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June 2, 1944

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman
2234 Telegraph Avenue
Berkeley California

Dear Mrs. Kingman:

I have your letter of May 31st, saying that you hope to be in Seattle before long.

I am leaving here Tuesday night on business to be gone until June 22nd, so that I am afraid I will miss your visit, as you will probably be coming up before I return. In the meantime I feel that under all the circumstances surrounding this matter, I should give you my resignation as chairman of the executive committee in Seattle. Frankly I feel that if blame for the lack of progress in this section is to be laid upon any one, it should be upon me. There are several reasons for this which I will not go into. However if as I understand it, you expect to select a new executive secretary and make a new start here, you should do so with a clean slate. This does not mean that I am not greatly interested in the work of the committee or that I shall not be glad to be of any service if possible.

My time is very limited and I have been called away from the city so much, I do not feel that I am qualified to carry the responsibility of chairman. Will you kindly therefore accept this as my resignation and feel perfectly free to set up a new committee beginning with the chairman, as you may feel fit.

Kindest regards,

Very truly yours,

Virginia Ryan, for
Frank S. Bayley

FSB:vr

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Route 1, Box 171, Fowler, Calif.
June 2, 1944

Mrs. Ruth Kingman
2234 Telegraph Ave.
Berkeley, California

Dear Mrs. Kingman:

I am concerned by the present move of our state and district attorneys to seize Japanese alien land; do you know the extent of the planned confiscation? If my neph. doo neighbor has the story correct, then the ranch on which he is living belonging to a Nisei his purchased before she was of age, will be seized because at the purchase time she was a minor. If that is the plan then the holdings of most Japanese in California can be taken, can they not (and the plan to prevent the return of Japanese to California will succeed through a legalized land grab)

I should like to ask a further question. My neighbor was told by one of the district attorney's men that if this Nisei chose to sell her ranch now she could get full value for it but that after the proceedings went through she would get nothing. Is this correct?
Sincerely,
Mrs. John A. Horen

June 2, 1944

Mrs. Katherine Kaplan
1732 Melton Ave:
Los Angeles, California

Dear Katherine:

Your expert typing positively shames me. I shall have to practise madly to catch up with your style, not to say, accuracy.

Thank you very much for the written report. It is exactly what we want, and I shall be happy to present it at the next Executive meeting.

I am glad that you talked with Mr. McWilliams, and that he was cooperative. I've passed on some of his suggestions to the new WRA public relations man, who was appreciative.

I think that at last, we are getting our financial relationship in order-- I'm sending your expense account and vouchers over to Mr. Scott today, and you will receive the \$30.39 we owe you to date, plus \$25.00 for expenses in June. I am telling Mr. Scott that the \$25 is basic, and it is to be expected that it will go over that in these initial weeks.

I suggest that you send the expense accounts and vouchers directly to Mr. Scott in the future, so that you will get your money sooner. Our salary checks certainly look sad after the tax is deducted, don't they? Ah, well, the war!

I believe that there will be nothing, now on the B.S. for a short time--- as soon as things begin to move, I shall phone you, to let you know ahead of time. Right now, it looks as tho the L.A. luncheon is better timed than we knew. You are doing a magnificent job on that, as well as on the general matter of public relations for the Committee in the South.

Keep at it-- we like you, and the way you work.

Cordially yours,

June 2, 1944

Mrs. Katherine F. Kaplan
1732 Kelton Avenue
Los Angeles, 24, California

Dear Mrs. Kaplan:

As per Mrs. Kingman's request, I am enclosing here-
with check in the amount of \$55.39 for your Petty Cash Account,
made up as follows:

\$30.39 - Expenses from 4/15 to 6/1
25.00 - Revolving Fund for June

It is my understanding you are to receive \$25.00
monthly as a Revolving Fund and that you will send a state-
ment of the expenditures with vouchers attached. Please send
these statements to me, at 465 California Street, and I shall
immediately replenish your Revolving Fund. I am sure you can
appreciate that it is necessary to have the vouchers so that
when the audit is made by the accountants, each item can be
properly accounted for.

