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November 2, 1943

Mr. Ralph Merritt
Manzanar Relocation Center
War Relocation Authority
Manzanar, Calif.

Dear Mr. Merritt:

I thought you might be interested in the enclosed statement by Attorney General Francis Biddle. The statement was made following a conference I had with the Attorney General while I was in Washington.

We had a very interesting meeting with Mr. Dillon Myer, Saturday, that I feel was very satisfactory. Many questions put directly to Mr. Myer were answered very satisfactorily. Dr. Deutsch, General Barrows, and Dr. McGiffert were among those at the meeting.

I hope to see you the next time you are in town.

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman

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November 3, 1943

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

Dear Dillon Myer:

I've just received a copy of Dr. Babcock's letter, which, addressed to you, carries his protest against the inadequate diet at Manzanar. I'm sure that this is not news to you, and I hope that some use can be made of this letter in answering the repeated charges of "coddling", etc. He talked to me about it, and as his observations parallel those of many others, I presume them to be accurate. He seems to have mistaken my stay at Topaz for Tulalake. If we use his letter, I shall get his permission to change it.

If we use it, we shall refer, only to the food situation, as the internal "workings" of Manzanar and Mr. Merritt's relations to the are not our concern at this time.

This is not a letter -- just a correction of "Topaz" for "Tulalake" in my experience. My observation on the present situation there is based upon the relative absence of fresh vegetables in Topaz.

I'm waiting for a call from Cap Joyce to set me straight on the excitement in Tulalake. It was fortunate that you were there yesterday. It's about time you caught up with an "incident", as it will undoubtedly give you an even keener awareness of the necessity for a further drastic separation of sheep (some of them turning a bit blackish!) from the goats.

Cordially yours,

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman

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November 3, 1943

Mr. Arno Haack
Washington University
St. Louis, Mo.

I've just been talking with Virginia
Sottoroff, editor of the Daily Californian--
the girl who did that fine series on the Nisei, etc.

I have told her of the fine afternoon I spent
with you and the boys in the office there at Wash-
ington University, and naturally she was greatly grat-
ified by my report of their enthusiasm.

If they will write her a letter, expressing their
appreciation of the stand the Cal has made, and will
also include a message of appreciation to the Student
Body at large for the enjoyment of past participation
in student life here, and present understanding and
support, it will be printed and get wide circulation.
I suggest that all of the boys sign it, with their name
and year.

I hope that this will be done soon, as I feel that
it will be good for the University, the Daily Cal, and
also for the boys, who obviously still feel a deep at-
tachment here.

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Thank you again for everything. You and Harry Kingman
are the best the Student Y has and the Student Y has the
best!

Cordially

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman

RWK:mj

November 4, 1943

Miss Priscilla Beattie
421 Sequoia Dr.
Pasadena 2, Calif.

Dear Miss Beattie:

It was good to get your letter. I'm glad that you are "in there pitching" as it looks down there as if a bit of slugging is called for.

Mrs. Thayer has probably turned over the Galen Fisher pamphlet for the Church distribution. We feel that it is excellent, covers much territory and answers many questions.

May I have a copy of the "mimeographed report on the doings of the Pasadena hate mongers" you referred to? We try to keep on file anything and everything mimeographed or printed that goes out under Fair Play.

I still hope to see Manzanar and Dr. Emerson. Dr. Babcock came in and as a result, I've asked him to write a letter on "Food Deficiencies" etc. Will send you whatever we do with it.

Cordially,

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman

RWK:mj

November 4, 1943

Miss Margaret Cosgrave
1644 Van Ness Ave.
Fresno, Calif.

Dear Margaret:

Thank you for your suggestion re
former statements by Jt. Immigration Committee
and American Legion. I'm turning it over to a
graduate student to put into shape. ---Will
send you a copy, of course.

Had a grand time in Washington. Wish I
could tell you about it in person.

Cordially,

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman

.S. So far as I know there are to be no hearings
in the Bay Area -- we're not "hot" enough.

November 4, 1943

Capt. Reid Jorgensen
Hqtrs. 442nd Inf.
Camp Shelby, Miss.

Dear Captain Jorgensen:

May I take this opportunity to thank you for your kindness in assisting me to see so much of Camp Shelby when I was in Mississippi last month?

It is encouraging to us on the West Coast who are interested in the rights of our citizens of Japanese ancestry, to know that the Combat Unit is under such enthusiastic and sympathetic officers.

I told Galen Fisher that I saw you. He was delighted to hear that you are with the Combat Unit. He knew the whereabouts of your brother, but had lost track of the "more mischievous younger one."

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Martha A. Ringman

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November 4, 1943

Lt. Col. Virgil R. Miller
Adjts. 442nd Inf.
Camp Shelby, Miss.

Dear Colonel Miller:

May I take this opportunity to thank you for your kindness in assisting me to see so much of Camp Shelby when I was in Mississippi last month?

It is encouraging to us on the west Coast who are interested in the rights of our citizens of Japanese ancestry, to know that the Combat unit is under such enthusiastic and sympathetic officers.

I am still much impressed with my afternoon spent in a Command Car. Needless to say, I am the keen envy of all of my less fortunate friends.

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ruth A. Kingman

RWK:mj

November 4, 1943

Major Oland D. Russell
Public Relations Officer
442nd Inf.
Camp Shelby, Miss.

Dear Major Russell:

May I take this opportunity to thank you for your kindness in assisting me to see so much of Camp Shelby when I was in Mississippi last month?

It is encouraging to us on the West Coast who are interested in the rights of our citizens of Japanese ancestry, to know that the Combat unit is under such enthusiastic and sympathetic officers.

I am still hoping that Mr. McCloy and General Simmons will make an early appointment of a good public relations man in the Western Defense Command.

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman

RWK:mj

November 4, 1943

Col. C.W. Pence
Hdqts.: 442nd Inf.
Camp Shelby, Miss.

Dear Colonel Pence:

May I take this opportunity to thank you for your kindness in assisting me to see so much of Camp Shelby when I was in Mississippi last month?

It is encouraging to us on the West Coast who are interested in rights of our citizens of Japanese ancestry, to know that the Combat unit is under such enthusiastic and sympathetic officers.

Both personally, and for the Committee, may I again express my appreciation.

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman

RWK:mj

November 4, 1943

Mrs. Jean Thoits Conlidge
17 Macondray St.
San Francisco 11, Calif.

Dear Jean:

I know that you and Jean McKay probably feel that I am the world's most uncooperative person. May I assure you that I am not? I'm simply confronted with the task of trying to cover the West Coast, Washington and points in between at times, and we really are not equipped for that much activity.

I am happy to receive the resolutions. I shall present them to my Executive Committee on November 19th for approval and whatever action they wish to take.

Personally, I feel that the resolutions are sound, and see no difficulty in obtaining my board's approval. The only question in my mind is the length of the "missive," which might be cut down for certain usages, and used as a whole for others.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman

RWK:mj

November 4, 1943

Mr. Benjamin H. Bull
817 824 Gay Bldg.
Madison, 3, Wisconsin

Dear Mr. Bull:

Dr. Paul Taylor indicated your interest in the problem of the Japanese evacuees, and so we are sending you, under separate cover, some material which you may find of interest. It is possible that you have already seen some of the documents. At any rate, they may be useful in interesting others in the Japanese Americans.

Sincerely,

Secretary

mj

November 4, 1943

Mr. Alton L. Hall
Rt. 1,
Huntington Beach, Calif.

