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PACIFIC COAST COMMITTEE ON AMERICAN PRINCIPLES
AND FAIR PLAY

Bi-weekly report of Los Angeles Committee Date May 24, 1944

1. Outstanding events

May 14, Attended "Mass Meeting" on Evacuation of Japanese from Calif. The
meeting was a complete failure, much to our satisfaction.

May 19, Attended AASW meeting at which Dr. Lechner, Stalos & Dr. Jeff
spoke - AASW then passed resolution supporting War Dept on Liberty of
Attitude toward Japanese.

2. Public Relations Contacts, and comments on same

Last two weeks spent in intensive contacting individuals
and groups in preparation for luncheon meeting June 29.
Excellent contact and cooperation assured from Town Hall.

3. Progress Report on

a. Membership

b. Program

c. Finances

4. Questions for submission to the Pacific Coast Committee

5. Comments or suggestions:

At the present stage of development in Los Angeles, I do
not feel that the above fully covers the work done
here. My personal letter to Mrs. Kingman can further
amplify a description of my activities

Signed: Katherine F. Kaplan, Sec. Pro.

Pacific Coast Committee on American Principles and Fair Play
Los Angeles Chapter.

Report for May, 1944.

The entire month has been spent in making contacts and plans with key persons in Los Angeles who may be of either immediate or future use in developing the work of the Committee here.

Most of the first week in May was spent in Berkeley and San Francisco with Mrs. Kingman. During that time I met members of the Executive Committee and the Advisory Board, and was thoroughly educated in the work of the Organization.

The immediate plan for action for the Los Angeles Chapter, is a large send-off luncheon which will officially start the work of the Fair Play Committee in Los Angeles. This luncheon will take place June 29 at the California Club. Dr. Robert Gordon Sproul will be the main speaker. Dr. Robert A. Millikan will be the Master of Ceremonies. This luncheon will be sponsored by ten leading churchmen, educators and business men in Los Angeles. They are Dr. Millikan, Rabbi Edgar F. Magnin, Bishop W. Bertrand Stevens, Mr. Henry Duque, Mr. Homer Crotty, Mr. John Henry Russell, Mr. Olin Wellborn III, Mr. Alphonzo E. Bell, Mr. H. F. Whittle and Mrs. Maynard Toll.

A guest list of about 75 has been prepared for this affair. Each person has been carefully selected so as to get the most representative group possible to hear Dr. Sproul and to participate in the organization of the Los Angeles Chapter.

Individuals on this guest list represent many organizations of standing including religious, educational, labor and business groups. Also included are leaders in the Chamber of Commerce, American Legion, Women's Clubs, Service Organizations, Parent-Teachers Associations, social agencies and so on.

At this meeting we expect to have formed the Executive Committee and the Advisory Board of the Los Angeles Chapter. Careful planning is going into this phase of organization.

During this month, I have endeavored to make myself known to groups and individuals who will be of service to the Committee.

I have attended three public meetings at which Japanese-American problems were discussed. One of the "The Committee for the Exclusion of the Japanese from California", held at the Philharmonic Auditorium was a distinct failure. The American Association of Social Workers held a monthly meeting at which John Lechner, Dr. Taft of the Civil Liberties Union spoke. At this meeting a resolution was passed supporting the Secretary of War on any action that might be taken liberalizing the attitude toward the Japanese-American. Copies of the were sent to the Secretary of War, the President, and to the Attorney General.

The Pasadena Chapter of the Committee held their Annual Meeting on May 25. I was present and spoke a few words.

Respectfully submitted

Katherine F. Kaplan

Executive Secretary, Los Angeles.

Pacific Coast Committee on American Principles and Fair Play

Report for June, 1944
Los Angeles Chapter

Most of the month has been taken up with making plans and contacts for the June 29th luncheon. Twenty-five or more persons were seen in this regard, and two small steering committee meetings were held at which plans were made.

The luncheon at which Dr. Sproul spoke was held on June 29. Dr. Millikan acted as master of ceremonies. There were 62 acceptances, (see enclosed list) and 8 members of the press attended; making a total of 70 present.

Local members of the Advisory Board of the Pacific Coast Committee on American Principles and Fair Play were at the head table; in addition to these were Archbishop John J. Cantwell, Dr. Rufus B von KleinSmid.

Dr. Sproul's talk was received with tremendous enthusiasm. Copies of the speech will be sent, by request of Dr. Sproul, to "Vital Speeches" for national distribution.

Of the guests present, over 40 indicated their desire to either serve as members of the local Executive Committee or on the Advisory Board. Mr. Homer Crotty is acting as chairman, pro. tem. and will set up the Executive Committee immediately.

Further activities of the secretary included two talks given at meetings of two organizations.

On June 6th, the Secretary spoke before the student board of the YWCA at UCLA. She was met with excellent response and promise of members and cooperation.

On June 19th, she was asked to furnish a speaker to take part in a debate before the Chinese Culture Society. The opposite side was to be taken by a Capt. McKenzie of the Japanese Exclusion Assoc. As no one else could be secured to fill this engagement, the Secretary took the assignment, and spoke before 100 members of the Society. The opposition apparently found it impossible to be present, so the evening was all "Fair Play".

Respectfully submitted,

Katherine F. Kaplan

Mrs. Katherine F. Kaplan
Executive Secretary.

Persons Who Indicated their Willingness to become Part
of the Los Angeles Chapter

Archbishop John J. Cantwell
Dr. Rufus B. von KleinSmid
Walter Wanger
Homer Crotty
Alphonzo E. Bell
Mrs. Douglas Shearer
P. G. McDonnell
Mrs. Wendal Frost
Mrs. Maynard Toll
Dr. E. C. Farnham
Dr. Edwin A. Lee
Mrs. Curtis Albro
Dr. Arthur Coons
Dr. Remsen Bird
H. F. Whittle
Joe Crail Jr.
Rt. Rev. Thomas J. O'Dwyer
Vincent P. Maher
John Henry Russell
Harold A. Black
Irving M. Walker
Mendel B. Silberberg
Mr and Mrs. Alfred Ohl
Ben R. Meyer
Ludwig Schiff
Rev. Willsie Martin
Rev. Glen Phillips
Phillop Connelly
Lloyd A. Mashburn
Mrs. Irene Heineman
James R. Page
George Behrendt
Mrs. Chauncey Clarke
George Hjelte
Father Edward J. Whelan
Rabbi Edgar F. Magnin
Bishop W. Bertrand Stevens
Dr. William B. Munro
Dr. Donald Tippet
Mrs. C. E. McDowell
Mrs. George Rourke Jr
Kelvin C. Vanderlip
Robert J. Bernard
Mrs. Rob Wagner.

