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December 18, 1944

Mrs. Ruth Kingman
Berkeley, California

Dear Mrs. Kingman:

The good news has stunned us. We got it at 3 PM when Larry and I went to see a WRA man from Washington at his hotel. This was the hour when the announcement was to be made. As soon as the AP wire news came into Salt Lake City we came back to the office and called San Francisco to find out if they had the news. Teiko had heard it over the radio so we concluded you must have had the news too.

Well, we certainly appreciate all you and your committee has done for us to win this battle. The big question is; Now what! General sentiment seems to be to wait and see developments. I won't be a bit surprised if the trouble makers make the headlines in California.

I believe the labor shortage will be the best solution for the return. Until then, it most likely will be a slow process.

The worry is what of the relocation centers which Myer states he will close within the year. This seems drastic. We are watching for repercussions in the centers before we make any move of our own.

Kindly accept our belated thanks for coming to Salt Lake City to attend our conference. All the delegates certainly appreciated your coming for it helped to boost the gathering. Maybe the next conference should be held in San Francisco.

We are working overnite trying to get our reports out, but there is a limit to the machine operating so we may have to wait till tomorrow nite.

My regards to Mr. Kingman and others.

Sincerely,



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DR. WILL W. ALEXANDER
 RAYMOND GRAM SWING

Pasadena, Calif. 12/17/44

Dear Mrs. Kingman:

I have just received
the letter of Dec. 13th - and
shall be glad to corroborate.

Will you please change
my address on your
mailing list (other side.)

I think you may be in-
terested in this Christmas
message I am sending
to my friends this year.
So many need their minds
and hearts changed!

Best wishes -

Carmie Ada Campbell

05-04

Christmas 1944

... and again I am greeting you from
a new address

1055 EAST COLORADO STREET
PASADENA 1, CALIFORNIA

where I have found a pleasant, sunny
home. I am very glad not to spend
another winter in a north room.

A young Japanese-American friend,
Kimii Nagata, who was evacuated to the
Gila Relocation Center at Rivers, Ari-
zona, and is now attending college in
Chicago, has written a beautiful Christ-
mas poem, the last verse of which I
want to share with you —

If it may seem to you this year
That there's no Brightest Star,
Have trust, have faith in Him, sincere,
THEN CHRISTMAS ALWAYS COMES!

How blessedly true that is, and may
the whole world more clearly see that
"Brightest Star" when Christmas comes
again!

Christmas love from —

(Mrs.) Carrie Ada Campbell

(over)

December 18, 1944

Dr. Elmer Belt
1893 Wilshire Blvd.
Los Angeles 5, California

Dear Dr. Belt:

Due to some oversight, there was no signature on the check which you sent to us for a sustaining membership in the Committee. I am, herewith, returning it for signature.

Thank you.

Very sincerely yours,

Constance Halliday
Office Secretary

Enc. 1

December 18, 1944

COPY
Hollywood Citizen News
1545 N. Wilcox Avenue
Hollywood, California

Gentlemen:

The test of a Democracy is its treatment of minorities. To make trouble for the returning loyal citizens of Japanese ancestry is to breach our constitution and our practice of democratic principles. The Fourteenth Constitutional Amendment says, in part, " - nor shall any state deprive any person of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law; nor deny any person within its jurisdiction the equal protection of the laws." President Roosevelt has said, "Americanism is not and never was a matter of race or ancestry."

The influence of all thoughtful citizens is needed to support the Army in its decision, and to help solve intelligently what may be a serious emotional problem in some parts of California.

Nothing is more important today than the preservation and the spread of the American way throughout the world. This is an opportunity to show that it works, despite times of temporary tension and high feeling.

Yours very truly,

JHR CW

JOHN HENRY RUSSELL

CC to :
Mrs. Katherine F. Kaplan
Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman ✓
Mr. Homer D. Crotty

Same letter to: Los Angeles Times, Los Angeles Examiner, Illustrated Daily News, Evening Herald & Express.

Straight Wire
Miss Frances MacCluskey
Topaz, Utah
12/18/44

TALKED WITH LOS ANGELES MARYKNOLL FATHERS WHO REFERRED ME
TO FATHER ZIMMERMAN MARYKNOLL SAN FRANCISCO. HE REGRETS
NO ROBES AVAILABLE; SUGGESTS YOU UTILIZE OTHERS IF TO BE
HAD. VERY SORRY.

RUTH KINGMAN

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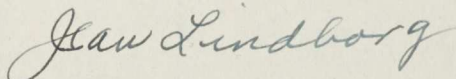
Mr. Arthur C. McGiffert, Jr.
Committee on American Principles
and Fair Play
465 California Street, Room 203
San Francisco 4, California

Dear Mr. McGiffert:

This is to acknowledge your letter of December 12. Dr. Mitchell is filling appointments in military camps in Alaska for the month of December, and I am unable to communicate with him until his return.

I'm sure he will give your letter his immediate attention.

Very sincerely,



Mrs. Arthur Lindborg
Secretary to Director

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December 18, 1944

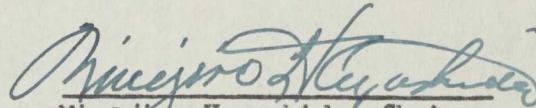
Mrs. Ruth Kingman
Committee on American Principle and Fair Play
2234 Telegraph Avenue
Berkeley 4, California

Dear Mrs. Kingman:

May we take this opportunity to thank you and your organization for your untiring efforts in establishing the real principles of democracy. Today we are in receipt of very good news of lifting of restrictions on the West Coast. We realize that you have played no small part in accomplishing this tremendous task.

In behalf of the residents of Heart Mountain Relocation Center may we extend to you and to your organization a very cordial Wuletide season.

Very truly yours,


Minejiro Hayashida, Chairman
Community Council
Heart Mountain, Wyoming

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WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY

WASHINGTON

DEC 18 1944

Mr. Maurice Harrison
c/o Mrs. Ruth Kingman
American Principles and
Fair Play Committee
2234 Telegraph Avenue
Berkeley, California

Dear Mr. Harrison:

It is with deep appreciation that I extend my compliments to you and all the members of the Committee on American Principles and Fair Play for the excellent job that has been done by the Committee to date. I am quite sure that had it not been for the constructive and tactful help of this Committee our job on the Pacific Coast would have been almost impossible.

I sincerely hope that the Committee on American Principles and Fair Play will continue their good work throughout the months to come for there is still a bigger job to be done than has been done in the past.

Some time during the next few weeks I hope to be on the Coast and to have an opportunity to see you during my visit.

With kindest personal regards.