Dear Mr. Hall:

As usual, your "letters to the Editor" are good. We are particularly eager to get many reprints of your open letter to the Mayor of Los Angeles, of October 19th. May we also have the name of the paper in which it appeared, with the date line?

May we know the cost of 1000, as I intend to put in an order for that number, if the price is "at prevailing rates".

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman

RWK:mj

November 4, 1943

Mr. Larry Tajiri
Editor, Pacific Citizen
425 Beason Bldg.
Salt Lake City, Utah

Dear Mr. Tajiri:

Each week, upon reading the Pacific Citizen, I resolve to write a letter in appreciation of its fine editing. However, like everyone else, I get too busy to do the things I would like to do, and don't always get done the things I must do.

Following my stay in Washington last month, I stopped off in St. Louis with the Obatas, and later spent a day at Camp Shelby. While with the Obatas, I talked at length with Kim, and later, at Shelby, with Mike Masaoka. Both of them urged me to write to you about something I have in mind and each promised to write to you about it themselves. Knowing them both, I'll be willing to bet that neither has got around to doing it yet.

It seems to me that it is of greatest importance, at this time, that a substantial number of Nisei women get into the WAC. As I talked with Kim and Mike, it seemed to us that a special drive for such enlistment should be made in the immediate future. I am sure that your representatives in Washington will know when the next recruitment for the WAC will be made. May I suggest that you write a very strong editorial, to be released at about the same time?

I am well aware of the many difficulties confronting the Nisei girls who might wish to enlist; family disapproval or parental concern, doubt as to attitudes within the service, future status, possible recent relocation or future relocation plans. However, I feel that the following points should be emphasized:

- 1.) Any girl in the WAC has the concern, protection and sponsorship of the United States Army, and is infinitely better off, physically and morally than girls relocating alone, or in unsupervised surroundings. (Emphasis should be made upon the discrediting of former unfortunate publicity.)
- 2.) All members of the WAC are receiving training and/or experience in activities or professions which will be useful in the future.
- 3.) After the war, service men and women will receive preference in employment (and perhaps in education opportunities).
- 4.) The WAC is unsegregated.
- 5.) Members of the WAC are persons in uniform and are free to move about (subject to military duty, of course) in any part of the United States.
- 6.) The WAC is assigning its members to duty in all parts of the United States.
- 7.) There is a job of public relations which the Nisei WAC is peculiarly able to do.

Do I make myself clear?

I have talked this entire matter over with persons ~~high~~ authority in Washington and with Mike. They all see the merit of the suggestion but, there are not enough Nisei WACs to use significantly. I hope that you agree, and that you will see fit to present the idea in your editorial columns with all of the fire and energy you can summon.

This, again, is not a "letter to the editor", and I prefer that it be regarded as a personal suggestion, not as anything for publication.

At any rate, may I look forward to a reply as to your reaction to the whole idea?

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman

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Nov. 8, 1943

Dear Mrs. Kingman:

I must apologize for my tardiness (perhaps 'neglect' is the word) in not answering your letter regarding our editorial on the American Legion. When it comes to writing letters, I seem to be a master at procrastination.

Thank you for your suggestion on WAC recruiting. We will have an editorial in our next issue and hope to follow it up along the lines suggested by you. I know that WAC recruiting has been poor, particularly in the centers. Much of the enthusiasm of February, 1943, seems to have been dissipated in the long period of waiting until the announcement of the ~~XXXX~~ induction of nisei girls into the WAC in September. In Salt Lake City we have had twelve volunteers.

An organization similar to the WC C on AP and FP has been organized in Salt Lake City and will soon be expanded into a state-wide organization. Elmer Smith, racial anthropologist at the U. of Utah; Arthur Gaeth, outstanding radio commentator in this area (he is heard nationally on Mutual), and leading ministers are among the members. Directors

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include representatives of Japanese-, Mexican-, and Negro American groups. This organization, the Citizens Committee on Constitutional Rights is especially concerned regarding the problems of the Japanese and Negro Americans and is sponsoring an "institute on inter-racial relations" late this month to which all editors, editorial writers, radio commentators, publicists, etc., have been invited. The purpose of the institute will be to formulate a realistic approach to racial tensions as affecting the Pacific intermountain area,

Mike wrote me that he'd spoken to you at Shelby.

Our biggest difficulty here is Salt Lake is a shortage of manpower on the paper, My wife and I are the only members of the staff, which may account for the fact that letters are unanswered, etc. Incidentally, my wife spent some five years at Cal between 1932 and 1937, and I spent the better part of my life running from the "I" House, where she was staying, down Bancroft to get the last train-ferry for San Francisco. I still get winded when I think of those nocturnal sprints down Bancroft.

One of the reasons for returning to California would be to see Berkeley and the bay again. (Though the Legionnaires probably wouldn't appreciate such a sentiment.)

Very sincerely,

Harry Lyon

November 4, 1943

Mr. Ernest Bicknell
201 Cornwall St.
San Francisco, Calif.

Dear Mr. Bicknell:

At the suggestion of Mr. Phillip Webster of W.R.A., we are sending material to you under separate cover, which he feels will be of interest.

You may be particularly interested in the testimony of the Dies Hearings, and may find such material useful in obtaining the interest of others.

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary

mj

November 4, 1943

Rev. U.G. Murphy
305 17th Ave., South
Seattle, Washington

Dear Mr. Murphy:

Your letter came while I was in Washington, I hope that you will forgive my failure to reply earlier.

As to your question as to how far General Emmons will go in allowing an early return of some of the Japanese evacuees, I feel that I am quite safe in saying that he will and can go just as far as his orders from the War Department indicate. Any requests to General Emmons cannot be granted until a general change of policy is adopted in Washington.

May I suggest that you and some friends write such suggestions (well documented) as you wish to make, to Assistant Secretary of War John McCloy, War Department, Washington, D.C.

Any change will come from that source, and I feel sure that the War Department will welcome a full expression of the thinking and convictions of the people in Washington who feel as you do toward our law-abiding persons of Japanese ancestry.

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman

RWK:mj

November 5

Telegram sent to President Roosevelt, Attorney General Francis Biddle, Assistant Secretary of War, John McCloy, General Emmons, and Dillon Myer, Director of the War Relocation Authority.

May we urge immediate White house statement differentiating between nature of Tulelake and other relocation centers. Also recognition of loyalty of Japanese Americans in Military units, Intelligence, Food and War Production, and emphasis on excellent results of W.R.A. relocation program which should not be curtailed by public sentiment against disloyal Japanese in Tulelake.

November 5, 1943

Mr. Homer Crotty
634 South Spring Street
Los Angeles, California

Dear Friend:

As one of those keenly interested in the work of the Pacific Coast Committee on American Principles and Fair Play, I am writing to second the invitation which, I believe, has already been extended to you to participate in the work of this organization in a Los Angeles committee. I am enclosing a list of the people who belong to this organization so that you may have the opportunity to see the kind of persons who agree as to the importance of this work.

It is particularly necessary in time of war to defend American principles and to defend just and fair dealings. To be sure, military necessity may demand the modification of certain principles which are maintained in time of peace, but aside from this we should set ourselves firmly against intolerant prejudice and mass hysteria.

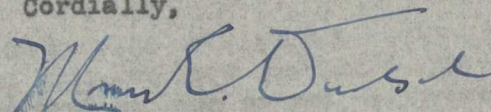
There are many of us who feel that the treatment of the American-Japanese in particular, is an acid test of our real belief in democratic principles.