Guest List for June 29th Luncheon

Dr. Rufus B. Von Kleinsmid
Walter Wanger *movie*
Homer Crotty
James L. Beebe
Paul K. Yost
Charles Eliot III
Willard W. Keith
Ralph B. Lloyd
Alphonzo E. Bell
Alden Roach
Michael F. Shannon *BPOE*
Donald W. Thornburgh *Radio*
Joseph A. Hartley
Col. Andrew J. Copp
William C. Mullendore *C & C, pres.*
Joe E. Brown *movie*
Mr. and Mrs Douglas Shearer *movie*
P. G. McDonnell
Malcolm McNaughten
Reese Taylor
Mrs. Edmund Gale *Women Club*
Mrs. L. S. Rounsaville *Bd. & El*
Mrs. Kendal Frost
Mrs. Maynard Toll
Dr. Arlien Johnson
Dr. E. C. Farnham
Olin Wellborn III
Dr. Edwin A. Lee
Mrs Curtis Albro *yw.*
Dr. Arthur Coons
Dr. Remsen Bird
H. F. Whittle
Joe Crail Jr.
Norman Chandler *Times*
Manchester Boddy *News*
Richard Carrington *Examiner*
Asa V. Call
Harry L. Masser
Rt. Rev. Thomas O'Dwyer
Stuart O'Melveny
Neil Petree
Vincent P. Maher
J. Paul Elliott
Garner A. Beckett
John Henry Russell
Robert Gross
P. B. Harris
Martin Pollard
Mrs. Edward W. Raith *PTA*
Harold A. Black
Byron C. Hanna
Irving M. Walker
Mendel B. Silberberg
David May
Bishop James C. Baker
William S. Rosecrans *C & C. very imp.*

Archbishop John J. Cantwell
Ben R. Meyer
Ludwig Schiff
Rev. Willsie Martin
Rev. Glen Phillips
Rev. Louis Evans
Edward D. Lyman
B. O. Miller *C & C*
Harlan Palmer *Hollywood Telen*
John Despol *C & C*
Helen Daggett *Bo*
Phillip Connelly *C & C*
Lloyd A. Mashburn *all*
May Stoneman *all*
Mrs. Irene Heineman
Oscar Lawler
Dr. C. C. Trillingham *Co-School*
Vierling Kersey *City School*
Harvey S. Mudd
James R. Page
P. G. Winnett
George Behrendt
Judge Rapph E. Jenney
Mrs. Chauncey Clark
George C. Hjelte
Father Edward J. Whelan
Rabbi Edgar F. Magnin
Bishop W. Bertrand Stevens
Dr. William B. Munro
A. B. Ruddock
Dr. Donald H. Tippet
Dr. Robert A. Millikan

*most business men, educated a few
churchmen*

Pacific Coast Committee on American Principles and Fair Play

Report for July
Los Angeles

The month of July has been taken up mostly with completing plans for a permanent organization in Los Angeles, and with following up of the contacts made as a result of the June 29 luncheon.

Two publications published the entire speech given by Dr. Sproul; the Westwood Hills News Press and Rob Wagners "Script". We ordered 1000 reprints from "Script", and have had mimeographed 150 copies of the speech, over half of which have been distributed.

"Script" received an inquiry regarding the work of the Committee from Bernard Lurie, with request for information as to how to join the group. The secretary answered this request and several others similar to it.

There have been much favorable comment from all quarters regarding the meeting, and especially in regard to the press releases concerning it. The Los Angeles Times, particularly gave it excellent coverage.

The Secretary has received requests for more information regarding the Committee from several who heard her speak at the Chinese Culture Society meeting.

The Secretary has had several long sessions with Dr. Millikan and Mr. Crotty regarding the committee organization here. The Advisory Board and the Executive Committee have been selected and communications sent to the Berkeley office naming the members.

There will be a luncheon meeting of the Executive Committee at the California Club on August 4, at which Dr. Millikan will be host.

Follow up work has been done on the YWCA group on the UCLA campus. There had been a lull in their activities due to the Summer Term.

Plans are being worked out to create a bi-weekly or monthly bulletin. We will use up-to-date material from the WRA releases, Pacific Citizen, local press, and other sources for the bulletin.

The Secretary has been appointed State Chairman on Minority Problems for the California League of Women Voters. She has written four "kits"; on Housing, Public Health, Child Welfare, and Employments Problems. In each case problems relating to the Japanese are included. It is hoped that this approach will do some good.

Respectfully submitted

Katherine F. Kaplan

Mrs. Katherine F. Kaplan
Executive Secretary

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PACIFIC COAST COMMITTEE ON AMERICAN PRINCIPLES
AND FAIR PLAY

Bi-weekly report of Los Angeles area Date July 31, 1944

1. Outstanding events

Meetings with members of Executive Committee
to make plans for permanent organization

2. Public Relations Contacts, and comments on same

Formed close contact with Mrs Wagner of Rob Wagner's
"Script" - She is exceedingly interested and will use
her publication to further Fair Play work

3. Progress Report on

a. Membership

Have 3 (only) memberships, will have many in next week
so will wait till then to send them in

b. Program

Will be developed at Executive Committee next week on
Aug 4.

c. Finances

4. Questions for submission to the Pacific Coast Committee

Why doesn't the Pacific Coast Committee feel that a bi-weekly
bulletin would be useful if sent out from Northern office?

5. Comments or suggestions:

Signed: Katherine I. Kaplan

Pacific Coast Committee on American Principles and Fair Play

Report for August, 1944
Los Angeles.

During the past month, the complete organization of the Los Angeles group has been accomplished.

The Advisory Board has been notified of its appointments, and the members have signified their willingness to serve. The Executive Committee has been set up, and two meetings have been held.

The Executive Committee meeting of August 4th was held at the California Club at noon. Dr. Robert A. Millikan presided. At this meeting officers were elected. Mr. Homer D. Crotty was elected Chairman, Mr. P. G. McDonnell and Mrs. Maynard Toll were elected Vice-chairmen. As Mr. Crotty and Mrs. Toll were out of town, it was decided to postpone further business until the next meeting.

The Executive Committee meeting of August 28th was likewise held at the California Club. Mr. Crotty presided. Plans were laid for securing speaking engagements for Mr. Dillon Myer during his stay here around the middle of September. Various members of the Committee took specific responsibilities in this regard. It was hoped that speaking engagements before large representative groups might be made, so that the Los Angeles public might be made aware of the problems confronting us in regard to the re-settlement of the loyal Japanese-Americans.

Members of the Executive Committee have said that they would send in names of persons they feel would be interested in this work, and then letters for membership will be sent to them.