Sincerely,

D. J. Myer
Director



MRS. ALAN BENNER
26 SOUTH EL CAMINO REAL
SAN MATEO, CALIFORNIA

December 18, 1944

Dear Mrs. Kingman

Enclosed is a copy of a letter sent by my doctor-husband to the Chronicle, and to our local San Mateo Times and Burlingame Advance.

Good success to all you are doing. We are proud of you and grateful for you. Our son in the army is sending us a strong word along the same lines to use with our S.M. County committee. A Would you like a copy also?

Our greetings to your husband,-- whom we helped to bring up in the Claremont days of our youth! Hoping to meet you personally sometime, feeling we know you anyway,

Sincerely yours,

Ruthanne Norton Benner

ALAN BENNER, M. D.
TELEPHONE 1000



30 EL CAMINO REAL
SAN MATEO, CALIFORNIA

December 18, 1944

The San Francisco Chronicle
San Francisco
California

Dear Editor

As an American citizen, I desire to help protect the rights of other American citizens. I understand that American citizens of Japanese ancestry and of undoubted loyalty to the United States, are to be returned to their homes in California in the near future. Relying on the judgement of the army as to the safety of their return, I wish to go on record as favoring this return.

I consider that it is for just this kind of fair play that our men are fighting. In talking to many men in our army, both those returned from the south seas and others, I find that this is their attitude. In justice to them we must make democracy work here.

May I add my appreciation for the attitude of fairness shown by your paper; for the stories you have featured which tell us of the heroism and loyalty in the fighting forces of our American soldiers of Japanese ancestry?

Sincerely yours,

Alan Benner M.D.

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Mrs. Ruth Kingman
Room 203
465 California Street
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Dec. 18, 1944

Dear Mrs. Kingman:

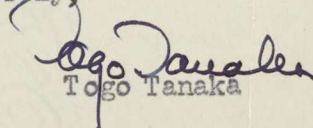
The Chicago newspapers this morning bear out your recent prediction about the lifting of the exclusion orders on the west coast. The Army's announcement is carried in the day's editions, and I thought at once of the meetings in Salt Lake City where I had the privilege of meeting you.

You no doubt will be in contact with Joseph Conard of the American Friends Service Committee in San Francisco, but if there is anything we may be able to do for you here, please feel welcome to let us know.

The comparative prominence with which Chicago newspapers handled the story (mostly on front pages) has created something of a noticeable stir among resettlers here, but I hardly look for any exodus out of this city. Two factors seem to militate against a stampede westward: (1) the usual inertia and (2) unfavorable west coast newsreports, quoting such gentlemen as Bowron, Howser etc.

I would appreciate your mailing us any recent releases from your office which you might have prepared for public relations purposes. It was a pleasure making your acquaintance, and I hope you will be sure to drop in on us whenever you come this way. With kind personal regards and best wishes for a happy holiday season,

Sincerely,


Togo Tanaka

2020 Evans Ave.
Ventura, Calif.
December 18, 1944

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman
2234 Telegraph Ave.,
Berkeley, 4
Calif.

Dear Mrs. Kingman:

The Los Angeles Times this morning carried big headlines ARMY LIFTS BAN ON JAPS' RETURN. I concluded that this was the zero hour, and wrote and sent in my letter to our local paper, the STAR-FREE PRESS of Ventura, which reaches all parts of the county. It is a fine paper, and the editor has always been very fair.

In your letter of instruction, dated December 13, you did not say exactly what you wanted us to do with the second copy of the letter we were to write. I made an original and three copies, just to be sure. If you meant us to send one to the War Defense Command, or - won't you please instruct me?

Dr. Gillette came to Ventura not long ago, and met with a few of the leading pastors, the Superintendent of Schools, Mr. Triggs, and one or two business men. The meeting was held at our home, but it was arranged by one of the pastors, Rev. T. C. Henderson of the Community (Congregational-Presbyterian Church. It was the first time I had heard about the plans for lifting the ban. I have been much concerned about it, as there seems to be much bitterness and rancor yet. Dr. Gillette said this was one of the "hot spots" and encouraged us to believe that public opinion had changed considerably, and I believe he is right in that. God is on our side. We do not need to feel anxious.

Sincerely yours,

Marion R. Draper

December 19, 1944

Mrs. Emma C. Smith
5905 El Mio Drive
Los Angeles 42, California

Dear Mrs. Smith:

The second letter is to be sent to the War Department commending their action in this matter and expressing your support of their new policy. The first letter should be sent to the newspapers.

Thank you for your interest in this matter.

Very sincerely yours,

Constance Halliday
Office Secretary

William Gordon

780 Cowley St. L.A. 38

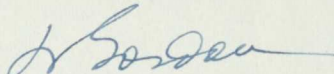
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Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman
Executive Secretary
Pacific Coast Committee on
American Principles & Fair Play
2234 Telegraph Avenue
Berkeley 4, California

Dear Mrs. Kingman:

In compliance with your
suggestion of December thirteenth, here-
with are copies of letters I have written
to my local papers.

Cordially yours,



William Gordon

WG:d
Encs.

December 19, 1944

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Editor
Los Angeles Times
202 West 1st Street
Los Angeles 12, Calif.

My dear sir:

While it is too much to expect that all citizens will see eye-to-eye with the War Department in its act to modify the military orders excluding persons of Japanese ancestry from the Coast, it is a pleasing turn in events to those of us who feel we place principle above the emotion of personal hatred. While it may have been sound military practice to remove all Japanese from this area at a period in which there was real danger of enemy attack, the time has long since passed that this can be considered a reasonable possibility, and every day that has passed in which these citizens have been barred from their homes has been a day in which the constitutional rights of citizens have been violated.

No doubt there are thousands of persons who read your newspaper daily who feel the same as I do but who hesitate to state their opinions because of a fear of being branded obstructionists to the war effort. A simple reading of the day-by-day news accounts of the removal of the war area so far from our coastline ought to be enough to convince any fair-minded person that there is no further danger of invasion, and once this fear is overcome there can be no logical excuse for denying the loyal Japanese their rights to the privileges of citizenship which have been granted them in good faith by their Government.

Sincerely yours,

William Gordon

WG:d

December 19, 1944

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Editor
Hollywood Citizen News
1545 N. Wilcox Avenue
Hollywood 28, California

Dear Sir:

Along with thousands of other Californians who, for various reasons, may not make their ideas apparent, I wish to state that I am exceedingly pleased with the War Department's revocation of the Japanese removal order. It seems to me that the principle of fairness to all persons is more important than personal whims in the manner of hatreds for our enemy. When the history of the war is written, it will be to the advantage of our country to see as much as possible of its application of the Bill of Rights and the rights of citizenship on the record. It does not make any difference what color or race a man may possess, nor whether he is related to persons fighting our own men in this war, if he is a duly registered citizen of the United States, he has earned the right of the privileges of that citizenship and should be considered innocent of wrong-doing until proved otherwise.