I understand that you have been interested in the organization but have raised the question as to its incorporation. We have not felt that there was any value of incorporation, or need of it. The organization is only seeking sufficient funds to carry on its work. We think of it as an organization existing for a specific purpose and I presume that when its main aims are accomplished, it will no longer exist.

I did wish you to know of my own keen interest in it and the hope I have that you may be willing to play a part and a considerable part, in its work.

With the warmest of personal regards, I am

Cordially,



Monroe E. Deutsch
Member of the Executive Committee

CC: Mrs. Kingman ✓

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Enclosure

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November 5, 1943

Mr. Gurney E. Newlin
601 W. 5th Street
Los Angeles, California

Dear Gurney:

I am writing you to express the earnest hope that you will be willing to become a member of the Los Angeles Advisory Board of the Pacific Coast Committee on American Principles and Fair Play which is being formed to support the principles enunciated in the Constitution of the United States, particularly as they apply to Americans of Japanese ancestry.

The Committee is already functioning through its main office in San Francisco and Committees formed in a number of cities along the Pacific Coast. I enclose a copy of one of its releases to the press. The enclosed list of names will indicate the kind of citizens who have already been enlisted in this work.

It is not contemplated that members of the Advisory Committee will be expected to attend many meetings nor are its members accepting any financial obligation. The program will be financed by voluntary contributions from individuals up and down the Pacific Coast, but financial support is not a condition of your acceptance.

It may be that the future of all minorities in this nation will depend somewhat on the success or failure of the work of this Committee. It should play an important function in defending the American way of life, and I sincerely hope that you will consent to accept this invitation to add your name to its roster.

With personal regards, I am

Cordially,

Handwritten signature: Monroe E. Deutsch

Monroe E. Deutsch

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CC: Mrs. Kingman ✓

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John - have you
any suggestion? Please return
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SERVICE COMPANY, 442ND INFANTRY

Camp Shelby, Mississippi
November 5, 1943

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

Dear Mrs. Kingman:

Please excuse the tardiness of this letter to you regarding prejudices and discrimination against the members of our Japanese American Combat Team in Camp Shelby, Mississippi. After you left, I was busily engaged in developing a program for the visit of the Assistant Secretary of War and his staff. After their visit, I had to spend most of my time in working out a series of special reports for them regarding certain phases of our activities as a combat team.

I am now on my furlough in Chicago and am using a part of my time here to catch up on my correspondence.

Mr. John J. McCloy, Assistant Secretary of War, Colonel William P. Scobey, Executive Officer, and their respective staffs spent a day with our combat team a few days after your departure. They inspected our living and eating quarters, watched our various demonstrations and tactics, and were the honored guests at a special combat team review. They all appeared to be delighted with what they saw and commended us highly on our training and attitude.

Regarding discrimination and prejudices against us in the deep South, which is the reason for this letter, may I say that in addition to the usual minor difficulties and misunderstandings which are bound to crop up, two situations have developed which merit serious consideration. One is that the children of the enlisted men and officers cannot attend public schools in Mississippi and two is the vicious attitude taken by the local civilian police.

There is a law in Mississippi which declares that non-White persons may not attend schools with white children. This law was passed in the reconstruction days and was aimed at the Chinese shrimp fishermen on the gulf who married Negro women.

Refer problem on
schools to both Office
of Educ. & W. H. H. H. H.
Commission, & to
Dept. of Justice.

Refer problem on
local police to McCloy
& to Federal Councils
new racial Commission,
Dr. W. W. Alexander, chairman
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The Supreme Court of the United States in a decision some years ago ruled that Chinese were not white and that this discriminatory law was valid, and so today the children of our volunteers stationed here cannot attend the local public schools with the white children. Luckily, there are only two children of school age involved; so, we have worked out a compromise with the local Board of Education. The mother of one of the children is a graduate of the University of California at Berkeley. She has been hired to teach her own child the rudiments. At the end of the year, if her child passes the standard examination, he will be accredited as having fulfilled and completed his scholastic year. The other child is the son of a Nisei officer and a white woman. Just what will be done in this particular situation is not yet known, for the Captain is a recent transfer to our post. I do know, however, that his son was refused admittance to the local schools.

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prosecution*

The second problem is a more serious one for it involves most of the men in our unit. From time to time we have heard that the local civilian police in Hattiesburg have been instructed to "make it tough" for our men. Numerous examples of our boys being clubbed for minor offenses, such as walking on the wrong side of the sidewalk, have been reported. Most recent and outrageous of such incidents is one involving a Nisei sergeant and his white wife. This young couple was married in St. George about three years ago. About a month ago, the wife in question came to visit her soldier husband in Hattiesburg. While they were having supper, two huge policemen came in and ordered them both to the police station. There they accused the wife, even though she produced a marriage certificate, of being a prostitute soliciting among soldiers. When the husband protested, they beat him over the head with their night clubs seriously enough to warrant medical attention. During the beating up, the police were reported to have said, "We'll get every Jap at Camp Shelby, and we don't give a damn whether they're in uniform or not".

While one of the policemen involved has been relieved of his duties, this incident tells something of what we have to contend with in the nearest city to our post.

Our commanding officers are aware of these conditions and are doing everything possible to correct them. They are 100% behind the men and the combat team members are truly grateful for this support.

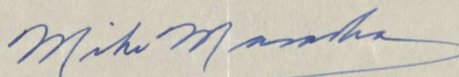
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I do not believe that I have to go into any discussion as to how discouraging this type of treatment is to many of our men, especially those from relocation centers who seem to be developing a persecution complex. Apparently, there is very little which can be done about such matters except to move our

unit elsewhere. The War Department is not willing to do this, however, and as we are due to leave soon anyway for either maneuvers or overseas duty, these situations may correct themselves.

Most of us in the combat team from the Mainland are deeply appreciative of the efforts which you and your committee are making to see that justice and fair play will be the lot of all persons of Japanese ancestry. We have dedicated ourselves to proving our Americanism by being good soldiers to those who are skeptical, that your confidence and trust in us will be justified.

Gratefully,


Cpl. Mike Masaoka

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reply - Mr. 11/11/43

Japanese American Citizens League

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National Headquarters

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TELEPHONE 5-6501

SALT LAKE CITY 1, UTAH

November 6, 1943

Committee on American Principles and Fair Play
2234 Telegraph Avenue
Berkeley, 4, California

Gentlemen:

We received several days ago Dr. Galen Fisher's reprint from the Christian Century, and we desire to have 500 additional copies, so will you kindly send same to us at your earliest convenience?

We feel that the trend of conditions here in Utah are working up towards a climax which may be reached sometime early next year. Indications such as actions by the City Council in refusing to issue business licenses to Japanese Americans, discriminations by labor organizations, particularly the AFAL, actions by Real Estate Boards in restrictions of sale of business opportunities and residences to Nisei, and such incidents as that which occurred in Provo where the seasonal workers were attacked by some youths, which tends to indicate that things are not getting better here.

It is our intention to work with a committee here called the "Citizens Committee on Constitutional Rights" to advert any untold incident in this area. We are planning to write to city and state officials, religious leaders, and civic leaders in Utah, a letter calling their attention to the problems here and at the same time enclose Dr. Galen Fisher's reprint.