The Secretary spoke at a student group at Occidental College on August 9th on the subject of Minorities, and therefore discussed Japanese-American problems.

The YWCA at UCLA is vitally interested and will doubtless help with the mimeographing and sending out of the bulletin.

Contact has been made with Earle O'Day of the local WRA office.

The Secretary has sent material to the CIO Minorities Division at their local office with suggestions that during the CIO Convention here September 1, 2, and 3 a resolution might be passed toward accepting loyal Japanese-Americans into CIO Unions when they are allowed to return to the Coast.

A total of \$318.00 has been raised during the month. Letters to the Advisory Board and the Executive Committee members should realize much more within a short time.

Respectfully submitted

Katherine F. Kaplan

Mrs. Katherine F. Kaplan
Executive Secretary

PACIFIC COAST COMMITTEE ON AMERICAN PRINCIPLES
AND FAIR PLAY

Bi-weekly report of Los Angeles Date August 12, 1944

1. Outstanding events

Executive Committee meeting on August 4.

2. Public Relations Contacts, and comments on same

Secretary spoke to the Students Political Action Committee

at Occidental College on August 9th. Probably will have
student Fair Play group developed there .

Promising contact made with Downey Ministerial Assoc. and

News paper.

3. Progress Report on

a. Membership

Three members, two of them sustaining.

b. Program

c. Finances

Secretary sent in \$ ~~3~~ 154.00

4. Questions for submission to the Pacific Coast Committee

5. Comments or suggestions:

Signed: Caroline F. Kaplan

Pacific Coast Committee on American Principles and Fair Play

Report for September, 1944
Los Angeles

September has been a fruitful month for making contacts and developing plans to be executed in the next few months. Plans that will pave the way for community acceptance of loyal Americans of Japanese ancestry when they are allowed to return to the Coast.

The secretary met with Dr. Clarence Gillett of the Congratational Church, who has been assigned by that group to deal with Japanese- American relations in various communities. During the month the way has been paved so that Dr. Gillett will be able to work out of the Church Federation office as the representative of the Protestant Churches. Plans are being prepared by the Fair Play Committee for community organization that will be used by Dr. Gillett.

Very helpful cooperation has been given by Mr. Earle O'Ray, Information Specialist of WRA, in public relation approaches to the problem. Plans are being developed for various speaking engagements for members of the Committee at which the WRA film "Challenge to Democracy" will be shown.

Plans were completed for the speaking engagements on October 2nd for Mr. Dillon S. Myer. It has been arranged that he will speak before an Inter-Faith group in the afternoon. Mr. Crotty will give a luncheon for Mr. Myer and the Advisory Board on that date.

The Secretary spent several days in Berkeley and San Francisco conferring with Mrs. Kingman and Mr. Galen Fisher so that plans for working with the smaller towns and communities in the South can be completed. It was decided that church and civic leaders interested in the Constitutional rights of loyal Americans could be approached to help lay plans for integrating the returning Japanese-Americans into the community when the Army says that they may return.

The Secretary attended the Pasadena Board of Education hearing on the Esther Takei case. The Los Angeles was prepared to issue a statement if it had been necessary, but the Board stood firmly for the young girls rights, thereby receiving much commendation.

The Secretary with Mrs. Kingman and the P. G. McDonnells attended a dinner given by the Wellslake Morses for Mr. Dillon S. Myer; afterwards going to his lecture given at the Pasadena Public Library.

During September, \$222 has been raised, bringing the total contributions as of September 30th to \$540.00

Respectfully submitted

Katherine F. Kaplan
Mrs. Katherine F. Kaplan
Executive Secretary

PACIFIC COAST COMMITTEE ON AMERICAN PRINCIPLES
AND FAIR PLAY

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Bi-weekly report of Los Angeles Area Date Sept 30, 1944

1. Outstanding events

Executive Committee meeting on August 28, 1944 at the
California Club

2. Public Relations Contacts, and comments on same

Contact with CIO Minorities Division in view to trying to
secure resolution at CIO Convention in regard to accepting
loyal Japanese-Americans into Unions after their return
to Pacific Coast.

3. Progress Report on

a. Membership

Executive Committee sending in names to whom letters
for membership will be sent

b. Program

Working on securing speaking engagements for Mr. Dillon
Myer.

c. Finances

A total of \$318.00 raised this month.

4. Questions for submission to the Pacific Coast Committee

Immediate revision of the small 1943 brochure

5. Comments or suggestions:

Signed: Katharine F. Kaplan

PACIFIC COAST COMMITTEE ON AMERICAN PRINCIPLES
AND FAIR PLAY

Bi-weekly report of Los Angeles Area Date Sept. 13, 1944

1. Outstanding events

2. Public Relations Contacts, and comments on same

Meeting with Dr. Gillette of the Congregational Church, who is in
charge of the Japanese-American relations for that church. Plans
were laid for developing community participation, and public
relations in the outlying communities.

3. Progress Report on

a. Membership

Four new members with substantial contributions, two more with
average contributions.

b. Program

c. Finances

\$162.00 raised in the past two weeks.

4. Questions for submission to the Pacific Coast Committee

5. Comments or suggestions:

Signed: Katherine F. Kaplan

PACIFIC COAST COMMITTEE ON AMERICAN PRINCIPLES
AND FAIR PLAY

Bi-weekly report of Los Angeles Date Sept 30, 1944

1. Outstanding events

Address by Mr. Dillon Myer in Pasadena on Sept 29

2. Public Relations Contacts, and comments on same

Trip of Secceatry to Berkeley to confer with Mrs. Kingman and
Mr. Galen Fisher.

Additional conferenced with Dr. Gillett and Mr. Earle O'Day

3. Progress Report on

a. Membership

b. Program

c. Finances

\$60 received from Sept 15 to Sept 30, 1944

4. Questions for submission to the Pacific Coast Committee

5. Comments or suggestions:

Signed: Caroline F Kaplan

PACIFIC COAST COMMITTEE ON AMERICAN PRINCIPLES
AND FAIR PLAY

Los Angeles, California

Bi-weekly report of October 1 to October 14, 1944 Date Oct. 16

1. Outstanding events

Mr. Dillon Myer meeting at lunch with the Advisory Board and

and Executive Committee October 2, 1944

Mr. Myer spoke before an Inter-Faith group that same day under

the auspices of the Fair Play Committee

Secretary spoke before Phi Kappa Theta, social Service Sorority, a
resolution may come from this.

2. Public Relations Contacts, and comments on same

A letter and other contact with the Free World Association of
Hollywood, a resolution may come from this

Further contacts with "Y" group, possibility this forming nucleus
in Westwood for working committee.