I think it a great step forward in social relations that the Japanese are to be permitted to return to their homes, and I want to congratulate you particularly for the fair attitude maintained by the Citizen-News on this subject.

Sincerely yours,

William Gordon

WG:d

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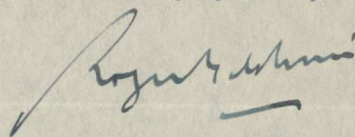
Mr. Galen M. Fisher
2234 Telegraph Avenue
Berkeley, California

Dear Mr. Fisher:

On my return I find that the long deferred meeting of the Marshall Fund trustees is set for the 28th of December, at which time your request will come before us. I agree entirely with everything you say in yours of the 16th. These are the critical days and I shall hope to convince the trustees of your committee's usefulness.

With regards,

Sincerely yours,



RNB:fk

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GENERAL SECRETARY

December 19, 1944

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman
Executive Secretary
Room 203, 465 California St.
San Francisco, 4, Calif.

Dear Mrs. Kingman:

Enclosed is a partial list of names of the committee ready to help the persons of Japanese ancestry returning to our community. I say partial list because we hope to secure two representatives of labor on the committee.

We have sent in a longer list than you requested, but we feel we need a large committee because the feeling is so strong in San Pedro against the return of the evacuees. All people on this list have been approached and are ready and willing to serve.

Sorry to be so dilatory in getting this in but we have had to do a lot of talking and telephoning. We wished to be sure of everyone in the group.

Sincerely,

Mary P. Lewis
MARY P. LEWIS
General Secretary

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Encl.

TELEGRAMS SENT DECEMBER 20, 1944

Simon Gross, Mgr.
Robert Marshall Civil Liberties Trust
150 Broadway
New York City

Revocation of Japanese Exclusion Order by army clarifies situation, but War Relocation Authority and prominent citizens believe new problems demand an intensified effort of private agencies led by Fair Play committee. Are now planning strategy conference of all agencies concerned in early Jan. Budget for seven months approximately \$7500 toward which Columbia foundation will grant about \$3500. Earnestly hope you will grant \$2500 conditional our securing balance. Roger Baldwin understands recent developments here.

signed--
Galen M. Fisher
Arthur Cushman McGiffert.

Miss Ann Madsen
1404 1/2 Sixth Avenue
Seattle, Washington

Can Myer luncheon be arranged for Thursday, January 4? We will handle cost of notices and arrangements as previously planned if you can have invitations sent out. Please wire reply early as possible.

Ruth Kingman

December 20, 1944

Legion Commander Ed W. Bolt
Room 117
Veterans Building
San Francisco 2, California

Dear Commander Bolt:

The excellent statement released by your office on December 17, 1944, urging full support of the War Department in its relaxation of the ban excluding all persons of Japanese ancestry from the Pacific Coast should go far toward assuring a proper acceptance of the War Department policy.

We have always felt that the responsible leadership of the Legion would be ready to give full recognition to the rights of all law abiding persons, regardless of the fact of Japanese ancestry, if and when the War Department felt it proper that such recognition be made.

May we express our continued confidence in that responsible leadership, whose responsibility is clearly evidenced in the fine attitude expressed in your statement of December 17.

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman
Executive Secretary

RWK:lh

December 20, 1944

The Honorable Earl Warren
Governor of California
State Capitol
Sacramento 14, California

Dear Governor Warren:

May we express our appreciation of the fine message you released to the people of California urging whole-hearted support of the War Department as it lifts the ban excluding all persons of Japanese ancestry from the Western Defense Command.

We have always felt confidence in the War Department's decisions in this matter, and have felt sure that your own attitude would be one of hearty support if and when any modification of the original order were made.

Your fine statement of December seventeenth will be a strong reminder to all that California recognizes the rights of all law abiding persons, regardless of race and ancestry, and will support the War Department as it takes this step toward restoring those rights to loyal Americans of Japanese ancestry.

Very cordially yours,

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman
Executive Secretary

RWK:lh



EARL WARREN
GOVERNOR

State of California
GOVERNOR'S OFFICE
SACRAMENTO 14

December 28, 1944

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

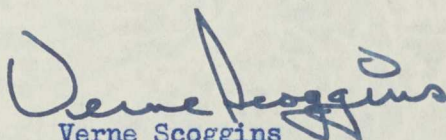
Dear Mrs. Kingman:

Governor Warren has asked me to
acknowledge your letter of December 20
commending his statement regarding the return
of the Japanese to California, and to express
his appreciation of your comments.

For your information, he has suggested
that I forward you a copy of his latest state-
ment on this subject.

Thanking you in behalf of the Governor,
I am

Sincerely,


Verne Scoggins
Press Secretary

VS:a
Enclosure

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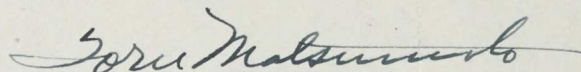
December 20, 1944

Mrs. Ruth Kingman
2234 Telegraph Avenue
Berkeley, California

Dear Mrs. Kingman:

Under separate cover we are sending you a number of copies of the Christmas issue of the Resettlement Bulletin. In view of the interest aroused generally by the Army's recent proclamation we thought you might wish to distribute copies among your friends.

Sincerely yours,



Toru Matsumoto
Assistant to the Executive Secretary

TM:cl

December 21, 1944

Mr. Hugh H. Anderson
305 Kensington Place
Pasadena 2, California

Dear Mr. Anderson:

Since writing you a few days ago, the long hoped for proclamation by the Army has brought deep satisfaction to many of us and I feel sure it must have to you and your associates.

If I had known the proclamation was coming so soon when I wrote I might have mentioned a number of other points looking toward the specific program for the future.

We are now planning to invite all the committees and agencies directly concerned with the problems connected with the return of the evacuees to meet on or about January 10 for a Strategy Conference. The purpose of the conference would be to coordinate both planning and execution of the measures called for to meet the situation. The whole proposal is still in the preliminary stage since I only suggested it Monday noon in the course of a discussion with two persons deeply concerned. The idea meets the hearty approval of Dr. McGiffert, Mrs. Kingman and everyone else to whom it has been mentioned. We of course hope that Mr. Carr and yourself, or any two persons whom you might nominate, could attend the conference.

Sincerely yours,

Galen M. Fisher
Assistant Treasurer

GMF:lh

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

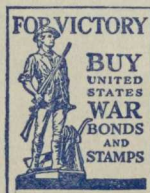
Dear Mrs. Kingman:

I have just received from the office of the Assistant Secretary of War a copy of the night letter forwarded to Representative Clarence Lea by the Fair Play Committee and a number of other good will groups on the Coast.