Yours very truly,

Hito Okada

Hito Okada
National Treasurer

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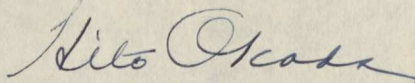
November 9, 1943

Committee on American Principles and Fair Play
2234 Telegraph Avenue
Berkeley, 4, California

Gentlemen:

On November 6, we wrote you requesting 500 additional copies of Dr. Galen Fisher's reprint. We wish to increase the order 2,500 more copies, making a total of 3,000, and will appreciate your forwarding it to us as soon as possible.

Yours very truly,



Hito Okada
National Treasurer

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November 12, 1943

Mr. Hito Okada
Japanese American Citizens League
415 Beason Bldg.
Salt Lake City 1, Utah

Dear Mr. Okada:

Your orders for copies of Mr. Galen Fisher's reprint totaling 3,000 copies will be sent to you directly from the print shop, and should arrive within two weeks.

The cost for the 3,000 copies will be \$180.00.
The Bill for the 200 copies already sent is \$12.00.

Sincerely,

Secretary

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November 8, 1946

Congressman George Outland
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C.

Dear George:

Here I am back in California, rested and ready to go again. It was good of you to give me so much help, and pleasant to spend a bit of time away from the pressure of the job.

Yesterday I finished Donald Peattie's "Journey Into America", which I started in Washington. One of the last chapters certainly gives a clear background for your strongly liberal attitudes. It was good to see your "professional philosophy" so finely expressed.

I am writing to a number of your constituents whom I feel will be happy to hear that you are consistently hewing to the line of a policy based upon that philosophy.

May I thank you again? It is reassuring to know that there are men on the Hill who have your long time view and perspective.

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman

RWK:mj

November 8, 1943

Mrs. Belle K. White
2306 Las Lunas St.
Pasadena 8, Calif.

Dear Mrs. White:

It is always encouraging to receive not only the financial, but moral support as well, of our members. May I thank you for your contribution and for the fine interest which led you to write to us.

The task before us, that of trying to keep reason in the thinking concerning our loyal Americans of Japanese ancestry is increasingly complex and difficult.

Interest such as yours is most refreshing, and of great value.

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman

RWK:mj

November 8, 1943

Miss Alice Hoiem
Fowler
California

Dear Miss Hoiem:

Since we do not have copies of Executive Orders 8998, 8963, 8832, 8389, and 9095 (which you mentioned in your letter of November 3rd) we would appreciate it very much if you could return them to this office, if you have no further use for them.

The money you sent has been sent to our Treasurer, with the exception of fifty cents which was turned over to Mr. Fisher, as the reprints were made at his own expense.

Thank you very much for your thoughtfulness.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary

mj

November 8, 1943

Mr. Gale Seaman
1419 North Rosameand Blvd.
San Gabriel, Calif.

Dear Gale:

Thank you for your note. You have probably heard from Mrs. Thayer that our reaction to the pamphlet was anything but enthusiastic, as we feel that it is too much of a departure from our policy of not trying to "fight fire with fire". However, until such time as we can clarify such matters (I hope Galen Fisher will be able to talk with you about it next week) we have no real authority--merely responsibility for what goes out under the Committee name.

I certainly had a glorious trip East--it is good to get away from the hysterical West Coast and move about where the air is a bit clearer. If you ever get up this way -- do come in and see us.

Cordially,

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman

RWK:mj

November 8, 1943

Captain Kimura, Medical Officer
522nd Field Artillery Battalion
442nd Combat Team
Camp Shelby, Miss.

Dear Captain Kimura;

I hope that my very sudden and informal visit to Camp Shelby did not interrupt your day too much. It was so good of Frances to wire you --but what amazing wire service to the Camp!

I had a wonderful time in St. Louis -- it was fun to see so many of my Nisei friends again.

May I thank you for your cordiality to the "unexpected visitor"?

Very cordially,

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman

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November 8, 1943

Bishop James C. Baker
125 E. Sunset Blvd.
Los Angeles, Calif.

Dear Bishop Baker:

Some of the members of the Committee who live in Los Angeles have asked me to meet with you and a few interested friends to plan a Los Angeles chapter of the Committee.

I shall be in Los Angeles on Friday, November 12th as a speaker on the program of the Christian Mission World Order, and suggest that we meet after the meeting that I shall be attending at the First Baptist Church, 8th and Westmoreland St., on Friday, November 12th, at 4:30. I earnestly hope you can attend. Mrs. Arthur Pierce Ferguson will kindly check with you with reference to this, and give any further information that may occur to her.

Very sincerely yours,

Mr. Galen Fisher

GME:mj

BW 11/9/43

YWCA

65 South Fourth Street

Columbus 15, Ohio

November 8, 1943

Dear Mrs. Kingman:

Already almost a month and a half have gone by since Columbus became my new home, and it makes me feel so terribly guilty to think that I haven't written you earlier. Please forgive my procrastinations. So many little odds and ends keep coming up calling for attention, that really, bed-time so often finds me checking over the "to-be-attended-to" list and ruefully contemplating the fact that the list had become longer, and not shorter. Perhaps I'm not as good a business woman as my mother thinks.

Thanks to you and Mr. Daxen, I chose Columbus as my relocation point. Had it not been for the letter from you to Mr. Daxen, well, Mr. Daxen would not have communicated with me relative to settling in this city; and I might quite probably have gone to Chicago or Detroit to work, and that would have been awful. Columbus is a grand place - it's America, it's home.

On the train^{trip} up from Jerome Relocation Center, I entered into conversation with ever so many nice people; soldiers, aviators, businessmen, housewives, WAC's - and those who knew Ohio at all, had wonderful things to say of this state. I had a comfortable anticipatory feeling throughout the train ride, and when Union Station was finally reached, I breathed a sigh of relief and thought, "Home." So you see, I loved Columbus even before I saw the place, and each day^{here} finds my love for this capital of Ohio growing deeper and deeper.

The wonderfully kind and friendly people, the weather, the lights, medium-sized buildings, shops, streets, job, co-workers - everything's perfect! It's like a dream! I'm so happy.

I am working as secretary in the Ohio CIO State Office. The job is a very interesting one, diversified - and educational. Our office is the headquarters for all the CIO Local Unions and Councils in Kentucky, West Virginia, and Ohio. The field is large, hence the work is extensive. The office staff is kept busy every minute of the day. Our office is truly a beehive. I enjoy the work very much, so much so that the time just whizzes by.

Until just a short while ago, I must confess to viewing unions in general with a jaundiced eye. Somehow, it seemed the thing to do, so I joined the handwagon and cried, "Down with collective bargaining!"

Now I know better. The CIO is a marvelous organization. It's truly democratic in its dealings. And have you noticed that the labor movement has developed a real social sense - that it realizes that a better life can be had only as a better life is had for all? It's all very interesting. We have the Educational Committee, Register-to-vote Committee, Anti-Discrimination Committee, War Relief Committee, Political Action Committee (collective bargaining with the government - that's what), Workmen's Compensation Clinic, etc. The activities are many. The action, fast and furious. It's fun. Not at all tedious.

Oh dear, I've rambled so, and haven't inquired about your health and your family's. I hope you are all well and happy. Did you enjoy your trip east? Thank you for the invaluable work you are doing. Thank you for everything.

Most sincerely - Alice Patenchi

November 9, 1943

Mrs. Albert Mellinkoff
811 North Foothill Road
Beverly Hills, Calif.

Dear Mrs. Mellinkoff:

Mrs. Ferguson has just sent me a copy of your letter to her. I am indeed distressed to hear of your son's injuries. You have my very real and deep sympathy. It is quite easy to understand your unwillingness to take on any further activities which would add to the strain and tension of your days.