3. Progress Report on

a. Membership

Nine new members

b. Program

c. Finances

\$165 in contributions from Oct 1 to Oct 14, 1944

4. Questions for submission to the Pacific Coast Committee

5. Comments or suggestions:

Signed: Katherine F. Kaplan

PACIFIC COAST COMMITTEE ON AMERICAN PRINCIPLES
AND FAIR PLAY

Bi-weekly report of Los Angeles Committee

Date Oct. 31, 1944

1. Outstanding events

Meeting with Inter-racial Committee of both City and County

Meeting of Advisory Board and Executive committee to discuss community
contacts.

2. Public Relations Contacts, and comments on same

Secretary spoke at Hollywood Methodist Church with "A Challenge to Democracy"

Plans underway for a Hostel with aid of American friends and Presbyterians
Community Committee in West Los Angeles being established, maybe this will
set a pattern for other communities.

3. Progress Report on

a. Membership

b. Program

c. Finances

\$10.00 from Harold Black

Total to date \$714.00

4. Questions for submission to the Pacific Coast Committee

5. Comments or suggestions:

Signed: Katherine F. Kaplan

Pacific Coast Committee on American principles and Fair Play

Report for October 1944

During the month of October, the activities of the Committee have been based on developing broader contacts throughout the community.

The first meeting to accomplish this was the meeting of the Inter-faith group at which Mr. Dillon Myer spoke on October 2nd. This meeting was attended by 200 clergymen and their associates. Preceding this meeting, Mr. Crotty gave a luncheon for Mr. Myer, Mr. Cozzens, Mrs. Myer and Mrs. Cozzens the Advisory Board and the Executive Committee.

Plans are under way to have a community committee in West Los Angeles working with the Fair Play Committee. The first meeting of this group will be November 3.

The Secretary met with Mrs. Thayer on Oct 19, and discussed plans which will be presented at the next meeting of the Pasadena Executive Committee on Nov. 8th.

The Secretary has been negotiating with the Presbyterian Church Extension Board and the American Friends Society in regard to the establishment of a hostel on Evergreen Street. Plans have not yet been completed.

The Secretary spoke on Oct. 8th before the Phi Kappa Theta, social service sorority, and on Oct. 15th before the First Methodist Church in Hollywood. at which time "A Challenge to Democracy" was shown.

On Oct. 23rd, Mr. Crotty and the Secretary met with Bishop McGucken, Mr. Edmund Cook of the Mayor's Committee on Home Front Unity, Dr. Gleason and Mr. Miller of the County Committee on Inter-racial Progress and Mr. Daniel Marshall of the Catholic Inter-racial Committee. At this meeting, Mr. Crotty emphasized the need of recognizing the serious situations which may face loyal Japanese-Americans if and when they are allowed to return to the Coast, and asked the cooperation of these inter-racial committees in meeting the situation. Mr. Crotty was assured that the law-enforcing agencies have laid plans to meet any emergency which may arise.

On October 26th, The Executive Committee and Advisory Board met to work out plans for community contacts and membership drive.

The contributions for October have been \$175, bringing our total to \$714.

Respectfully submitted

Katherine F. Kaplan

Mrs. Katherine F. Kaplan
Executive Secretary

Pacific Coast Committee on American Principles and Fair Play

Report for November, 1944
Los Angeles.

Concrete plans have gotten under way during November for Community Committees and Contacts. The secretary, during a meeting with the Pasadena Fair Play Committee Board, received their support, and plans were made whereby the Pasadena group assumes the responsibility for contacts to be made in throughout the following townships: El Monte, Glendale, Monrovia, Montebello, Pasadena, San Gabriel, and Whittier.

Dr. Gillett, with whom we are working, has made excellent progress in Santa Ana, one of the most difficult spots; a group of interested and energetic persons have met with him several times there. Dr. Gillett has likewise contacted and spoken with a Santa Barbara group. Similar work has been done in Riverside.

We are receiving splendid help from various interested people who have sent in valuable lists of names to be contacted. Father Whelan, President of Loyola University, has been especially helpful.

The YWCA and YMCA have promised help and cooperation through their district offices. Plans to put this in action are under way. Contacts with Negro groups have been started.

The Bill of Rights Week during December will have the Nisei represented either on the radio or at a meeting. The secretary has been in close contact with the Bill of Rights Committee, and it's chairman, Mr. Joe Crail Jr. is a member of our Advisory Committee.

Mr. Crotty, Mr. McDonnell and the secretary had an interesting and instructive conference with Mr. George Rundquist, Executive Secretary of the Committee on the Resettlement of Japanese-Americans, on Nov. 22.

Mr. McDonnell has made excellent with the Philippine Society of Los Angeles of which he is a member, with the thought in mind that the Philippines should be made to realize their responsibilities in a democracy toward other minorities, especially the Japanese-Americans.

Mr. McDonnell has also discussed the problems of the Japanese-Americans with Mr. Clyde Hopping, District Governor of Rotary; Mr. Hopping will bring out these problems in the Rotary publications.

A letter was written Nov 30 by Mr. Crotty to the Chief of Police of Los Angeles, Horrall, objecting to his current statements in the press. Copy of this letter was sent to Mayor Bowron.

The secretary spoke before the Pasadena League of Women Voters on Nov. 27th on the minority problems, especially emphasising the Japanese-Americans.

About 200 letters for membership have been sent out, signed by members of the Committee. The results of the drive so far are not known, as the persons have been asked to send their checks in to the San Francisco office.

Respectfully submitted

Katherine F. Kaplan
Mrs. Katherine F. Kaplan
Executive Secretary

PACIFIC COAST COMMITTEE ON AMERICAN PRINCIPLES
AND FAIR PLAY

Bi-weekly report of Los Angeles Committee Date Nov. 15, 1944

1. Outstanding events

Creation of a Community Committee in Westwood on Nov. 3

Secretary met with Pasadena Board on Nov 9 at which time assignments for
Community Contacts were made.

At The last meeting of the County Committee on Inter-racial progress, on Nov 13
their chairman, B. O. Miller spoke on the Japanese-American problem, this result
our contact.

2. Public Relations Contacts, and comments on same

Secretary had interview with Mr. B.O. Miller after meeting last month, this resulting
in the County Committee taking active interest.

Secretary contacted John Stone, Area YMCA representative who promises much support
in outlying areas. Similar contact made with Boy Scout Director.

3. Progress Report on

a. Membership

40 letters to leading persons for membership in mail today.

b. Program

c. Finances

\$10.00 membership from Mrs. Ralph M. Smith

4. Questions for submission to the Pacific Coast Committee

5. Comments or suggestions:

Signed: Estherine J. Kaplan

PACIFIC COAST COMMITTEE ON AMERICAN PRINCIPLES
AND FAIR PLAY

Bi-weekly report of Los Angeles Committee Date Nov. 30, 1944

1. ~~Outstanding events~~

Public Relations. Mr. McDonnell's contacts with Filippino Society.