I had read about this communication in newspaper stories but this was the first chance I had had to see the actual text. After reading it I want to extend my sincere congratulations to the Fair Play Committee and the other groups which collaborated in this action. It is another piece of evidence that you are all doing an extremely alert and effective job.

Sincerely,

D. S. Myers
Director



December 22, 1944

Mr. Dillon S. Myer
War Relocation Authority
Barr Building
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Myer:

The Western Defense Command and the Heads of the War Department deserve applause for their forthright Proclamation rescinding the Exclusion Order, and I was glad only yesterday to have an opportunity to tell Brig. Gen. W.H. Wilbur so. He seemed almost surprised at the volume of support given the action by press and public, and delighted with the outlook.

But even though the War Department deserves all due praise, some of us know that you and your associates deserve fully as much, and I would say, more, for the reason that you have had to buck against the grain all the time for two years and more, and to take entirely unjust criticism and attacks; and during the last few months, to use endless patience, diplomacy and skill to bring about what has at length come to pass. And with yourself, I know that all of us who have watched Bob Cozzens in the ring out here, would want to give him an equal round of applause and gratitude.

While this is a personal letter by myself, I am certain that it would find an echo in the hearts of many others, both among the members of this Committee, and among a host of friends of fair play and constitutional rights throughout the nation.

We are eagerly counting on seeing you here early in January, and especially, on the day when we hold the Strategy Conference, of all interracial agencies, in order to bring about some coordination among them, both for the returnee problems, and for other interracial problems in future. If we can really effect some inclusive coordination on this Coast, then our Committee can sing its *nunc dimittis*.

Sincerely yours

Galen M. Fisher

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JAN 1 1945

Mr. Galen M. Fisher
Committee on American Principles
and Fair Play
465 California Street
San Francisco 4, California

Dear Mr. Fisher:

Thanks very much for your nice letter of December 22.

I positively agree with you about the round of applause and gratitude which is due to Bob Cozzens and his staff on the Coast. I want to point out, however, that Galen Fisher, Ruth Kingman, Bob Sproul, and other people up and down the Coast deserve a great deal of credit. We are most appreciative of the fine services of the Committee on American Principles and Fair Play in general, and of those people just mentioned in particular.

I am looking forward to my trip to the Coast during the next ten days with a great deal of pleasure and I am especially pleased with the opportunity to meet with your Strategy Group around the 10th of January.

With best personal regards and wishes for a happy New Year.

Sincerely,

D. S. Meyer
Director



Telegram sent Friday December 22.

Prof. Hubert Phillips
Fresno State Teachers College
Fresno, California

Am informed by WRA discharged veteran, wife, 2 children
arrive Fresno Santa Fe, 3:15^{pm} Saturday, December 23,
Will be met by friends and driven to Fowler. Name:
Kazuo Hiyama. Can you have several on alert for
possible difficulty on arrival or later?

Ruth W. Kingman

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

Dear Mrs. Kingman:

A copy of my letter to Lt. LaFevre, which is enclosed is practically self-explanatory.

Rudy Abrecht, who is naturally concerned about the attitude of some of the agricultural communities he serves in the Mountain District, went along and had intended to make up his Rotary attendance at Auburn. He was interested in this whole matter and feels that our collaboration will help him in Marysville and some other tough spots.

I will make inquiries among some of the church men's clubs locally regarding their cooperation in making possible some Sacramento hospitality and continue to seek friendly contacts in the vicinity of Auburn so that steps toward developing a more reasonable attitude will be possible.

I am sorry you were unable to make the visit to Auburn, but after taking the temperature of the community, I doubt if it would have been possible to interest the American Legion or any other organized group to take immediate action on this situation. It will involve, in my opinion, an educational effort from within the community itself to bring about the desirable change in public opinion.

I am enclosing what I consider a very good statement recently released by our Sacramento Council of Churches, which together with the letters in our local press are proving helpful in our local situation.

With kindest personal regards and best wishes for the Christmas season, I am

Sincerely and cordially,

Reginald West
REGINALD WEST
General Secretary

RW:BJO

Enclosures

"Serving Sacramento Youth Since 1866"

December 22, 1944

Lt. Victoria LaFevre
DeWitt General Hospital
Auburn, California

Dear Lt. LaFevre:

After leaving the hospital Tuesday afternoon I learned that Rudy Abrecht had been unable to attend a formal meeting of the Rotary Club because same was being held in the evening this week. However, together we inquired at the A.W.V.S. and learned from Mrs. Anne Griffith that it would be impossible to interview Miss Estes, their chairman, because of her school duties, but that a Mrs. Potts was very well informed and the next in command to Miss Estes. We interviewed Mrs. Potts at considerable length and found her sympathetic to your problem but quite skeptical as to any favorable response being developed in the local community at this time. She did agree, however, that whatever progress is likely to be made will come from a few community leaders representative of the different interests in the town giving consideration to the matter and seeking to create a more favorable public opinion. She volunteered to request Miss Estes to discuss the whole situation with you personally.

We next called on Rev. Reed, the minister of the Congregational Church, who readily admitted the responsibility of the churches in the educational work to be done but again, as in the case of Mrs. Potts, expressing skepticism as to the likelihood of much progress, and this only after considerable effort. He agreed personally to think along the lines of your problem, which is also Auburn's problem, don't let anyone forget. He said he would be glad to request Rev. Crawburg to invite you into a conference with the five or six ministers serving the community.

I did not have time for any further contacts that afternoon and don't feel as though very much has been accomplished at the Auburn end so far. Locally I have discussed the hospitality for your Japanese-American patients with the Coordinating Director of the U.S.O. here and along these lines there may be hope of action before your local community will be ready. Specifically, I am happy to say that our U.S.O. operations recognize only the uniform and do not discriminate between races. Therefore, the possibility occurs to me that we may find a

Page Two -- Lt. Victoria LaFevre -- December 22, 1944

way to bring your patients to Sacramento for occasional hospitality -- U.S.O. and otherwise. I am writing Crockard Chevrolet Company of Roseville, with whom we have done business for many years, for a quotation on round trips between the hospital and Sacramento for their equipment which carries twenty-five or thirty persons. I believe we can find ways and means of providing this transportation through groups in Sacramento, and until such a time as Auburn can bring itself to extend the hospitalities these men deserve, we will seek to do our best even though we have to operate at a distance. In some respects this may be a desirable method of getting Auburn off the dime and if so it will help that community, your patients and yourself.

What is the length of time these patients can be absent from the hospital and what are the hours? Is there any preference as far as days are concerned? Could they come as a group together with a few others who enjoy fellowship with them?