Yours very truly,

H. S. Scott
Treasurer

DM
Encl.

cc - Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman ✓
Berkeley Office

June 2, 1944

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

Dear Mr. Scott:

Enclosed is Mrs. Katherine Kaplan's expense account (accompanied by vouchers) for the Southern California office of the Fair Play Committee, from April 15 to May 31, 1944. Mrs. Kaplan has already received \$25.00 (taken from the petty cash account of the Berkeley office), and still has \$12.50 due her for the last half of the month of May. According to her account, Mrs. Kaplan went over the money given her by \$30.39; actually, with the \$12.50 due her the account went over only \$27.89.

Please make out a check to Mrs. Kaplan to cover the \$30.39, and in addition send her \$25.00 to be used as the basis for a revolving fund for Petty Cash in Southern California, and to be replenished as needed. Mrs. Kaplan will henceforth send her vouchers and accounting directly to your office.

Very sincerely yours,

Office secretary

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June 5, 1944

Mrs. Maynard F. Thayer
Box 101
Pacific Grove, Calif.

Dear Mrs. Thayer:

Mrs. Bartlett Heard packed up a large box of material here June 3 and instructed me to send the memorandum re prices, etc. to you. On consignment of course we will hold you accountable for the total amounts, and the accounting will be made after the close of the conference.

<i>Return 6/20/44</i>	<u>No. sent</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>Charge</u>
	125	Fortune reprints	none
122	150	Balance Sheet on Jap. Evac.	\$9.00
	150	Soldier & Civilian Nisei	none
	30	These Are Our Parents	none
	100	Facts re Japanese Americans, etc.	none
	75	Stimson Statements	none
	25	Fielder Statements	none
	200	June 15, 1943 Release	none
	50	Presidents Message	none
	200	Vote That Must Be Heard	none
57	100	American Fightin Men Speak Out	\$6.00
	50	Facts about WRA	none
51	75	Truth About Jap Camps @ 2 for 5¢	\$1.88
	50	Pertinent Facts	none
77	100	Kuroki excerpts @ 2¢ each	\$2.00
41	175	Beyond The Horizon	\$10.75
			<u>\$29.63</u>

Some of this material was not included in the box, but was mailed today under separate cover.

Sincerely yours,

Office Secretary

mj

Due: \$4.32
Paid \$9.04 6/20/44 mj
Paid \$4.32 6/26/44 mj

June 5, 1944

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

Dear Mrs. Thayer:

We mailed to you today 500 copies of Yori Wada's "Beyond the Horizon" and are charging \$5.00 per hundred, as Mrs. Kingman wrote you in a recent letter. This will make a total of \$25.00 due us. Please make the check out to the Fair Play Committee.

Thank you very much.

Sincerely yours,

Office secretary

mj

June 6, 1944

Mr. Galen Fisher
Care of Foreign Service, Y.M.C.A.
347 Madison Ave.
New York City, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Fisher:

At Mr. Harrison's suggestion, Mrs. Kingman has sent the enclosed letter to Mr. Combs. Mr. Harrison has a good idea of how it might be handled on your return. Mrs. Kingman will talk with you when you come home.

Very sincerely yours,

Office secretary

mj

June 7, 1944

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

Dear Mrs. Thayer:

We had already mailed the 500 copies of the "Beyond the Horizon" pamphlet and the package was addressed to you. You should receive them in a few days. We received a check for 25 dollars from Mr. Burton today. Thank you very much for your promptness.

I have asked WRA in San Francisco to put in an order for 600 copies of the Fortune Reprint to be sent directly to you from Washington, and they said the order would go through tomorrow morning in their regular long distance call, so you should receive these in about a week. There is no charge. We shall probably not send these to our entire membership individually for a week or more, and could let you know more definitely later.