Mr. McDonnell's contact with District Gov. of Rotary

Plans for Bill of Rights Week to include Nisei either on radio or at meeting.

Secratry spoke at pasadena league of Women Voters on Minority Problems.

2. Public Relations Contacts, and comments on same

Nov. 16. Conference with Miss Helen Flack, Area YWCA Field Representative
she said that the Y groups will make plans to have the secretaries on the coast
act on these problems in their districts.

Conference with Geo. Rundquist.

3. Progress Report on

a. Membership

150 letters for membership sent out

Nine memberships being sent in from here. Letters asked that checks be
sent to San Francisco office.

b. Program

c. Finances

Ask San Francisco office.

4. Questions for submission to the Pacific Coast Committee

5. Comments or suggestions:

Signed: Katherine F. Kaplan

Pacific Coast Committee on American Principles and Fair Play

Report for December, 1 to 16th. [944]

Community contacts and speaking engagements occupied the first two weeks in December. From Dec. 16 to Jan. 8th, the secretary was on leave.

On Dec. 3rd, we spoke at the Lincoln Memorial Church before 150 Negro youths. This affair was very successful, ending with the young people promising to write to Mayor Bowron assuring him of their willingness to accept Japanese-American youths back into their community when they are allowed to return.

On Dec. 5th we spoke at the Verduga Hills League of Women Voters on this problem.

On Dec. 7th there was a Board meeting at which Robert Cozzens, Regional Director of W.R.A. spoke.

Dec. 8th, we had a conference with Miss Esther Bräesemeister of the YWCA, who has been doing Y work in the Relocation Centers, and various places in the East.

On Dec. 12th, we spoke before an interested group in Santa Monica, about 30, who then formed a community committee, now known as the Santa Monica Fair Play Committee, to watch after loyal Japanese-American interests.

Respectfully submitted

Katharine F. Kaplan

PACIFIC COAST COMMITTEE ON AMERICAN PRINCIPLES
AND FAIR PLAY

Bi-weekly report of Los Angeles office

Date Dec. 16, 1944

1. Outstanding events

Conference with Robt. Cozzens and members of Fair Play Committee
and Friends of the American way on Dec. 7.

Organization of an active group in Santa Monica Dec 12

Secreatry spoke before 150 young Negroes at Lincoln Memorial
Church Dec. 2. They will organiza friendly group.

2. Public Relations Contacts, and comments on same

See above on Santa Monica and Lincoln Memorial Church

Spoke before Verdugo Hills Leagur of Women Voters. Spendid reaction
on Japanese-American problem

Conferences with Esther Breisemeister and Davis MacEntire

3. Progress Report on

a. Membership

Inquire from San Francisco office

b. Program

130 letters sent out to Chambers of Commerce in Southern California

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Ask S.F. office.

4. Questions for submission to the Pacific Coast Committee

5. Comments or suggestions:

Signed: Isidore D. Kaplan

Pacific Coast Committee on American Principles and Fair Play

Report for January 8th to 31st.

[1945]

The Secretary attended the Conference of the Fair Play Committee in San Francisco on Jan. 10th.

Mrs. Ruth Kingman, Exec. Sec. of the Committee in Berkeley spent a week in Los Angeles, Jan. 13th to Jan 19th. Her visit, with Mr. Galen Fisher, made the occasion for a most successful Board meeting on Jan 16th, and with the Board of the Pasadena Chapter ~~Jan~~ 17th.

Meetings were held with the Continuing Committee, representing all groups interested in Japanese-American affairs on Jan. 16th and Jan 30th.

A meeting with some Church representatives resulted in a resolution being passed by the Church Federation to notify all denominations of the statements made by the Government Agencies at the Jan. 10th Conference. The Fair Play Committee with the cooperation of the denominations, will write to each pastor and ask his help in putting into action these governmental policies.

The Secretary met with two different groups in Bronzeville (Little Tokyo) and was assured that the Negro population there would not stand in the way of the Japanese returning, but would rather, welcome them.

On Jan. 26th, the Secretary met with 20 community leaders in Covina, and an active group was formed. This group will stimulate similar groups in Puente, San Dimas, Azusa, LaVerne, and Glendora.

Plans are underway for similar action in Santa Ana, Long Beach, and the Coachella Valley in Imperial County.

On ~~Jan~~ 31st, the Secretary had a conference with Mr. Liverwright, exec. director of the American Council on Race Relations and with Mr. Hewes and Mr. McEntire of the same organization.

Plans are now being developed for the Conference in the early part of March.

Respectfully submitted

Katherine F. Kaplan

PACIFIC COAST COMMITTEE ON AMERICAN PRINCIPLES
AND FAIR PLAY

Bi-weekly report of Los Angeles Date Jan 31, 1945

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Continuing Committee Jna 16 and*30th* 30th.

2. Public Relations Contacts, and comments on same

Plans in cooperation with Protestant denominations

Two meetings with people in Bronzeville (Little Tokyo)

Meeting with group in Covina, and plans for expansion of this
type of thing through So. Calif.

3. Progress Report on

a. Membership

See Berkeley office

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See #2.

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Pacific Coast Committee on American Principles and Fair Play
Report for February, 1945.

Most of the activities of the month have been in the field of public speaking engagements and committee meetings.

On Feb. 3rd, I spoke at a Breakfast Club before an audience of about 35 persons. Feb. 4th, I spoke before about 200 people at the Council on Foreign Policy. The Book Section of the Faculty Women's Club of U.C.L.A. had me on the program with a review of "Prejudice" and comments on the present situation.

On Feb 19th, I spoke briefly before the County Committee on Interracial progress. This resulted in a resolution from them to be sent to all County Committees in Los Angeles County, restating the stand that they took in Dec. of 1944 in supporting the loyal Americans of Japanese origin, and referring them back to the large County Committee for backing on this program.

On Feb. 13th and 27th, there were meetings of the "Relocation Committee", representing all groups interested in this problem. Housing and Employment forms were mimeographed and plans for them to be circulated widely were made in an effort to secure more housing facilities. Plans were also made for a committee to meet with a sympathetic realtor in order that cooperation with various realtors might be accomplished.

Mr. Dillon Myer met with the Executive Committee and later with a larger group of interested and sympathetic persons on Feb. 26th. Many helpful things were learned that might result in better planning for the future.

I will go to San Diego for 4 days, March 5, 6, 7, and 8., I plan to work toward the formation of an active committee there. I shall speak before an active committee that has recently been formed in Santa Ana on March 8th, on my return from San Diego.