I am enclosing a recent statement released by the Sacramento Council of Churches on the subject of this letter which you may be able to use to advantage with the ministers of your community. Some of us here in Sacramento will be glad to contribute to the solution of your problem and at the same time use the occasions to move our own community forward in connection with our hospitality responsibilities.

With kindest personal regards and best wishes for a happy Christmas season, I am

Sincerely and cordially,

REGINALD WEST
General Secretary

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Enclosure

THE SACRAMENTO COUNCIL OF CHURCHES -- 208 YMCA Building
Phone 2-2886
Sacramento California

A Statement on the Army's Order
December 17 1944
Rescinding the Military Evacuation Order 1942

When the evacuation order of early 1942 was carried into effect, the Sacramento churches helped during the 3-4 evacuation days by furnishing transportation for the people to be evacuated and trucks for their belongings. Military necessity was given as the basis for the order, but the constitutionality of the move was seriously questioned. -- As a matter of principle the churches supported the Army's evacuation order, relating themselves properly to the duly constituted authority. Now that the Army is lifting the ban, the churches will again and naturally support the action by this same authority whereby the constitutional problem is removed.

The Sacramento Council of Churches recognizes and emphasizes that American Democracy provides equal rights for all its citizens, whether their ancestors be Australian or German, Irish or Japanese. It is, therefore, the duty of all citizens, and all good Americans, to do all in their power to help to protect and make secure the rights of all American Citizens who lawfully enter California or any other State. Boycotts and other forms of intimidation are unworthy of our constitution, our flag, and our people; they are, indeed, un-American. Good Americans are fairminded and law-abiding, and will not tolerate gangster rule, whether by groups or individuals.

The Council further wishes to point out and stress that the Christian Church believes in our American Democracy, its ideals and principles, and has always been one of its strongest protagonists. This new action by the Army is fully consistent with our Democracy at its best, and as such is highly commendable. The Council, therefore, calls upon all citizens worthy of this great country and the Stars and Stripes, and especially the members and friends of our churches, to support the action of the United States Army, by standing for law and order in our community, and by aiding to reduce to a minimum all factors and attitudes which might lead to friction.

The Council pledges itself to full cooperation in helping to integrate the returning individuals into our community life, and calls upon the churches and church people of this area to recognize their Christian responsibility and to help in welcoming the returning evacuees into our community and Christian fellowship.

Finally, the Council hereby registers its conviction that the revocation of the evacuation order will serve to strengthen the moral position of our country in the eyes of the world, both of friendly and enemy peoples, and will give to the United States of America a clearer title to leadership in the family of nations.

This Statement adopted at the regular monthly meeting of the Council of Churches, December 19, 1944.

President: Rev. Justin P. Follette;
Executive Secretary: Rev. Alfred Tonness, Ph.D.

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December 23, 1944

Dr. Walter Dexter
State Capitol
Sacramento, California

Dear Dr. Dexter:

It is reported in the press that you are calling a meeting of the School Superintendents to confer on problems which may possibly arise with the return of the young Nisei to California schools.

Enclosed you will find a copy of a talk given by Dr. Robert Gordon Sproul, duplicates of which have been sent to all Superintendents of Schools and all High School principals in California.

We have considerable well-documented material, prepared for the purpose of presenting a more accurate picture of the Nisei than is commonly available on the West Coast.

I am sending copies of some of the material, under separate cover, hoping that you will ask (by phone or wire) for a considerable number of each, which we will be glad to supply for the coming meeting.

You are acquainted with many of the members of our Committee and may be sure that they heartily approve the stated purpose of your conference.

Very sincerely yours,

Ruth W. Kingman
Executive Secretary

RWK:lh

Enclosure

WALTER F. DEXTER
SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION
AND DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION



STATE OF CALIFORNIA
Department of Education
SACRAMENTO

December 28, 1944

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

Dear Mrs. Kingman:

May I thank you for your letter of December 23 together with the brochure you so kindly enclosed. I am glad to have Dr. Sproul's thoughts on the very important subject with which the Governor and superintendents will deal when they meet some time within the near future.

It is good of you to write me.

Sincerely yours,

Walter F. Dexter

December 23, 1944

Editor
Monterey Peninsula Herald
Monterey, California

Dear Sir:

May we commend you for your excellent coverage of the Army's lifting of the ban on Americans of Japanese ancestry?

In your December 18 issue, both news columns and editorial comment presented a factual and fair-minded approach which might well be copied by other editors on the West Coast.

Very sincerely yours,

Ruth W. Kingman
Executive Secretary

RWK:lh

Telegram sent Saturday, December 23, 1944

Mr. Saburo Kido
413 Beeson Building
Salt Lake City, Utah

Fair Play Committee calling coastwide Strategy
Conference of representative groups working on
Common problem San Francisco January ten. We
urge you attend. Committee will pay your expenses
trip. Suggest you make Pullman reservation
immediately. OK use foregoing as Pacific Citizen
story. Details follow by mail.

Ruth Kingman

December 26, 1944

The Rev. Dr. Gordon K. Chapman
Protestant Church Commission
228 McAllister Street
San Francisco, California

Dear Dr. Chapman:

Mr. Fisher requested me to return the
enclosed file of letters to you.

He wishes to express his appreciation
for your kindness in making them available
to him.

Very sincerely yours,

Lillian Hoyle
Acting Office Secretary

LH:lh

Telegram sent Tuesday, December 26, 1944
Straight wire

Virginia Shirley

City Club of Portland

Portland, Oregon

Material re Myer being sent immediately for Jan. 5 publicity.

Ruth W. Kingman

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December 26, 1944

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

Dear Mrs. Kingman:

The plans for the Dillon Myer luncheon are well under way. I am attaching a copy of the letter and the post card that were distributed to the former list. I talked to Mr. Bayley regarding the luncheon and he was very enthusiastic. I shall let you know the progress that is made.

The Civic Unity Committee is taking a very active part in starting the educational program on the question of the returning Japanese. I am attaching a copy of a resolution that will be publicized within the next few days by the Public Information Committee.

We are meeting with representatives of the C.I.O., A.F. of L., the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, and the P.T.A. this Thursday to discuss the extent of the educational program to be carried on. I shall send you a report of this at the end of the week.

I am sorry that you cannot be with us on January 4th, but don't worry about the plans for the luncheon.

Season's Greetings!

Very truly yours,

Ann P. Madsen

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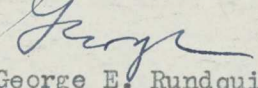
December 26, 1944.

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

Dear Ruth:

Enclosed are the names of most - not all - of the people that I spoke to individually while on the Coast. Doctor Tonness of Sacramento will have a list of the people we saw together; and Gertrude Apel of Seattle, George Nace of Portland, Hugh Landram of San Francisco, Doubleday of Berkeley, for the Northern California Council of Churches and Clarence Gillett for the Southern California Council, will be able to supply the names of those people who attended meetings called by their respective Councils of Churches.