I am sure that our Committee in Los Angeles will look to you for cooperation in whatever degree you feel free to offer.

May I thank you again for the lovely hour we spent in your home? It was most gracious, and brightened our more than busy days more than you can know.

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman

RWK:mj

November 9, 1943

Rev. Stephen Peabody
First Congregational Church
San Jose, Calif.

Dear Mr. Peabody:

Enclosed you will find the original list of people resident in San Jose, who were contacted by this office in regard to their interest in the formation of a San Jose Branch of the Committee on American Principles and Fair Play. On October 9th, I sent to you a list of the people who had answered the letter we sent. (I have checked these names on the enclosed list--all were favorable, except Mr. Fred Oehler, who pleaded lack of time.) Mr. Galen Fisher may have received other answers which did not come directly to this office, but the checked names include all answers we received here.

I hope the list will be satisfactory.

Sincerely,

Secretary

mj

Dear Committee;

Again you honor me
by a request for my "stuff". Thanks.

The economical (war) way to
secure 1000 copies of the letter to the Mayor
of L.A. would be for you to have the work
done by some job printer near by you.
You, of course, have my permission to
reprint it. If this is not feasible, let me
know, & I will have the work done here.
This is a copy of a letter sent to the mayor,
omitting one sentence ("I have many more"),
on 10-19-43, to which he did not reply.
After waiting a reasonable time, I had the
printer make copies to send to editors.
The Anaheim Gazette, Anaheim, Calif. is publishing
all four of my letters. You might secure a
date line from them.

Again thanking you,

Alton S. Hall

11-9-43

WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY

WASHINGTON

November 9, 1943

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

Dear Mrs. Kingman:

Just in case you haven't seen it,
attached is an article from the editorial
page of the Denson Tribune, newspaper of
the Jerome Relocation Center at Denson,
Arkansas.

Sincerely yours,

M. M. Tozier

M. M. Tozier
Acting Chief
Division of Reports

Enclosure



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HEARTENING

American Words

(Editorial note: It is heart-
ening to read such words as the
following which appeared in a
letter to the editor of the
Seattle Times some time ago.)

Editor,

The Times.

I am 21 years old and work for
Boeing Aircraft company. A brother,
31, who formerly worked
there, is now in the A.A.F. in
New York state. I wish to speak
on his behalf regarding the Amer-
ican citizens of Japanese de-
scent who of late have come
under the public eye.

I am opposed to any form of
discrimination against Japanese
Americans that is not based on
concrete, specific evidence and
administered under constitution-
al authority.

I have known some so-called
"Japs." Most of them I liked
and respected. All of them I
consider as good Americans as
my brother and myself. The small
amount of security gained by
persecuting them is not worth
the threat to our liberty that
is contained in the unconstitu-
tional proposals we have heard
of lately. The same kind of
reasoning that robs "Japs" of
their birthright, regardless of
their loyalty and service to
our country is a weapon which
can be used against Chinese,
Filipinos, Negroes, Indians,
Germans, Jews, Mexicans and

Catholics.

You see, the United States is
composed entirely of minorities.
If one brick be taken from the
wall, the rest are easier to
loosen--and what has become of
your wall?

I do not pretend that Japan
has not tried to cultivate dis-
loyalty to America among the
native-born Japanese population.
I do say it is to their credit
that she has met with scant suc-
cess.

Discrimination and unfair
treatment will only alienate
them all, and make the detection
of the actively disloyal that
much more difficult. We can
make good Americans of the Jap-
anese. It is even possible, al-
though perhaps harder, to make
loyal citizens of those born in
Japan.

There is a world of difference
between an educated Japanese
used to the tolerance and democ-
racy we like to regard as pecu-
liarly our own, and the ignorant,
oppressed, deluded and drug-
crazed slaves of Tojo and the
Black Dragon society. Even the
old drawback of a lower standard
of living than ours is disap-
pearing, especially among the
younger "Japs."

Revocation of citizenship is
unjust to the boys of Japanese
ancestry that are now serving
in our armed forces. Deporta-
tion is impossible and inhuman
because this is the only home
many of them have ever known.

After all is said and done,
they did not register themselves
with the Japanese government;
their parents did it for them,
under compulsion.

Let us fight this war to win.
Let us wipe the evils of fas-
cism and aggression from the
face of the earth quickly, thor-
oughly and completely. But--it
is not necessary to give in to
hysteria and bigotry to do it.
All we need is courage and the
faith that ours is the better
way.

--David J. McNett

DENSON TRIBUNE

Mr. Baker

Denson, Arkansas

October 1, 1943

Winter Work Schedule Effective Today

The winter work schedule became effective today.

Instead of reporting to work at 7:30 a.m. and quitting at 5:30 p.m., all work-

ers will follow the 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. work hours with an hour off for lunch.

Mess hours will be changed accordingly, it was announced.

SECOND TRAIN TO TULE LAKE ARRIVES SAFELY

The second contingent of segregants from this Center to Tule Lake which left Saturday reached Tule Lake at 4:30 p.m. Wednesday.

Center Schools Reopens Monday

ELEMENTARY PUPILS ENROLL HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS REPORT BACK TO CLASSES

Elementary and pre-school students will register for the fall term at 9 a.m. Monday. On Tuesday the regular full-day schedule will be worked out.

Entrance requirements for the primary grades are (1) All children who will be six years old on or before Dec. 31, 1943, will be eligible for the first grade, (2) All children who will be five years old on or before Dec. 31, (cont. on page 6)

Although high school will officially start on Monday all classes will not report on the first day, announced Vance Martin, vice principal.

Seventh and eighth grade students only will report to school at 8:30 Monday morning for an assembly at Dining Hall 33 and remain at school most of the morning.

Outside Color Films Slated

In an all-color program, "Y' Ways to Citizenship" and "This Amazing America" will be presented as the fourth of the "This Is America" series starting Wednesday.

The two films lasting an hour depict Y recreational and educational facilities and a bus trip through the United States, respectively.

On Wednesday the movies will be shown in Hall 17, Oct. 8 in Hall 14 and Oct. 12 in Hall 41. They will begin at 7:30 each night.

Ninth and 10th grade students will report at 1:15 in Dining Hall 33 and then report to their respective home rooms.

Tuesday morning at 8:30, all 11th and 12th grade students will go to Dining Hall 33 for an assembly and then get acquainted with their home rooms. Beginning 1:10 Tuesday afternoon, all classes will try out their schedules, each period being shortened.

School will run on a regular schedule Wednesday morning starting at 8:25. With each class lasting 45 minutes, there

Guidebook in Center

are available through the Relocation committee while several copies will also be placed in the library.

Minor details in the pamphlet may be incorrect now as it was published in May.

LEASED

November 10, 1943

Senator Mary Farquharson
2126 E. 47th St.
Seattle, Washington

Dear Mary:

With such inflammatory reports coming from Tulalake, it certainly looks as if we have a job ahead in trying to set people's thinking straight on our law-abiding American Japanese. I deeply deplore the tardiness of the WRA in making some kind of an authoritative, authentic statement. For your own information (not for publication) I'm enclosing a copy of the telegram we sent to Mr. Myer, signed by President Robert Gordon Sproul, Maurice E. Harrison, and Alfred J. Lundberg, whose support he values most highly. I just hope that it will prove fruitful. We have already urged the issuing of a White House statement to set people straight. --Hope it is forth* coming.