I have only answered some of your questions, as Mrs. Kingman is in Sacramento for two or three days and will answer more fully when she returns, but I thought you would want to know about these things immediately.

Sincerely yours,

Office secretary

mj

If 600 copies are not sufficient, let us know.

June 12, 1944

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

Dear Mrs. Thayer:

I wrote to Mrs. Kaplan this morning, suggesting that we would like a copy of Dr. Sproul's speech, and telling her that you would probably be asking her about it, too, as you would like to use excerpts from it in your June 20 press. I am sure that she will give you good help on it. I am delighted that she has gained the cooperation of Dr. Millikan in the promotion of that luncheon.

We are counting greatly on the success of the meeting, and are looking forward to a strong organization in Los Angeles. Mrs. Kaplan is doing excellent work, going carefully and soundly toward rounding up a strong local committee.

Mr. Galen Fisher is in Washington for a few weeks. He is to return the last of this week, and just this morning I had a good letter from him in which he gives, quite clearly, his feeling as to what our program should aspire to this coming year.

He says "The more I think of it, the more I believe we should contemplate a larger program of education to counteract whatever intensified agitation and legislation may be pushed by the Antis. There are likely to be attempts to pass laws, also to arouse deep distrust against the returning evacuees, which will ~~#####~~ create a social and economic boycott of such strength that few--can stand it---even tho they may not suffer violence or property damage.

"Should we not proceed soon with an ambitious campaign of educ. and mobilization of influence by means of radio, platform, printed matter and even advertising, perhaps?---"

This was in a personal letter, but expresses well what we have in mind. This will be a huge undertaking, necessitating large support. I shall keep you informed, and shall look to your Committee for counsel.

June 12, 1944

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

Dear Mr. Scott:

Thank you very much for adding a reminder of the balance on hand to your last list of contributions. As you know, Mr. Fisher is in the east. He is returning the last of this week, and will be able to "replenish" the exchequer before the end of the month. At that time we have reason to expect a renewal of the Columbia grant, and Mr. Fisher is on his way to secure further funds from similar sources in the east.

Very cordially yours,

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman

RWK:mj

June 12, 1944

Mrs. Katherine Kaplan
1732 Kelton
Los Angeles, Calif.

Dear Katherine:

I am wondering if you have asked Dr. Sproul for a copy of his talk to be given on June 29. By this time, you have probably received word from Mrs. Thayer that if it is possible, she would like to use extracts of it on the 30th. This seems to be a good idea, one we would like to use, as well. If you can, I hope that you will get a copy of the script. If you cannot, it would be well to have someone take it down as it is given, provided it is not an "off the record" statement. (I sincerely hope that it is not.)

You have quite an impressive list, as you have sent it to us. Of course you know that you have some of the outspoken antis there are, (Rosecrans, for one, has been most bitterly vocal) and more blessings on you if you feel that they can be affected, even by NCS. I await the day with bated breath.

I am sure that Mr. Mc Williams feels that we should touch on the other minority problems at this time, but as I explained to you before, the Committee has taken a position, which, for the present, precludes any such action. However, it is not impossible that the sort of thing you suggested in your letter, i.e. an article for the Far Eastern Review or some such publication, tying in the Japanese American minority with the others, and such an article might well be worked out. I shall take it up with the Committee. Thanks for the suggestion.

I hardly think that I can get south on the 29th. I am planning a trip to the northwest as soon as I can get there--I am waiting for Mr. Fisher's return from Washington this weekend, to plan on the forthcoming finance program here in the San Francisco area.

Nothing new on the B.S. --looks like Politics rearing its ugly head.

Cordially,

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman

RWK:mj



THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

Miss Mary Jeffords

2234-Telegraph Avenue

Berkeley 4-
California

Asilomar - June 11th -

Dear Miss Jeffords: your letter was forwarded to me up here. Arranged with Priscilla Beattie to get the pamphlets during my absence.