Sincerely yours,


George E. Rundquist
Executive Secretary

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December 26, 1944

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

My dear Mrs. Kingman:

We are happy to enclose our check for the sum of \$2460.00. This grant represents the approval of two requests made by you, -one made in May for \$1760.00 and a supplementary request made in June for \$700.00, for the purpose of providing funds to conduct a citizens orientation program, prior to and during the resettlement of Japanese citizens on the west coast.

At the termination of this project we shall be interested in a report of the work and a financial statement of its costs. As you know, such unexpended balances as remain are to be returned to this office for use in other worthy programs.

With good wishes for the continued success of your work,
I remain,

Very truly yours,

Marjorie Elkus
(Mrs.) Charles deY. Elkus, Jr.
Executive Director.

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Amache, Colorado
December 27, 1944

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

Dear Mrs. Thayer:

It is with deep gratitude that your letter was received by both of us and as we read and reread it, it was with difficulty that we held back the fast swelling tears that came to our eyes. You are very kind Mrs. Thayer. Even through the sorrow and heartache which the notice that our son Harry was "killed in action" brought to us, your very kind and heart-warming letter brought to us a warm Christmas feeling which we shall never forget. We know that Harry is sending his thank you too from the land beyond.

Christmas this year is a sad holiday time for many others--not only us--for many families must have those who will never see another Christmas too. It is with a heavy heart that they too must welcome the holiday season, but like you say, it is comforting to realize that they sacrificed their lives to bring about a better world--and Christmases full with peace on earth and good will to men. We are proud of our son, Mrs. Thayer, and of the sacrifice he has made. We are proud that he did his bit to help preserve everything that America stands for. He hasn't died in vain because we know the sacrifice he and all of the others have made will bring closer the day of peace. And it is comforting to know that the sacrifices they are making today has helped to bring about the glad news that the West Coast exclusion order is now lifted. So in spite of our sorrow, there is a lot to be thankful for.

And your kindness too is something we are so very thankful for. It is people like you and your kindness that makes life worth living. It is people like you that makes America the great country all of our boys are fighting for. Thank you Mrs. Thayer and thank you to all the members of the Pasadena Chapter of the Pacific Coast Committee on American Principles and Fair Play. Our gratitude is immeasurable in words, and humbly, we can only say thank you and May God Bless You. And may you continue with the wonderful work you are doing. Thank you again.

Sincerely and most gratefully yours,

John Tokushima

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RUSSEL F. RYPINS, M. D.

~~604 POST STREET~~

SAN FRANCISCO

Dear Mrs Kingman,

Mrs. Edyth Katten called your Committee's work to my attention. I feel some progress is being made (perhaps), and such groups as yours are important influences. Enclosed is a small contribution toward your work. \$3.00 OK.

Very truly,
R. F. Rypins

12/27/44

Night Letter
December 28, 1944

to:

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FAIR PLAY COMMITTEE CALLING CONFERENCE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF
WEST COAST GROUPS KNOWN TO BE INTERESTED IN PROBLEMS INVOLVED IN
RETURN OF NISEI. WE FEEL EFFORTS SHOULD BE COORDINATED AND WISH
YOUR COUNSEL AND COOPERATION. DATE JANUARY 10 SAN FRANCISCO.
URGE YOU ATTEND. COMMITTEE WILL MEET TRAVEL EXPENSES. DETAILS
FOLLOW BY MAIL.

Ruth W. Kingman

Auburn Wn. Dec.28

1944

Committee on American Principles and Fair Play,
465 California St. San Francisco Calif.

Dear Mrs. Kingman,

The generous supply of literature which I received has been of great help in checkmating the line of propaganda which the "Remember Pearl Harbor League" has tried to use to fool our citizens of this White River Valley. Not that it has converted these rabble-rousers; but they have changed their theme somewhat. And I expect to cause them to back track more when they find that this literature is being circulated.

It may be of interest to some of the committee to hear about the experiment that I tried out here, for it has disturbed the anti-Japanese leaders. Not having the backing of any group, but having the prestige of a state chairman of International Relations for the Washington Federation of Women's Clubs, I have been able to conduct a personal survey among the business men of this small town, by interviewing one or more on my daily errands of shopping. I carry several packets of literature with me so I can hand it out as the opportunity arises. And I have mailed them to anti-Japanese leaders.

The first noticeable result was, they were talking about, "who is circulating this racial literature?" This Japanese question is not a racial question." "It is a question of loyalty."

Next, the League brought a lawyer from Seattle, (Mr. Phelan) to speak at a mass meeting and explain that it was not a racial question. But that the Japanese Americans were disloyal because of their Shinto religion and their Emperor worship.

Now it seems that a number are asking "who is responsible for this literature," which I have distributed. Even though some of it has the title of your committee and its address, there are rumors that it is some religious organization that is sending it out.

I feel that it would be worth while to publicize more the committee and to be affiliated with it myself.

Would it be possible for me to be appointed the chairman of the North West Division of the Committee on American Principles and Fair Play? I can not use my Woman's Club Chairmanship of International Relations in this respect.

But I should like to be able to say that I belong to your committee and am associated with a group of educational leaders and civic leaders working to uphold justice and democracy on the home front. It would be helpful to have a list of those on the committee with their profession or line of business.

Thanking you, Sincerely,

Mrs. Lynn Brannan

Box 44 Auburn Wn.

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December 28, 1944

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

Dear Mrs. Kingman:

Here is a chance for your committee to perform a significant bit of service.

I am enclosing two copies of a resolution lately adopted by the Los Angeles Post #8, American Legion, whose address is Patriotic Hall, 1816 South Figueroa Street, Los Angeles. As you read this resolution you will realize that a good deal has been accomplished to get it adopted.

Elaborate effort is being made by the opposition to have this resolution rescinded at the next meeting, which will take place next Thursday night, January 4th. It is the conviction of those who have been successful in getting this resolution adopted, however, that strong letters of approval of the resolution from Dr. Gordon Sproul and Dr. Robert Millikan sent to Post #8 at the address shown would carry the day.

Do you not wish to send a copy of the resolution to each of the gentlemen named with an accompanying recommendation that a letter be immediately dispatched giving such endorsement?

Cordially yours,

Jerome W. MacNair
Jerome W. MacNair

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inputs, just as we can perhaps help others in our own specialized field of information & published. I think this is correct to

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Dear Mrs. T.

Naturally, we are very sorry that neither
you nor Mrs. Crotty can attend the Jan. 16 conference.
I have hope that Fickens' Legler might possibly be able to
report her ~~trip~~ return trip so that she can ~~be here~~ ^{be here}.