Respectfully submitted,

Katherine F. Kaplan

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Executive Secretary

REPORT
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COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA
by
Gracia D. Booth
Executive Secretary
Committee on American Principles and Fair Play

July 5, 1945

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A citizen's committee was organized the last of May following correspondence with several influential people and several talks with the WRA officer there and YWCA personnel as well as Congregational leaders. By request we sent a great deal of literature both before and after their organizational meeting.

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La Verne
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All these communities have interested people working with the Covina committee and may yet organize into a Valley Fair Play or Civic Unity Group.

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were appointed to make a thorough survey of these problems, ascertaining what is or is not being done and report back to the main body where it is hoped a systematic coordinating of effort and allocation of responsibility will make for a far more effective piece of work.

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Mrs. Afton Nance--very active individual and keeps in touch through letters and visits to office.

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Race Relations Committee

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Key People: Dan Donovan (former deputy sheriff) Editor and publisher of "Norwalk Call", Rev. C.L. Enyeart (Methodist). Wanted literature--got it--to be visited again soon.

SANTA BARBARA (AS REPORTED BY DR. CLARENCE GILLETT, FIELD WORKER FOR COMMITTEE ON AMERICAN PRINCIPLES AND FAIR PLAY)

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No organized committee

Key Person--Dan Donovan (former deputy sheriff)

Dan Donovan is now editor and publisher of the "Norwalk Call". Another key person is Rev. C.L. Enyeart (Methodist). Norwalk asked for literature and received it; will be visited again soon. Norwalk may collaborate with Whittier group.

SANTA BARBARA:

Fair Play Committee

Key Person--Eric Thomsen (WRA)

In this community the East and West Association, the Minister's Association, and a Fair Play Committee are cooperating well with the WRA and returnees, and community reception is quite favorable.

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No organized committee

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There is no organized group here, but a nucleus of friendly individuals are active and know each other.

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Key Person--Rev. Allen Heist (Methodist)

A nucleus of people are planning a town meeting where someone like Carey McWilliams will speak presenting minority problems. Organization will follow such a meeting, it is hoped.

BAKERSFIELD: Fair Play Committee

Chairman--Mr. Ray W. Henderson (Attorney)

The conditions are not favorable and the general attitude is unfriendly but not openly hostile. The Bakersfield Fair Play Committee has a cross section of church, business, educational, labor, legal representatives on its executive and its general membership. Many local people also have signified their willingness to assist returnees especially in offering lodging.

EL CENTRO: (IMPERIAL VALLEY AREA) No organized committee

Key Person--Major Hartney (WRA)

There have been no incidents at all in this area although many evacuees have been in and out on exploratory trips. Most of them were farmers. The 145 or 150 lease holders who are still in camp had leases taken away by the Judge at or following evacuation and cannot get new leases. They have no tools or equipment if leases could be obtained. There are only about fifteen land owners with tools and equipment who might return when the leases of the folks who are on their land are terminated. Major Hartney anticipates no active ill-will toward those who may return and sees no need of organizing a local committee at the moment. The sheriff is of a friendly attitude and often drops in to the WRA office to discuss the WRA work with Mr. Hartney.

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We clear constantly with other organized groups, keeping channels open and attempting to coordinate the efforts of all, as indicated in the organization of the Los Angeles Coordinating Committee.

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Col. F. A. Mrs. Shayer
[1945]
Report for August
Southern California Branch
Committee on American Principles & Fair Play

forwarded by H.A.
Dear Mr. Crotty:

More and more the organizational work of the Fair Play Committee tends to broaden out to include the problems of all minority groups partially because the evacuees who return must adjust to the full scope of civic life. We must consider the problems and reactions of all minority groups in every community before we can hope to solve, even in the slightest degree, the problems of anyone group.

Therefore in contacting key persons or committees we stress the importance of organizing influential representative citizens into committees for Civic Unity working for Fair Play for all. This approach has proven to be far more effective and many times persons who have never been interested in or even kindly disposed toward citizens of Oriental ancestry see the necessity of including them and their welfare in such a comprehensive community effort. Hence the increasing tendency to organize committees for Civic Unity rather than Resettlement Committees.

In addition to "servicing" through literature, correspondence, visits and attending executive committee meetings of those committees as listed in the July Report, progress has been made during the past month in the following communities:

Pomona - A Council for Civic Unity was organized with a splendid cross-section of representative leaders in the community and of the different racial and religious groups. The Executive, for example,

Chairman - Rev. Donald F. West, Pastor First Christian Church
715 No. Gary
Vice-Chairman - Mrs. Harold C. Dewey - Y.W.C.A.
820 Hillcrest Drive
Secretary - Rabbi Solomon A. Shore
1335 No. Hamilton
Treasurer - Mr. Chas. O. Pierpoint, Mgr. Bank of America
2nd & Gary.

Mr. Pierpoint has been active on an inter-racial committee of their local Chamber of Commerce.

Claremont - A very fine nucleus of representative people here are hoping to call an organizational meeting as soon as "holiday inertia" permits. We invited their key person, Mrs. May Kimball, to sit in on the meeting at Pomona and keep in close touch with the group through her.

Gardena - Last week both Mr. Booth and I attended a meeting of a volunteer committee under the guidance of Rev. Eidsath, where both the work of the Fair Play & Civic Unity groups was outlined and the decision made to endeavor to proceed with organization on the basis of fair play to all. A provisional committee was named to contact others in the community in the hope of securing a broader representation and a wider scope of interest and influence before definitely deciding the type of organization and the title of any committee which may result from this survey.

Vista - A nucleus group of citizens of Vista have been in close touch with our office. We have kept them up-to-date with literature and through correspondence and phone calls. There is great unfriendliness toward returning evacuees here but the knowledge that several families wished to "come home" stirred the friendly folk to action. As quickly as can be arranged your secretary is to visit Vista and with Mr. Booth's cooperation

assist in the organization of a citizens' committee. Such a committee in Vista, must consider other minority groups in order to assist the returnees. So--probably another Civic Unity Committee will result.

Monrovia - Colonel Finch of the Pasadena Fair Plan Committee plans to call upon Rev. George West Barrett with whom we have been in correspondence and to whom literature has been supplied. He is active in a committee on racial progress and interested in gathering into a closer unit other like-minded people in Monrovia.

Whittier - Colonel Finch contacted key people in the Whittier community and reports a very fine nucleus group of widely representative individuals, each keenly interested in the broader implications of a total minority group problem and already active in existing organizations. These people know each other well and do not, at the moment, feel any especial need for another organized committee. They have long been in touch with our office and are on our regular mailing list for literature, etc.