Thank you for ordering Fortune Reprints material you sent down here is being used and Fair Play Committee being advertised - Mrs Pomeroy whose husband is Assistant Director at Herb - brought a good exhibit from there. Two Japanese women are here, Suyeiko Ochiai from Boise and Mrs Paul Suzuki from Spokane, an outstanding person. Some one has written her about possibly meeting Mrs Kingman on return, hope she can. Sincerely - Maynard F. Thayer.

June 14, 1944

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

Dear Katherine:

Yesterday I was talking to Pat Frayne, the Public relations man in the S.F. office of WRA. He is a very swell person, one who knows his way about in the state, and who is a very discriminating press man.

When I told him of the coming luncheon on June 29, he asked for at least notes (I promised him the whole thing if we can get it) on Dr. Sproul's talk, and made one suggestion of an addition to the guest list.

He is eager to have Mr. John A. Cronin, an attorney with offices at 453 S. Spring Street invited to the luncheon. Mr. Cronin is a member of the Lawyers' Guild, and officer in the Catholic Lawyers' Guild, and a past president of the Santa Clara alumni association. He sounds good to me, and might be a source of fine support. If it is possible, I suggest that he be invited, and when you meet him (if) , you might say that Mr. Frayne suggested his name to us.

Have you heard that Jimmie Fidler made a fine statement re Japanese Americans on last Sunday night's broadcast? How would he do, to keep in mind for the future, at least?

B.S. seems to be getting anew lease on life, just when I thought it buried until late fall. ---Will give you any definite news if and when.

Cordially yours,

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Handwritten signature and date: 7/3/44

Pasadena -

June 16, 1944.

Dear Mrs Kingman:

Returned last evening from a very interesting week at Redwood. With Mrs Merrill from Mangano, Mrs Pomeroy (husband asst Project Director at Humboldt or Minidoka), Mrs Chambers, Nat Seely working among Japanese for Y.M.C.A., and myself as well as the two Japanese ladies, that subject of Japanese problems was much to the fore. It was fine you sent down all that material. I do not know what the amount sold came to, for the person in charge had not been able to go over the accounts turned in by the woman who ran the bookstore. The free material was in the publicity room, that for sale in the book shop. Had nothing to do with it except to keep talking about it.

The bookstore person told me one item marked 150, really had only 75, that two checked everything out. I do not know, but would say that if the cash does not seem to add up to balance articles not returned, not to worry for every bit was distributed to good purpose. With people of eleven States there, all predisposed to be favorable and wanting more information, I would say it was splendid publicity. Both formal program and discussion groups contributed to this.

I was barely at home when Mrs Kaplan called me, not knowing I

had been away. She wanted me to stir up local League of Women Voters on subject of all those petitions having been sent to election officials with a covering letter asking them to canvas for signatures. I have seen neither petition or letter but friends are sending me one of each. I believe the organization calls itself "Japanese Exclusion League". Since then I have been called by numerous people. Of course you have heard of all this -

My first word of it came at Asilomar when different ones were protesting the soliciting of help from election boards. The Pasadena letters - or some - came on 9th and 10th. The worst feature down here is that the name of Sheriff Biscailuz (of L.A. County) is one of signers and that, I am told, carries great weight with uninformed people receiving them. The letter says that they have asked legal advice and this method is legal - but I think it is deplorable.

I understand that the 19th is the dead line and it will be ten days or so before names are checked. Whether the 175,000 are secured or not, it seems to me a big protest should go out on the method used. One person said she tore off sticker saying "Japanese Exclusion League" and underneath it said "Veterans of Foreign Wars". I have been talking to League people and perhaps some action can be taken. Will your Committee protest?

Your letter was here - Mrs Kaplan wrote Dr Sproul ten days ago asking for his talk but to date had not heard. She will get some publicity material to us anyway on her lunch.