At any rate, the conference must be held, as we cannot
put off any longer, conferring with those persons whose
calendars will permit their coming. ~~Because~~ If it were
merely a matter of the S.F. & Berkeley areas, some postponement
might be considered, but as representatives are coming down from
Seattle and Portland, and as those areas are sharply critical
at this time, it seems most inadvisable to change our
plans.

I have talked with Mr. Fisher, and we are
planning on going to Southern California in the
near future, for just such a meeting as you
suggested. We shall make every effort to ~~get there~~ get there
sometime this month.

One of the primary areas for ^{discussion} ~~discussion~~ in
the forthcoming conference will be the possibility and/or
desirability of the formation of some sort of a
coordinating structure for the simplification of
the ^{many} ~~many~~ efforts now being made in the general field of ~~the~~ race
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THE AMERICAN COUNCIL ON RACE RELATIONS

PACIFIC COAST REGIONAL OFFICE

988 Market Street, Room 202

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LAURENCE I. HEWES, JR.
REGIONAL DIRECTOR

December 28, 1944

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

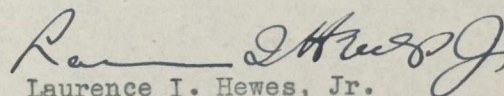
Dear Mrs. Kingman:

I am quoting below the pertinent passage from Gus Solomon's letter to me of December 20. I trust this will be satisfactory.

"When the Army rescinded its exclusion order and stated that it would permit Japanese to return to the Pacific Coast, the Oregonian called me for a statement, and I told them that I was happy to see the order rescinded and hoped that the Japanese would be well received when they returned. The Governor, the Mayor, and one American Legion man took an opposite position, but the head of the Council of Churches agreed with me. As a result of this publicity, I was asked to meet with some people from the Council of Churches to determine what help the citizens of Portland can be to the WRA when the Japanese begin to return. What do you know about the Japanese problem, and what do you think the citizens of Portland can do in connection with their return? Have any plans been formulated? There is the question of housing and jobs and the return of farms, etc., etc. Is the WRA going to do all this themselves? I sent a wire to a friend of mine in the Interior Department asking that he contact the WRA man and send us the details, but if you have any dope please send it to me."

Mr. Solomon's address is: Gus J. Solomon, Attorney at Law, Yeon Building, Portland, Oregon.

Sincerely yours,


Laurence I. Hewes, Jr.
Regional Director

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Mrs. Ruth Kingman
465 California street
San Francisco 4, California

Dec. 28, 1944

Dear Mrs. Kingman:

Enclosed is a copy of a letter which we are mailing out this week to those Chicago resettlers who have come through our hostel and office.

I thought it might interest you to know that the Church Federation of Greater Chicago, representing over 1100 Protestant churches, is in the process of addressing letters to Chicago resettlers encouraging them to stay on here.

Sincerely,

Togo Tanaka
Togo Tanaka

AMERICAN FRIENDS SERVICE COMMITTEE
Midwest Branch Office
189 W. Madison St. Chicago 2, Ill.

In cooperation with
AMERICAN BAPTIST HOME MISSION SOCIETY

Dec. 29, 1944

Dear friend:

During the past week, we have welcomed good news affecting all persons of Japanese descent in the United States: (1) The Western Defense Command's announcement that evacuee exclusion orders on the West Coast will be rescinded January 2, 1945, and (2) The United States Supreme Court's unanimous decision in the Mitsuye Endo case upholding the right of loyal American citizens to be free from detention inside relocation centers. In sum total, these developments have meant the fulfillment of earlier promises by the government to restore full citizenship rights to evacuees. We wish to share with our resettler friends in Chicago, and their new fellow workers, employers, associates and neighbors who have welcomed them, our feeling of satisfaction over this news.

Chicago today is the largest center of the resettler population. Its record in receiving newcomers has been a friendly one. Any dispassionate comparison with the West Coast generally cannot help but be favorable to the Midwest and East. The Pacific Coast has changed much since most evacuees last knew it.

We are most anxious to assist evacuees still in relocation centers to return to normal homes on the outside. We are just as anxious, now that the right to return to the Pacific Coast has been established, to see those in Chicago and elsewhere in the Midwest achieve permanence in their new homes here. We trust you will carefully consider your future plans and distinguish between the right to return and the wisdom in transplanting your family again.

The Chicago War Relocation Authority office, 226 West Jackson Blvd. (phone ANDover 3600), in addition to service for those newly arrived in Chicago, is prepared to give specific advice and assistance to individuals who wish to make plans to go to the West Coast.

American Friends Service Committee offices in Pasadena, San Francisco, Seattle, and Philadelphia are prepared to work with government agencies also. The facilities of our Chicago office are likewise available to those who decide to return to their former homes. Here in Chicago, we will also continue for the present to maintain our small staff to counsel with those who intend to build their lives here. We feel you should know that there is continued evidence that this city wants you to remain Chicagoans.

Sincerely,

Edwin C. Morgenroth

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Executive Secretary
AMERICAN FRIENDS SERVICE COMMITTEE
Midwest Branch Office

December 29, 1944

Dr. Arthur C. McGiffert, Jr.
Pacific School of Religion
1798. Scenic Avenue
Berkeley, California

Dear Dr. McGiffert:

The enclosed Applications for Special Mileage Ration
have been sent to us by Mrs. Kaplan for your signature.

Would you please sign them and return them to her,
Mrs. Katherine F. Kaplan, 1732 Kelton Avenue, Los
Angeles 24, Calif.

Thank you.

Very sincerely yours,

Office Secretary

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December 29, 1944

Mr. Raymond Booth
1031 S. Broadway
War Relocation Authority,
Room #955
Los Angeles, California

Dear Mr. Booth:

Mrs. Kingman has asked me to send you the enclosed list of our Advisory Board. The names of the Los Angeles members have been checked.

Mr. Homer D. Crotty is the chairman of the Los Angeles committee. Mrs. Katherine F. Kaplan, 1732 Kelton Ave., Arizona 38839, is the Executive Secretary. She is at present out of town, but will be back January 4th.

Very sincerely yours,

Office Secretary

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Straight Wire
December 29, 1944

Mrs. Joseph Kaplan
Antler's Hotel
Colorado Springs, Colorado

STRATEGY CONFERENCE SAN FRANCISCO JANUARY 10, URGE YOU ATTEND IF
POSSIBLE.

Ruth W. Kingman

Straight Wire
December 29, 1944

Miss Virginia Shirley
City Club,
Portland, Oregon

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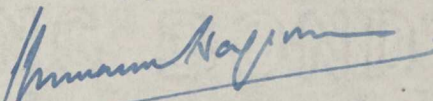
Santa Barbara, California

December 29th, 1944.

