley, Calif.

Dear Dr. McGiffert:

You may be interested in the enclosed copy of a telegram sent to President Roosevelt, Assistant Secretary of War John McCloy, and Senator Sheridan Downey of the Military Affairs Committee, on November 25th. The telegram was signed by Mrs. Ruth Kingman, as Executive Secretary of the Pacific Coast Committee on American Principles and Fair Play.

Sincerely,

Secretary

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12/6/43
AMG

638½ Lincoln
Santa Monica, Calif.
November 30, 1943

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman, Executive
Secretary
Committee on American Principles
and Fair Play
San Francisco, Calif.

Dear Mrs. Kingman:

I have intended to
send you a small con-
tribution (Please find $1.00
enclosed.) before this, for
I am so very glad that

this organization exists, and should like to give it my support.

If we do not maintain freedom, democracy, and "fair play" at home, how can we hope to champion this cause all over the world.

Sincerely yours,

Edith G. Sperry

reply RWK

PACIFIC COAST

Committee on American Principles and Fair Play

PASADENA CHAPTER

November 30. 1943

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

Dear Mrs. Kingman:

Thank you for getting the letter off to me so that I could read it to our executive group last evening. We had too little time to go into much discussion on any subject before guests began to arrive for the regular program. I wish you could have been present for we had one of the most encouraging groups yet reached.

We met at the home of the Morgan Wards, he being a young Caltech man and she has gone on to our membership committee, although with three young children has not much time. Our speaker was Dr. Cpler, released from Pomona, no Claremomt Colleges, to be a Social Analyst at Manzanar, temporarily, at least, being a W.R.A. employee. Some day he expects to write a book on this question and surely will not spare those who trying to inflame the public against the Japanese-Americans.

We had a group of mostly new people, there by invitation and apparently greatly interested. Several were asking how they could help and we sold considerable literature. I think we took a long step forward last evening.

In the afternoon I talked with Mr. Carr and we discussed his suggestion of withdrawing from the Committee, as he had sent me by mail Dr. McGifferts letter (a copy). I urged him not to speak of it in our executive meeting when there would be no time for real discussion so our committee does not yet know of it. And I must say right here that after deep thought, I do not see how we can spare Mr. Carr.

At first all this publicity with personal attacks on me rather shocked me but I have come to feel that perhaps it is the best thing which has happehed to the Committee for it will serve to make some people clarify their ides. For instance we had last evening a young Mr. and Mrs. Wheeler, he employed at Lockheed. He telephoned after last week's flare up that he wanted to belong to this kind of an organization which was working against intolerance. He bought a lot of material and intends to use it at the plant. Also a man teacher in one of our Junior High Schools telephoned in the same vein and is joining and wants to help. I think neither would have been interested if we had just gone along in the quiet way of education. One man on the committee observed (not Mr. Carr) that he believed it was a pity we had joined with the Pacific Coast Committee and were therefore not free to follow up some more active lines. I do believe that when the group hears that Mr. Carr will withdraw, it will distress

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them very much. He has done more work than all the rest of us put together.

Mr. Carr's spirit in this is very sweet. I just talked to him to urge to think it over very carefully before he decided but I fear he already has. I do not wish to quote him as he wishes to talk to me and tell me why he thinks your present set up will not work. And I must admit I feel differently about the plan of work under your Committee when I see how doubtless many on your Advisory Group are resenting this publicity. This would have been a fine time for some on that list to have given out some statements to back us up.

Regarding the threatened hearings, all we know is that the press said they would be December 8th and 9th. No official notice has been received. Mr. Lowell McAdam, our American Legion vice chairman, said last evening he doubted if they would call us, that it was perhaps much sound and fury with an eye on politics. Our group felt it would be a great pity if we are not called and thereby get what we stand for into the papers. IF -- they call us, is there anyone on your active list who would come down - not to protect us but to stand out with dignity for the Pacific Coast Committee side? Mr. Carr has documentary proof of every thing he published so there need be no fears in that direction. Of course Chester Rowell would be wonderful. It really seems to me an opportunity for your Committee to make a real appeal to the public. Up until now you have had very little down this way except in the Pasadena papers. I believe and will not get it unless there is something to attract the press. I think my thirty years of work in California will carry my reputation through this.

Miss Emily Lehan was present last evening and much interested. She is a newspaper person and I was not prepared for such an attractive, young looking person. It was she who got the fine story into the current Time Magazine about Mr. Grew's speech and she promised to be present if we had the hearing. I wonder if you think that Time article is worth being reproduced and sent out widely over the State, not just to our members? I am told that no paper around here deemed Mr. Grews speech worthy of mentioning. The State Department sent Mr. Carr the entire speech. You could use that if you wish. Mrs. Ferguson called me recently - I mean a few moments ago and means to write you about Miss Lehan, 704 South Lake, Pasadena, 5.

My question about the Pacific Coast Committee set up right now is, how deeply are the leaders committed to this cause and how actively will they support it?

Sincerely yours,

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Acting Chairman