I am glad you shared Mr Fisher's letter with me. It almost sounds as if we were getting around to Mrs Carr's point of view.

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989 So. El Molino Ave.

His group call themselves "Friends of
the American Way." What I am really
writing this letter about is this -

Dr Eugene Blake, Pastor Pasadena Presbyterian Church,
when he declined to become Honorary Chairman our Chapter, said he
would be glad to call together a small group to discuss problem. This is to be
inform of a luncheon next Wednesday, 21st. I think I shall be only woman
and no one else from our members, unless Mr Macdonnell, our new
member of exec. committee.

Dr Blake says some people - naming as one, our Supt of
Schools, Dr Saxson, believe agitation should not go on now. Personally I
also think he would not wish to get mixed up in a controversial case.
Now Mr Fisher evidently believes there is great danger that the patterns
of exclusion will get so set, that few can ever break it down enough
to return. I agree with him.

Will you send me some kind of a statement such as you
quoted from Mr Fisher as perhaps the program of Pacific Coast
Com for coming year? Since his was a personal letter, I do not
wish to quote it without permission. Or you could give me your
own impressions, any hints of what you hear from Washington
or whatever you think such a group should know to challenge
their interest. I know it will be small but I hope representative.

Telegram
Or ask
Mr Fisher
He has
returned to
state his
ideas to me

6/20 (17)

I expect to go out of town again on the 23rd for a week so during that time you can communicate with Priscilla Beattie. She is delighted we are to have the 600 reprints ordered through you. She had already ordered 500 ^{at 0.5 each} and the order could not be cancelled but says she can dispose of most or all to other groups. Her school closes this week - today probably - and she says she will have considerable time to give. Margaret Moritz has left for the summer.

Ate lunch with a fine young fellow on train, Roy Bradshaw. Found he knew your husband and used to be Chairman of Race Relations while in College. I have his address and am to send him a batch of material. His sister is a G.R. Secy in Berkeley.

It is very late and I must bring this volume to a close. Hope to hear from you before our Wednesday lunch.

Sincerely -

Maynard Force Thayer.

WILLIAM C. JAMES
670 SAN LUIS ROAD
BERKELEY · CALIFORNIA

9-16-44

Dear Galen Fisher —

Confirming my phone call with
Ruth Kingman, I want to present the
names of Mr + Mrs Edgar A. Miller

1485 Le Roy Ave Berkeley P. LaAstbury

2733 as people who are
interested in possible employment
of Japanese when they are released.

Mr Miller heard you talk at
our Comm. Cldg. He is a retired
rancher + has employed
Japanese + feels friendly toward
the work we are interested in.

I have sent him a copy of Dr
Sprauls speech of June 29-44

You could likely get some help
from him on the racial relocation question.

Sincerely Will James

June 19, 1944

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

Dear Dr. Deutsch:

The enclosed letter is much too long, I think, but Mr. Fisher seemed to want some such "line" presented, and I don't seem to be able to include all of the suggested points in a shorter form.

Personally, I think a short letter in your own words would be better -- you having a way with words.

At any rate, what do you think about this?

Please cross out or add to it as you like, or better still, write one of your own, and I'll phone over to Rabbi Reichert for approval.

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ruth G. Kingman

HWK:mj

June 20, 1944

NIGHT LETTER

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

Letter received too late reply by Wednesday. O.K. Quote Fisher, also state we are drawing plans for series educational conferences to be held various cities Coast states. Idea approved by Spreul and Wilbur to be worked meticulously with excellent leadership. We wish suggestions and cooperation from all chapters. Will ask representation in planning program. Letter follows.

Ruth W. Kingman

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(DL)
Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman
2234 Telegraph Ave
Berkeley, California

Dear Ruth:

A couple of days ago, I received a letter from Dr. Sproul completely approving of the luncheon plans.