I trust that Mrs. Siegley was able to get a good idea of "what it is all about". She seems an awfully nice kind of a person, but may I be quite personal and confidential? Please consider this entirely off the record, but all of our Committee people (including myself) who met Mrs. Siegley, were a bit appalled at what seemed to us (perhaps inaccurately) to be a very disconcerting grimness which rather threw us for a loss! Were we entirely wrong? I hope so, for we have high hope for the Committee's work in the Northwest, and can't see it being done grimly!

When Galen Fisher and I had a conference with her, we had to be very insistent that she approach the labor groups, particularly the C.I.O. because she seems convinced that they are all Communists. The only chance we have of reaching the P.T. is through Anne Boettiger, whom Mrs. Siegley seems to feel should be shunned as a Communist.

While her Club contacts and experience seem to be excellent, we are a bit worried about her personality in approaching persons with whom she has had no previous contact.

It may be that we are needlessly alarmed, and if so please put us right at once, for we'd love to be completely wrong! I told Mr. Fisher and Dr. McGiffert that I did not need to hesitate to ask you about this, and they are really very dubious about the whole thing, and don't want things to go wrong due to improper leadership.

Do tell me I'm wrong, and that the grim inflexibility we sensed was only a veneer! Then see what you can do to scrape it off!

My best to everyone!

Cordially,

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman

RWK:mj

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FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
THIRD AND SAN ANTONIO STREETS
SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA

STEPHEN C. PEABODY
MINISTER

November 10, 1943.

Dear Galen:-

You did us in San Jose a great service last Sunday, and I heard nothing but the happiest comment about it ever since. We had a good write-up in the papers. It will mean that the whole series of Sunday Forums gets away to a good start. And I am persuaded that everyone who was there will be a better cell of sanity and fair play whenever the problem of the Orientals comes up again.

Probably thanks to you I received the list of 18 names that we sent to your offices some months ago. I believe that after this series is over we will try to get them and others together perhaps after Thanksgiving to form an Inter-racial Council for San Jose.

In the meantime the people of the four churches wish to thank you for your generosity.

With warm personal regards,

Stephen C. Peabody.

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for Mary J.

November 10, 1943

Mr. Galen M. Fisher
11 El Sueno
Orinda, California

Dear Mr. Fisher:

X Your note of October 23rd to Mrs. Elliott has been referred to us in the Japanese project office. We shall be glad to have twenty-five copies of the reprint of your articles in the Christian Century on "A Trial Balance on Japanese Evacuation." You will receive the usual order form and check for \$1.75 from our Purchasing Office within a few days.

We believe that your four articles compiled in one reprint will make excellent resource material.

Sincerely yours,

William H. Chambers

Mrs. William H. Chambers
Secretary, Japanese Project
Division of Community YWCA's

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also send:

Order: - 25 copies to Mrs. Marie McKinley

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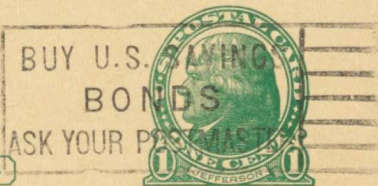
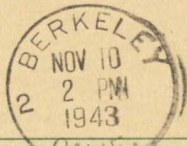
First Congregational Church
2345 Channing Way
Berkeley 4, California

OK Mr. 11/1/43
Gentlemen:

Will you please note the following change of
address on your records for

Dr. Vere V. Loper
1620 LeRoy Ave.
Berkeley 4, California

Elizabeth C. Bredenbach
Secretary



THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

Committee on American Principles and Fair
Play
2234 Telegraph Ave.
Berkeley 4, California

Telegram to Mrs. Arthur P. Ferguson November 11, 1943

Kindly suggest Munro secure room California Club. Please wire
result.

s /Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman

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HARRY F. HENDERSON
1703 OAK STREET
SOUTH PASADENA, CALIF.

Nov 11, 1943

Dear Mrs Kingman

Until the recent Tule Lake disturbance our Los Angeles newspapers had almost forgotten about the Japanese people. Now they are having a Roman holiday. I shall continue to gather all the items I can to send to you.

The reprint of Galen Fisher's Christian Century articles I find excellent material. I am grateful to have a supply. Much of what is in them seems to be new to many.

Yours truly
Harry F Henderson

Thank you
for H. F. Fisher
clipping

November 16, 1943

Mr. Harry F. Henderson
1703 Oak St.
So. Pasadena, Calif.

Dear Mr. Henderson:

We are very grateful for the clippings on the Tulalake disturbance that you sent to this office from the Los Angeles Times. It is of the utmost importance that we know how the papers in the south are handling such activities, and consequently, the news items are most essential. We are counting on receiving additional items as there are further developments.

Thank you very much for your interest.

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary

mj

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November 11, 1943

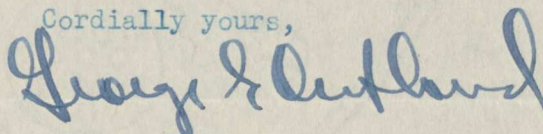
Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman,
2234 Telegraph Avenue,
Berkeley, California

Dear Ruth:

I appreciated very much your letter and was glad to hear that you rested up after your strenuous trip. It was a genuine pleasure to talk with you when you were here and I hope very much that we shall have the opportunity to do so again in the future. It is difficult to maintain perspective in times like these, but it helps a great deal in doing so when one meets people who are broad-minded and tolerant.

Please let me hear from you if I can be of any assistance.

Cordially yours,



George E. Outland

GEO:K

Nov. 11, 1943

Telegram sent by D.S. Myer to Dr. Sproul

Reur joint wire, Harrison and lundberg, statements of facts being prepared and checked. We are in entire sympathy with your suggestion. Situation so grave, great care required in documenting. Have release out this week and follow with others as facts can be verified. We hope statement can be join with Army. If not, statements will be released anyway.

D.S. Myer

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November 11 1943

Mr. Galen Fisher
11 El Sueno 2
Orinda California

My dear Mr. Fisher:

Enclosed please find the program for November 16, just off the press. We have not taken the liberty to deviate importantly from the suggestions made by "Mission" headquarters.

Accordingly, the leadership of the 10:30 conference is Galen Fisher "assisted by" the others - carrying on till 3 o'clock. The leadership for the 3 o'clock conference for lay people is furnished by Galen Fisher and Max Brauer. And the "Introductory Statement" for the evening session is presented by Galen Fisher.

We shall also hope for the presence of the team at the Dinner meeting - except that of Max Brauer, who has been invited to address a meeting of Masons. But all, except Charles Boss, will be spared any appreciable exertion.

There is a train out of San Francisco at, I think, 7:30 a.m. and arriving Sacramento at 9:45. The SP station is at about 4th Street and H. The YMCA is at 5th and J. The Methodist Church where the "Mission" is held is at 21st and J. And there are streetcars on J Street, with all of them passing the Church.

If it is at all possible, and unless I hear from you to the contrary, I shall try to have someone to meet you at the "Y", since a person not knowing you might easily miss you at the station. Hence, I would suggest that you go first to the "Y" to inquire if someone is there to meet you. If such person cannot be found, catch a streetcar on J Street, in front of the Travelers Hotel, to the Church. Cabs will also be available, if you prefer. We are trying to make reservations for all members of the team at the Hotel Senator, 12th and L Streets.

We are anticipating a very valuable and inspiring day.