LaVerne - A group in the Brethren Church are considering the opening of a Hostel here. Through correspondence we keep close to this community and have offered assistance should a permanent, more widely representative organization seem to them feasible.

Santa Ana - A provisional Committee met with Mr. Booth and myself to discuss the type of organization best suited to this community. At the request of our office, Joe Moody, Chairman of our L.A. Coordinating Committee for Resettlement, went down to Santa Ana to meet with the group there and assist in planning their program. Progress toward a broader community representation is reported with a Civic Unity Committee as the goal.

South Pasadena - Following many consultations with our office, the newly organized Council for Civic Unity of South Pasadena, has drawn up a set of By-Laws and drafted a constitution which will be presented at their next business meeting when both Raymond Booth and I are to be present. This group is planning a broad program of service to all minority groups, and of continued community education.

Glendale - An interested group of citizens in Glendale have asked for literature and to be kept on the mailing list of both the Fair Play Committee and the Civic Unity Council. Several trips have been made and talks given in this community. Organization seems indefinite but there is great interest on the part of a few.

San Luis Obispo - Here a provisional group of active, alert citizens have been formed to render every possible assistance if and when needed.

Arroyo Grande - The nucleus group of interested people have opened a hostel and community conditions appear much more hopeful. In Guadalupe and Santa Maria also attitudes are improving and friendly folk are actively at work, although no definite citizens' committee has as yet been formed in either place.

In addition to actual organizational work your Secretary has made many exploratory visits ^{to} outlying communities, spoken to numerous interested groups, supplied leadership and Nisei campers for several Y.W.C.A. and Methodist Fellowship Youth Camps where inter-racial problems were stressed. At the request of Mr. Booth she also had charge of his office during his unexpected absence from the city for ten days. Our office supplied the personnel ^{from} many racial groups for manning the "Americans All" booth at the Pan Pacific Exposition where literature dealing with all minority group problems was on display.

With the imminent closing of the Relocation Centers and the increased tension stemming from the apprehension of the minority groups in our midst, our field of work and our responsibility is increasing from day to day and from week to week as more and more the average citizen becomes aware of these tensions and problems we

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must all meet. A sense of responsibility generally follows this awareness and we find more and more individuals and community leaders turning both to the Fair Play Committee and to the Council for Civic Unity for guidance in their sincere desire to do their part.

Respectfully submitted,

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Report for September and October 1945 of Southern California Branch Pacific Coast Committee on American Principles and Fair Play.

By Gracia D. Booth, Executive Secretary

Dear Mr. Crotty:

Following my report of activities for August, indicating the slow but steady trend away from the organization of community committees for Fair Play to Orientals and toward Councils for Civic Unity with fair play to all, the following will bring you up to date regarding my work for the months of September and October.

Pomona - The Pomona Council for Civic Unity, organized in August, reports an ever-broadening community representation including the American Legion, Labor Union, Women's Clubs, P.T.A., Negro group, churches, including Jewish and Catholic (both English and Mexican) and the cooperation of the college students. Representatives from the neighboring communities of San Dimas, Claremont and LaVerne meet with the Pomona executive and they are all doing a splendid bit of cooperative community work on behalf of not only the returning evacuee but of other minority groups as well.

Claremont - The Claremont group working through their various existing church and community organizations and in close cooperation with the Pomona Council, report over 50 returnees happily settled in the Claremont and San Dimas neighborhood. In the near future a cultured Japanese American lady is to be the speaker at a women's meeting in the Community Church there. Next week, as a part of the Adult Education program, there is to be a panel discussion of the Japanese American situation on the West Coast under the able direction of Dr. Henry Cook of the Claremont Colleges. A constructive plan for community education and enlightenment is under process of formation.

San Dimas - Along with Pomona and Claremont this community has only good reports regarding the reception and integration of those returning from the relocation centers and are working closely with the Pomona Council.

La Verne - As yet unorganized but keeps in touch with neighboring groups and does everything possible, as individuals and through local church committees to aid the returnee.

Santa Ana - In mid-October Raymond Booth and I attended a meeting in Santa Ana where the provisional committee, appointed in August to consider the formation of either a Fair Play or a Civic Unity committee, definitely organized a Council for Civic Unity. Rev. John Ashley is their Chairman and the local Rabbi their Secretary. Backed by the community this group is sponsoring the Hostel and reports that integration seems to be increasing as more and more return and that fewer incidents are now occurring.

Vista - The last week-end in September I spent in Vista--Raymond Booth accompanied me-- and the work and aims of both the Fair Play and the Civic Unity groups were presented to a smaller nucleus group on Saturday evening and at the regular "Forum" meeting on Sunday from 1 to 3 P.M.

Following our visit, a Fair Play committee was organized with Mr. Edward Moore, an influential and well known rancher as chairman and Mrs. Hazel Dobbins, with whom I had worked closely since V-J Day as secretary. A fairly wide representation of community interest makes up this committee and they are hoping that a Civic Unity Council may eventually develop.

Six families are now quite happily re-settled in this area and being well received, in fact, more or less taken for granted by the community at large. The Vista Committee for Fair Play is preparing a listing of homes and job possibilities and then they will contact people still in camps, whose names they usually get from returnees, and help to bring them out.

Recently, a garage belonging to the Ito family and containing the belongings of still another family, was burned down by an insane man who had at one time been in an asylum. He had been living on the property during the absence in the center, of the owner and resented the notice to vacate.

The new Fair Play Committee which includes representatives from the neighboring communities of Encinitas and Fallbrook as well, collected funds from the local citizenry and, with all the volunteer help they can muster, plan to cooperatively rebuild the Ito garage over the Thanksgiving holiday, as a community project. I am to meet their executive soon, when I expect to be in a neighboring city for an afternoon speaking engagement on Inter-racial understanding.

Fallbrook and Encinitas - Part of the Fair Play Committee centering in Vista Community.

Escondida - I am to speak here in the near future on ^{Race} Relations, at the request of the "Women's Clubs of Escondida" with a membership of 130. Their concern has more to do with the problems of the local Mexican population and their attitude toward the returnee and toward the Mexican Nationals imported for fruit packing and the Jamaican negroes in the packing sheds--but all an integral part of our whole inter-racial problem here on the Coast.

These women are in close association with the women active in the Vista Fair Play Committee and definitely want me to give some sort of constructive suggestions and guidance for their future work.

Glendale - Here I have spoken to several different groups of church women and just two weeks ago to a Sunday morning meeting of an Adult Forum in the First Congregational Church, on the returning Evacuee and Fair Play. Altho no new committee is likely to result, at least many individuals and already existing groups are eager to be kept up to date and are working together in quiet cooperation. Only a few Japanese are in that locality so far and it is doubtful if any large number will be settling there.