He said that he would only speak for about 15 minutes; and that he had not written what he was going to say, but that in all probability would not have an opportunity to do so until the day before the meeting. He also said that he would send me something upon which we can base a news story.

As of this morning's mail, I have 41 acceptances, and 17 regrets. The regrets are genuine, with good reasons given in most cases. he acceptances are from people that we really want. I am very much pleased with it, but the breath is still being held.

I had quite an experience Monday night; but I had better tell you the whole story from the beginning.

About a month ago, Dr. Millikan showed me a letter from Harvey Parker, president of the Chinese Culture Society, asking him or someone that he would recommend to speak before the Society on the Fair Play point of view. This was to be part of a debate with someone from the Exclusion Act Assoc. . Dr. Millikan referred the matter to Mrs. Thayer, who in turn, referred it to me about 2 weeks later.

In the meantime, Parker had called me. and I gave him a few names who could fill the bill such as Dr. Farnham, Bishop Stevens etc.

Two days befor the meeting, they called me and said that they had not been able to get anyone to speak from our point of view; but that they had a Capt. McKenzie from the Exclusion group, and that someone had to present the Fair Play angle. It was too late to ask anyone else, so I did it!

I spent Sunday and Monday working on it, and gave a 25 minute talk before the Society Monday night. My approach was from Constitutional Rights and so on.

JK
The funny part of it all was that Capt. Mc Kenzie never arrived, so that I had it all to myself, except for the program chairman who is against us.

Surprize! The telephone just rang, and there was your husband. I'm having cocktails with him this afternoon. I told him that I was just writing to you.

Back to the Chinese Culture Society. They seemed to enjoy my talk very much, as I received grand applause. They said that I approached it from such a reasonable point of view, that WE were doing a grand work, etc. There were about 100 there; school teachers, club presidents and so forth made up the group.

Cordially,

Katherine.

Re 9/83

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

June 21, 1944

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

Dear Friend:

I thought that you would be interested in the attached copy of a letter which has just come to me from Lillian Ota. It is things of this kind that should make you feel that the cause is decidedly worthwhile.

With warmest personal greetings to yourself and Harry from Alice and myself, I am

Cordially,


Monroe E. Deutsch

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Enclosure

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301 Prospect Street
New Haven, Connecticut
June 14, 1944

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

Dear Dr. Deutsch:

About two years ago, you gave me, an evacuee, a great deal of support in my search for a school in which to continue my education. You may recall that I was able to finish my senior year at Wellesley College.

Then I went to Yale University for my graduate work. I have just completed my first year and will receive the M.A. degree next week. You might like to know that the history faculty has selected me to be the outstanding first-year graduate student in the department. For this, I have been awarded a \$100 with which to buy books.

I have about three more years before I get my Ph.D. degree. My field will be American diplomacy in the Far East. I have already been awarded a fellowship with which to study at Yale the next academic year.

I have written this letter to let you know how a University of California student whom you gave much support has made out. We Americans of Japanese ancestry who were students of U.C. will never forget the very liberal and fair stand you took after December 7, 1941. Thanking you for all you have done for me,

Sincerely yours,

(signed) Lillian Ota, '43

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June 26, 1944

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

Dear Mrs. Thayer:

The enclosed was returned to our office. Apparently Mrs. Boyd does not wish to receive material. The brochure seems to have been sent out from Pasadena. You may be able to tell whether it was sent from the Pasadena Fair Play Committee, or from Mr. Carr's group.

Sincerely yours,

Office secretary

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The Congregation Emanu-El
Arguello Boulevard and Lake Street
San Francisco

IRVING FREDERICK REICHERT
RABBI

June 30, 1944

Miss Jefferds
2234 Telegraph Ave.
Berkeley, 4, Calif.

Dear Miss Jefferds:

I am enclosing herewith the list you
requested from Rabbi Reichert.

Yours truly,

Rita Lynn
Secretary

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