Very cordially yours,

Alfred Tonness
Alfred Tonness
Executive Secretary

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November 12, 1943

File
Joseph Conard
American Friends Service Committee
1830 Sutter Street
San Francisco, California

David E. Henley
American Friends Service Committee
544 East Orange Grove Avenue, Pasadena, California

Dear Friends:

Our attention has been called to the fact that there appear in the San Francisco, Los Angeles and other papers in California articles from time to time regarding the racial situation here in Hawaii. Unfortunately in some cases these articles are not truthful in any sense of the word.

Keeping in mind that one of the known causes of the evacuation in '42 was rumor that was allowed to spread uncontradicted on the West Coast regarding sabotage here in Hawaii - utterly without foundation - it has occurred to us that it might be very well to keep a check on such matters.

We wonder, therefore, if it would not be possible for each of you to keep one eye open for such newspaper articles, and when they appear to clip them out and send them airmail to us -- no need of writing a letter each time unless there is some good reason. We can then ascertain the fact and write back to you or the Fair Play Committee, and it may be that a means can be devised to scotch the harm caused by such newspaper matter.

I hope this will not place too great a burden on your respective offices, but it seemed to me one way in which we could actively help in preventing the spread of half truths and falsehoods.

With warm regards,

Most sincerely,

(Signed) Wm. Morris Maier
Executive Secretary

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November 12, 1943

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

My dear Mrs. Kingman:

Your general letter of November 6 has come.

My own Forum program will now be taken until some time in January, but then I hope that you and Mr. Cozzens can appear before my groups. It is very important for the people down here to learn the truth!

May I count on you to keep me posted?

Very truly yours,

FWR

FREDERICK W. ROMAN

FWR:jk

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November 12, 1943

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

Dear Mrs. Kingman:

We have received notice of the
Executive Committee Meeting on Monday,
November 15.

Mr. George Wilson will be unable
to attend. He is out of town and will not
return until the first of December.

Sincerely,

A. Hopkins
Office Secretary

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Telegram sent by D. S. Myer to
Dr. Sproul

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D. S. Myer

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Thank
500 instead

WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY

WASHINGTON

November 13, 1943

Dear Mrs. Kingman:

We are airmailing you these three
copies of the state on Tule Lake for your
immediate information.

As soon as additional copies are
available, we will send you 250. We hope
this will be no later than Monday.

M. M. Tozier

M. M. Tozier



November 16, 1943

Mr. M.M. Tozier
War Relocation Authority
Barr Bldg.
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Tozier:

We received the three copies of the statement on Tulelake which you airmailed on November 13th. Thank you very much for the promptness which enabled us to put them to use immediately.

We have already asked through the WRA office in San Francisco for 500 copies of the statement, and of course the timeliness of the statement is one of its greatest assets, so may we hope to have them very soon?

Thank you again for mailing the three copies so immediately.

Sincerely,

Secretary

mj

November 15, 1943

Mr. Donald Culross Peattie
940 Mission Canyon Rd.
Santa Barbara, Calif.

Dear Mr. Peattie:

With all of the present confusion in Tulelake, it is most difficult to get anything like a clear picture of what is happening there. I have a copy of Mr. Dillon Myer's statement, released in Washington on November 14th, and as soon as I have the full number (soon, I hope) I shall send copies to our entire membership.

Meantime, you will be interested in the enclosed copies of telegrams exchanged last week between our office and Washington. May I suggest that it might be an excellent idea if some of your group in Santa Barbara could write to Mr. Myer (W.R.A., Barr Bldg., Washington) urging the establishment of some more satisfactory method of establishing press relations on the West Coast.

While in Washington last month, I was delighted to meet and to spend some time with George Outland. I am happy to be able to report to his constituents that he is remaining steady in his liberal attitudes, and appears to have potentialities as a public servant which promise well for the future.

And now for a personal note and a personal favor. I have just bought and read, with greatest delight, your "Journey Into America." It was a joyous experience, and I look forward to giving the book to my daughter as a Christmas gift. Presuming upon your very good nature, I am sending it on to you, hoping that you will write something in it which will tie it in with what we are all facing these days. She is a senior at the University of Chicago, in the School of Sociology; preparing to do what she hopes will be effective research and writing in the field of race relations. I feel that your "Journey" will provide authentic, as well as challenging background for her study of the factors which have

made and are making us what we are. I hope that you will be willing to write a "something" in your book to Ve Beverly Kingman -- a youthful fellow student of the art of living in this world!

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman

RWK:mj

~~Jeff memo~~



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12/6/43

638 1/2 Lincoln
Santa Monica, Calif.

Nov. 15, 1943

Mrs. Arthur P. Ferguson
Pacific Coast Committee on
American Principles and Fair Play
Los Angeles, Calif.

Dear Mrs. Ferguson:

Mrs. A.D. Hance of
Pasadena has sent me
your name as being
locally in charge of this
Committee. I was in
doubt whether I should

write to you, or hark
to Mrs. Kingman
concerning getting the
real information about
the situation at Tule Lake.

Contributions, too, are
desirable I'm sure, and
these too, I suppose,
should be sent hark.

Congratulations to
this Committee on what
I have seen and heard
of its work for "Fair Play"

Sincerely,

Edith Co. Sperry

Reply
12/15/43

THE COMMITTEE FOR
WORK WITH JAPANESE EVACUEES
of the
CONGREGATIONAL CHRISTIAN CHURCHES

CLARENCE GILLET
Executive Secretary

Midwest Office
6501 Wydown Boulevard
St. Louis 5, Missouri

521 East Cook
Santa Maria, California

November 15, 1943

Committee on American Principles and Fair Play
2234 Telegraph Avenue
Berkeley 4, California

Dear Friends:

We are glad to hear of the action reported in your general letter of November 6th. I think you will be interested to learn that our Committee sent the following telegram to Senator Harry Truman from Missouri and to the other people listed in your letter:

"Urge prompt statement differentiating Tulelake from other relocation centers. Also clear approval of admirable WRA program which must not be handicapped by sentiment against disloyal internees Tulelake. Urge more publicity on service of loyal Japanese Americans in military units, food and war production."

Also we are reporting this action by letter to several prominent radio commentators and the Federal Council News Service and the National Conference of Christians and Jews.

Also we are concerned over the wide-spread agitation on the West Coast against Japanese and hope that through our West Coast section of this Committee that some constructive and helpful action be taken.

In this connection, when I was in Columbus, Ohio recently and had quite a long talk with E. L. Dakan, Relocation Officer, of the War Relocation office there, he asked me to get for him the names of organizations and leaders of organizations aggressively opposing the return of Japanese Americans to the Pacific Coast and agitating against the Japanese in general. If you care to, I would be very glad to have you send this information direct to him, his address being War Relocation Authority, 3320 A.I.U. Building, Columbus 15, Ohio, or if you prefer, if you will send me this information I shall be very glad to pass it on to him.

In any case, until after January 5th it will save some time if you will address me at the Santa Maria office rather than here.

Very sincerely yours,

Clarence Gillett
Clarence S. Gillett

CSG:kt

November 16, 1943

Mrs. Roscoe Bell
Topaz Relocation Center
Topaz, Utah

Dear Mrs. Bell:

Mrs. Kingman telephoned the following message into the office so that it could be relayed to you. Fifty copies of the Hallelujah Chorus have been ordered and will probably arrive about the 24th. She is very sorry that it will be impossible to get them there much sooner. She also suggested that the choir write a thank you note to the Plymouth Congregational Church in Oakland, in care of Miss Mary Coxhead.