Dear Mrs. Kingman:

I thank you heartily for your interesting letter about Ben Kuroki. I agree with you that the story is "one of real importance". I was not able, however, to interest my publisher in a book about the gallant sergeant so there is nothing further that I can do about the matter.

Yours sincerely,



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

*I am looking forward to meeting you in San Francisco the week
after next!*

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Dr. Henry Grady, President
San Francisco Chamber of Commerce
333 Pine Street
San Francisco, California

Dear Dr. Grady:

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Mr. James K. Fisk, Adjutant
American Legion
117 Veterans' Building
San Francisco, California

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Mr. Ray Wiser
California Farm Bureau Federation
2161 Allston Way
Berkeley, California

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Mr. John Piggott, Editor
Pacific Rural Press
83 Stevenson St.
San Francisco, California

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Veterans' Foreign Wars
Veterans' War Memorial Building
San Francisco, California

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United States Attorney Frank Hennessy
Grant Building
San Francisco, California

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Mayor Roger Lapham
City Hall, Civic Center
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City Hall
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Monsignor Richard Collins, Secretary
St. Mary's Cathedral
San Francisco, California

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California Church Council
83 McAllister St.
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Mr. Eugene Block, Executive Secretary
Jewish Survey
110 Sutter St.
San Francisco, California

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Mr. Louis Goldblatt
150 Golden Gate Avenue
San Francisco, California

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600 State Building
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Veterans' of Foreign Wars
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Very Very cordially yours,

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2940 16th St.
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400 Brannan St.
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503 Market St.
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American Legion
117 Veterans' Building
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Hall of Justice
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Hearst Building
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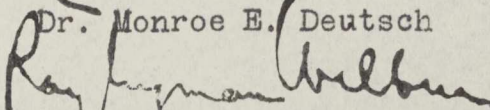
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Ruth W. Kingman
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PACIFIC COAST COMMITTEE ON AMERICAN PRINCIPLES AND
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Night Letter
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DAN MARSHALL
720 Rowan Bldg.
458 S. Spring St.
Los Angeles, Calif.

COMMITTEE INVITING REPRESENTATIVE GROUP COMMUNITY, LABOR,
INDUSTRY, VETERANS, CIVIC ORGANIZATION LEADERS LUNCH WITH
DILLON MYER, SAN FRANCISCO, JANUARY 11. URGE YOU STAY
OVER JOIN US.

Ruth Kingman

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To:

• Mr. Bruce Maguire Student YMCA 715 So. Hope St. Los Angeles, Calif.	• Mr. Wes Rennie General Sec'y. YMCA Seattle, Wash.	Mr. J. C. Meehan General Sec'y. YMCA Portland, Oregon
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Mrs. Ruth Kingman
2207 Union Street
Berkeley, California

Dear Mrs. Kingman:

I have word from Saburo Kido that you are to have a conference in San Francisco on January 8th. Will you please tell me something about it?

I am prompted to attend it unless you would rather not have one as close to the A.C.L.U. as I am, around. Please write to me candidly and confidentially. I assure you I shall feel no offense if it is your private opinion that my presence would be ill-advised.

Sincerely yours,

ALW:dm

A. L. Wirin
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Mrs. Kugler

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12/15/44
This committee is
all from Farm districts
where the bias
is purely economical
in nature.

The evacuation
was entirely military.
Who are they to
tell the military how
to run the war?

They should cooperate
with the military to
preserve the rights of
individuals & the preservation
of our form of government!

Pacific Coast Com. On American Principles & Fair Play
2234 Telegraph Ave., Berkeley, Calif.

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For immediate release: (date)

Despite 30 or 40 attempts at violence directed against them, the 1500 Japanese-Americans who have so far returned to West Coast communities have generally received fair treatment and often a friendly welcome, the Pacific Coast Committee on American Principles and Fair Play and the American Council on Race Relations reported in a joint release today.

Reviewing the attitude of Coast residents to the returning evacuees the Committee and Council described how West Coast people are aiding the orderly return of Americans of Japanese ancestry and suggested "practical steps that may be taken by other people of good will who believe

that Americanism is a matter for everyday action".

The statement was issued in the form of a pamphlet titled "Homeward Bound".

The pamphlet ~~describes~~ cites specific instances of positive action taken by communities on the Coast.

In Berkeley, California "the inter-racial Committee made a community wide survey to discover housing, permanent or temporary, and work at standard wage levels. Two hundred replies were received offering 45 rooms for permanent occupancy and 25 for temporary use. Job offers came for gardeners, gas station attendants, a farm manager, couples for domestic work, secretaries and clerks."

In Sacramento, "the Council on Civic Unity has made plans with the

YMCA to set aside one of their recreation rooms as a dormitory for Japanese Americans passing through town. Members of the Council planned to redecorate a downtown store for use as a hospitality center."

The pamphlet quotes statements made by well known organizations in local communities that have influenced the attitude of the town toward fair play. Among them is the one made by the San Joaquin County Farm Bureau, which reads in part: "We must ~~always~~ remember that when we permit persecution of any citizen, or group of citizens, we are laying the foundation for our own persecution."

"To pave the way for fair treatment of loyal Americans of Japanese ancestry", the joint statement suggests "a fair play committee or civic unity council can be formed". Suggestions for organization activity ^{were} ~~include~~:

made as follows:

1. "The committees act as clearing houses for offers of temporary or permanent housing for those who do not have places of their own.

2."Circular letters, stating the fair play committee principles and policy are sent throughout the community along with questionnaires canvassing the town for housing and job offers.

3."Committees take a stand for fair play by issuing statements to the press and radio. They urge others- - merchants' ~~as~~ associations, service clubs, farm groups, community leaders--to endorse the principles of fair play set forth by the committee.

3."Speakers are provided by the committees for local meetings or town forums.

4."Friendly calls are made on Japanese-American families who have already settled in their homes."

[1944]

Dear Mr. Kenny:

We have been very proud of the way in which the problems of the returning Japanese have been handled by the officials of our State since the Army lifted the ban. It was heartening to those of us who believe in law and order to see how the recent difficulty in Placer County was taken up and the lawbreakers discovered.

Now we are counting upon the officials of Fresno County to search out the miscreants who poured shot into the home of peaceful citizens of Japanese ancestry. We urge you to use the facilities of your staff to speedily uncover the perpetrators. To let one community get away with night riders and shooting, might encourage the same tactics on the part of other communities and this must not happen in our State.

We appreciate Governor Warren's and your fine stand in upholding the Constitution and calling upon others to do so. We wish to back you up in any way possible.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Maynard Force Thayer, Chairman