Gardena - Gardena has a provisional committee formed in August which also deems it best to function quietly and without too much publicity. Since open opposition is less and less apparent and the enemies of the Japanese less vocal, integration especially among school children seems to be progressing...quietly and naturally. The nucleus group are gradually enlisting the interest and active cooperation of more and more representative people, hoping that a Civic Unity Council of Gardena (good old hot spot!) may eventually materialize.

For months past a local barber carried in his shop window the usual "no Jap" trade wanted sign. Many of the "Fair Play" persuasion talked to him about removing it but to no avail. Then suddenly the sign had disappeared! It was rumored that the F.B.I. had called upon the barber and given him the choice of either removing the Un-American sign or paying the usual fine as prescribed by law. However that may be, Rev. Martin Eidsath is chuckling over the sight from the sidewalk, of a returned Japanese being shaved by this same barber and apparently a "jolly time being had by all," per barber shop technique.

Redlands - Mrs. James Tuck is deeply concerned that an Institute on Race Relations be set up at the University and our Committee plans to render all possible assistance, at her request. We have suggested that she contact the American Council on Race Relations as well.

The returning Japanese seem to be settling into the community picture quite naturally and without unpleasant incidents. Many fine spirited individuals work constantly through already existing organizations in the churches and the welfare associations. Mrs. Tuck continues to be a guiding spirit.

The help of our committee was enlisted when a newly resettled girl of fifteen

insisted on coming to Los Angeles over the protests of her two older sisters. We located her immediately and put the matter in the hands of the Welfare section of the local W.R.A. The girl is in school here and everyone satisfied at the last report we had.

San Diego - Resettlement is progressing so smoothly and rapidly in San Diego that the Fair Play Committee organized there last spring is considering the advisability of merging into the broader "Mayer's Committee" for Civic Unity of San Diego. It is indeed gratifying to hear of a community which does not need an organization specifically for fair play.

El Centro - Reports from this area indicate that there is little expression of antagonism and ill-will and that people are coming in quietly and more or less taken for granted. Members of the East and West Association, of the Fair Play Committee at large and of the Friends of the American Way all work together toward the same end and know each other and do not feel the need of still another organization.

Minneapolis, Minn. - Mrs. Emily Knuebuhl (former editor of Vogue) who visited Mrs. Tuck of Redlands last summer has been in close touch with our office since her return to Minneapolis. We have sent her much literature and carried on an extensive correspondence in regard to the work of Fair Play Committee as well as the Civic Unity Council. She has now helped to organize a Council in her city and keeps this office informed as to progress there.

San Pedro - The San Pedro Citizens' Committee, growing originally out of the local Y.W.C.A. race relations set-up, has merged into a newly organized community committee for Civic Unity of which Father Nevin is the chairman. He has asked that I meet with his executive soon to help plan their program of education and action, stressing fair play for all as a means to Civic harmony.

San Fernando - At the request of W.R.A. we traced down a rumor of active unfriendliness toward a student in the H.S. on the part of other students. We were thrilled to be firmly told that any student² exhibiting any such un-American attitude would be immediately and completely ostracized by the rest of the student body. Incidentally, the rumor seemed to be wholly unfounded.

Long Beach - Recent reports show that this group is working actively and with general community support to secure fair play (sometimes in the very practical sense of decent housing) for the returnee and to aid in integration. Those in the newly opened housing project there are more than grateful for the Long Beach Committee.

Santa Maria and Guadalupe * More than three hundred are settled now in this area and community reception becomes more receptive as more return.

Burbank - Our office has been in close touch with Rev. Martin L. Long of the Baptist Church in Burbank for several weeks. In mid-October I met with a small committee in his study. Mr. Booth was present also and explained the aims of the Council for Civic Unity. In a few days I am to meet a provisional committee, and discuss with them plans for their work as a Civic Unity Group. We sent more than 100 copies of "Myths and Facts" to be distributed as a recent Sunday evening service featuring a Japanese American veteran whom we helped secure. When 130 returnees arrived at the barracks housing project on Monday in the rain they were welcomed by a delegation from the Burbank Ministerial Association and throughout the day were visited by other men and women of the community.

The Ministerial Association passed a resolution which appeared in the Burbank paper going on record as supporting the Constitution of these United States and re-affirming their faith in its provision to give equal rights, privileges and protection to all American citizens regardless of race, color, or creed.

Lieutenant Walter Dixon, head of the police juvenile department, and very active in the formation of "Sterling Clubs" for youngsters made the statement that children are children the world over and should be treated as such--then suggested that recreational facilities should be provided for the children in the barracks set-up.

Huntington Park, Bell and Maywood - Mr. Orwell, Y.M.C.A. secretary in Huntington Park reports no unfriendliness in these communities and an apparent quiet integration and acceptance of those who have returned.

Watts - Long a hot, hot spot! I am to meet a Y.M.C.A. staff member at the Watts Y.M. soon to discuss the situation there and endeavor to enlist, with his assistance and that of a Catholic priest and others, the interest of influential people in Fair Play and Civic harmony. This young man is a Negro and keenly interested in the whole minority question.

Lomita - As shown in a separate report to you following my recent day's visit to Lomita air-strip F.P.H.A. re-evacuation center, you will already know that considerable time has been given to this one place. Prior to the placing of returnees here we endeavored to reason with W.R.A. but to no avail. I plan to visit Lomita again very soon, as well as the other barracks projects in Long Beach, Burbank and Santa Monica to ascertain actual conditions and to check up as to whether local committees and individuals are concerning themselves with the need of the Evacuee neighbor in their midst. The San Pedro group and many individuals I know, have been deeply concerned over Lomita, and are cooperating with the welfare agencies in an effort to relieve the situation.

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In addition to the organizational work above described, I have been doing much speaking and endeavoring to assist or point out to the evacuee the proper person to follow through with him, in answer to day and night calls for assistance and all types of personal services. We also have been instrumental in getting objectionable signs removed in and around L.A.

I have been asked to serve on a number of inter-racial and inter-cultural committees of such organizations as the Y.W.C.A., church groups, Social Agencies, Women's Clubs, Jewish Sisterhoods, etc., etc. More and more requests come in for talks on Fair Play, Civic Unity or Race Relations from all sorts of groups. I am to address a League of Women Voters soon in Claremont, several P.T.A.'s and Girl Guides, and University Women's study group. All these requests show an increasing and sustained interest in this our common human responsibility. Likewise, the need of continued effort beyond the relocation (?) of our Japanese friends in the whole broad field of Fair Play to all minorities.

Respectfully submitted

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