Mrs. Kingman will attempt to obtain some more music, but is very doubtful if this will be possible.

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary

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~~Revised~~ telegram to Mr. Dillon S. Myer, Director, W.R.A.

In interest of entire relocation program present and future we urge you do not minimize the seriousness of present West Coast developments. We deplore seeming lack of ability here or in Washington to produce accurate information and interpretation for press and groups interested in support of program. May we suggest that full cooperation of State Department, War Department, Attorney General's Office be secured for immediate release of series of public statements on the following. First. Distinction between segregation and relocation centers and between groups within Tulelake. Second. Traditional and constitutional treatment of persons not accused of crime. Third. Attitude of War Department to permanent control of centers. Fourth. Public responsibility to Nisei in Combat Unit, War Industries and Food Production. Fifth. International complications involved in present situation. We are convinced that as the situation is developing such immediate emphasis imperative.

Robert Gordon Sprout
Maurice E. Harrison
Alfred J. Lundberg

FIRST METHODIST CHURCH
PASADENA, CALIFORNIA

November 16, 1943.

Received from Mrs. Maynard Force Thayer
the sum of Ten Dollars for 200 copies of the
sermon by Dr. Albert E. Day, "God's Design
for Living" or "Americanism and Christianity
Begin at Home", to be used by
Pacific Coast Committee on American
Principles and Fair Play.

\$10.00

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By

E. Fisher
Church Sec.

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November 16, 1943

Bepy Maguire
Mrs. Ruth Kingman
465 California Street
San Francisco, California

Dear Ruth:

I have just been asked to be on the KECA Radio Open Forum, Sunday, November 28th at 7-8 p.m. The question is, "Should the Army Take Over All Japanese Relocation Camps?" I am, of course, to take the negative along with Claude Welch, whoever he is.

I am allowed a five minute statement at the beginning and the rest of the time is for open discussion. The one time I listed to it on the air, it sounded like a dog fight.

I will be grateful if you will send me single copies of the latest information available from your office, particularly on this issue. Perhaps, you'd like to tell me something of what you think I might best say in the brief statement at the beginning.

Sincerely yours,

Bruce

Bruce B. Maguire *ch*

BBM/et

P.S.: I have to have a copy of the statment I'm going to make in their hands by Wednesday, November 24th.

BBM

dictated not read

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LEMONT, ILLINOIS

November 16, 1943

Mr. Galen Fisher
Care of Committee on American Principles
and Fair Play
2234 Telegraph Avenue
Berkeley 4, California

My dear Dr. Fisher:

I am writing to ask if you have published or if you know where I could get hold of a listing or summary of the legislation pending in regard to the Japanese-American situation. We are preparing a paper for the American Association of Social Workers in Chicago and hope to include enough of the developments in legislation to indicate what the situation is or may become.

I have read your articles in the Christian Century and it occurred to me that you might have on hand a simple pamphlet from which I could take the material needed for the paper we are preparing.

Any help that you could give me along this line would be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Rosalee Venable

Rosalee Venable
Metropolitan Executive

RV:DC

November 26, 1943

Miss Rosalee Venable
Y.W.C.A. of Chicago
Room 1602, 203 North Wabash Ave.
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Miss Venable:

No list of impending bills is in existence so far as I know. Probably the editors of the Pacific Citizen (413-15 Beason Bldg., 25 East Second South St., Salt Lake City, Utah) will have such a list or be able to make one for you, if anybody can do so. Just on the chance, I suggest you make the inquiry also of Mr. Dillon Myer, Director, War Relocation Authority (Barr Bldg., Washington, D.C.).

Am glad that your group realizes that many responsible people in California do not share at all in the view that Japanese-Americans should be discriminated against on the grounds of ancestry.

May I suggest that if your members want to do something immediately in the Middle West, they can to great advantage suggest to speakers and framers of public programs on Bill of Rights Day, including ministers who may preach on that subject from their pulpit, that they include in their remarks the problem of minority groups, including Americans of Japanese ancestry.

Enclosed find editorial from the San Francisco Chronicle (Nov. 25). According to the Pacific Citizen of November 20th, Governor Maw of Utah declared: "I hope that the time never comes when the liberty of any American citizen is limited or restricted because his skin is dark, or his eyes appear slanted or because he belongs to a minority religious or racial group. If the time comes when this should be done, I would ask: What did we fight for? I don't think I need to remind you people there was a time when the Mormons were hated worse than the Japanese are today and efforts were made to deny to the Mormons the rights enjoyed by other Americans."

If I can be of further use, let me know.

Very sincerely yours,

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Paul S. Taylor

STANLEY WASHBURN
Inverfirs
Lakewood, New Jersey

November 17
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Mr. Maurice E. Harrison,
111 Sutter St.,
San Francisco 4,
California.

Dear Mr. Harrison:

Thinking it might interest you, I am enclosing herewith a story on Japanese executions which I wrote a few weeks ago. It was in the office of the Washington POST awaiting a timely moment for publication but on reading over the carbon copy a few days ago it occurred to me that it might tend to defeat the very purpose for which many of us have been struggling, i.e. to prevent the growth of racial hatreds against not only the Japanese but our other enemies. I therefore recalled the story before they had time to publish it.

A letter from the Editor of the POST this morning says in part: "What interested me particularly was your reference to the Japanese who have been subjected to life or education or both in America. For the most part they are loyal to our cause. It is simply not true that 'Once a Jap always a Jap.' It seems to me that we are missing a great opportunity of postwar salvage by our treatment of the Japanese-American citizens. They might help us make Japan a going concern again when we have, as you say, killed off the warriors and exterminated the virus."

I would appreciate it so much if you could give me some real facts in regard to the true situation out in California. As you know the Hearst papers are stirring up all the trouble they can about the Tule Lake so-called "insurrection." As you know the Japanese contingent which landed at Solerno was the spearhead of our attack and acquitted themselves with the same efficiency and dash that they always did when fighting for their own country years ago. I want to write an anti-hate story but I am so short of reliable data on the true situation in California. Gene Fowler, who is one of the best publicity men in America, was here a week ago and he was entirely of my point of view. I do not know whether or not you know of him but he has written eight or ten books and might be of help to us in publicity. He is associated with the movies in Los Angeles and was making four thousand a week writing script for them.

Mr. Harrison

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November 14, 1943.

I would be glad if you would read over the enclosed story and comment on it. I hope you think I acted wisely in recalling it from publication. Everything in it, however, is true.

Alice joins in love to you and Mrs. Harrison.

Sincerely yours,

STANLEY WASHBURN

SW:EMJ

P.S. Peggy wrote me recently that you were kind enough to say that you would take Langhorne's car in your garage. Through the Motor Vehicle Commissioner I have obtained a certificate of ownership and a letter, "To whom it may concern" in California to enable Langhorne to get registration license, plates, and driver's license in your state. I sent all this out by registered post to Peggy with the request that she give it to you. In the meantime I have arranged with the Naval Air Station at Lakehurst to crate and pack the car, and the Central Railroad of New Jersey has spotted a car on their switch this morning and some day this week this will be consigned to Langhorne in your care in San Francisco, freight prepaid. The car has been placed in perfect order and though the Navy says it may take forty-five days to reach you, I think I can get it there in thirty or less. As soon as I get the Bill of Lading I will send it to you along with railroad car number and route. We are so uncertain about the time of Langhorne's return but if he should show up suddenly we do want him and Peggy to have this car as soon as they can use it.

SW