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March 1, 1945

Mrs. W. Yoakum
International Institute of Alameda County
121 E. 11 Street
Oakland 6, California

Dear Mrs. Yoakum:

Enclosed is a list of members of the Fair Play Committee from Oakland and Piedmont which Dr. Inglis suggested I forward you as prospects for your local committee.

Also enclosed are statements of policy of the Fair Play Committee and a copy of Dr. Sproul's speech.

If we can be of any further assistance, please do not hesitate to call on us.

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary

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March 1, 1945

Mr. Abbott Book
220 Golden Gate Avenue
San Francisco, California

Dear Mr. Book:

The enclosed statement of action was received from Miss Gertrude Apel of the Seattle Council of Churches and I thought it would be of interest to you.

You may want to take similar action. If so, please forward a copy to this office and the Home Missions Council Committee on Resettlement, 297 Fourth Avenue, New York 10, New York.

Sincerely,

George E. Rundquist

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March 1, 1945

Mr. Clarence S. Gillett
1052 West 6th Street, Room 726
Los Angeles, California

Dear Mr. Gillett:

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You may want to take similar action. If so, please forward a copy to this office and the Home Missions Council Committee on Resettlement, 297 Fourth Avenue, New York 10, New York.

Perhaps you would like to send this on to the Secretary of the Pasadena Council of Churches and any other Southern California Ministerial association you think might take similar action.

Sincerely,

George E. Rundquist

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March 1, 1945

Reverend Henry Surer
810 Harrison Avenue
Fresno, California

Dear Mr. Surer :

The enclosed statement of action was received from Miss Gertrude Apel of the Seattle Council of Churches and I thought it would be of interest to you.

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Sincerely,

George E. Rundquist

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March 1, 1945

Dr. I. George Nace
Portland and Oregon Council of Churches
Y.M.C.A. Building
Portland, Oregon

Dear Dr. Nace:

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Sincerely,

George E. Rundquist

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Associate Executive Secretary

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March 5, 1945

Mr. George E. Rundquist
Committee on American Principles and Fair Play
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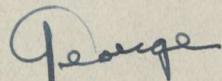
Dear Mr. Rundquist:

Your communication of March 1st with the enclosed statement of action taken recently by the Seattle Council of Churches concerning the integration of Japanese Americans into the church life of the community, has been received. We appreciate very much receiving this copy.

At the Executive Committee meeting of the Portland Council of Churches on Thursday, March 1st, this problem was discussed. It had previously been given consideration by our Commission on International Justice and Goodwill. The following action, not as comprehensive as that taken by the Seattle Council, was taken by our Executive Committee:

"The Executive Committee of the Portland Council of Churches calls the attention of pastors of our churches to the return of Japanese Americans to our community and expresses the hope that churches will help these people to adjust themselves to the life of the community and welcome them into their fellowship."

Sincerely yours,



I. George Nace
Executive Secretary

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March 1, 1945

Mr. Robert Cozzens
War Relocation Authority
461 Market Street, Room 201
San Francisco, California

Dear Mr. Cozzens:

Mr. Rundquist suggested that you would be interested in seeing the letters which are being sent to Pastors of Churches in Northern California, copies of which are enclosed.

Very sincerely yours ,

Secretary

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March 1, 1945

Rev. G. Y. Doubleday
2130 Channing Way
Berkeley, California

Dear Mr. Doubleday:

The enclosed statement of action was received from Miss Gertrude Apel of the Seattle Council of Churches and I thought it would be of interest to you.

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Sincerely,

George E. Rundquist

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March 1, 1945

Mr. Hugh Landrum
220 Golden Gate Avenue
San Francisco, California

Dear Mr. Landrum:

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Sincerely,

George E. Rundquist

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C O P Y

March 1, 1945

Mex. Nationals

Galen Fisher
Orinda, California

Dear Galen Fisher,

Your interest in Japanese affairs and your understanding of the present situation in which Americans of Japanese ancestry find themselves is well known. You have on several occasions pointed out the connection between our domestic treatment of Japanese and our future Asiatic relations.

For these reasons, we wish to present for your consideration on the current situation regarding Japanese-Americans on the West Coast. These citizens are denied access to available agricultural employment, while at the same time, large numbers of Mexican nationals are brought here at considerable government expense as agricultural laborers.

Out of this conflicting situation several undesirable results are likely to occur: (1) a needless expenditure by the government in maintaining Japanese persons in War Relocation centers, and in transporting large numbers of Mexican nationals from Central Mexico to California; (2) economic and social injustice to American citizens of Japanese ancestry and their law-abiding parents through failure of this government to provide ready access to available employment; (3) possible embarrassment to future Asiatic relations because of an unsound and unwise policy with regard to Japanese here, and complications in Latin America due to competition between Mexican laborers and our nationals in the labor market.

We are urging Justice Byrnes, Mr. McNutt, and Judge Marvin Jones to undertake a rectification of this situation, and we hope that you will find an opportunity for lending your support and that of the State Department to improving the soundness of our present manpower policies. Certainly, in the midst of this war we cannot, on the one hand, promulgate a "man the Battle Stations" drive and enforce curfew regulations in the name of manpower needs, while at the same time we maintain at government expense thousands of willing workers in the idleness of War Relocation Centers.

Sincerely yours,

Executive Secretary
on behalf of San Francisco Council for Civic Unity

JD:vb

March 2, 1945

Friends of the American Way
305 Kensington Place
Pasadena, 2, California

Gentlemen:

Enclosed please find one dollar (\$1.00)
in payment of the statements of California
laws on Rights of Citizens.

Thank you.

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary

reply
3/8/45

HOME MISSIONS COUNCIL OF NORTH AMERICA
297 FOURTH AVENUE, NEW YORK, N. Y. #10

Executive Secretaries:

EDITH E. LOWRY
MARK A. DAWBER

March 2, 1945

Dr. Galen M. Fisher
Committee on American Principles and Fair Play
Room 203
465 California Street
San Francisco 4, California

Dear Dr. Fisher:

In harmony with your telegram of January 23, we shall appreciate receiving a check from the Committee on American Principles and Fair Play for one-half of Mr. Rundquist's salary for February. The amount for half of his salary is \$175.00, as you know.

Yours sincerely,

Mark A. Dawber

March 8, 1945

Dr. Mark A. Dawber
Home Missions Council of North America
297 Fourth Avenue
New York 10, New York

Dear Dr. Dawber:

I understood from Mr. Rundquist, yesterday, that he had already received a check for \$175.00 from Mr. Scott, the treasurer of this Committee.

He also told me that he would shortly send us a statement of this Committee's share of his expenses during his service here.

We greatly appreciate the kind cooperation given by you and the Administrative Committee for Japanese Service.

Sincerely yours,

Galen M. Fisher

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GEORGE E. OUTLAND
11TH DISTRICT
CALIFORNIA

COMMITTEE:
BANKING AND CURRENCY

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C.

March 2, 1945

Mrs. Ruth Kingman
2287 Telegraph Avenue
Apart No. 215
Berkeley, California

Dear Ruth:

It certainly was fine to hear from you again after such a long time. I had received a couple of letters from Mr. Kingman during the past few months and was beginning to wonder if I ever was going to get a letter from the other part of the family.

I envy you that whole month's vacation although I get so keyed up on the job that I don't know whether I could relax in a month or not. As a matter of fact, I did get over to England for three weeks in January and while I had a very interesting and worthwhile trip, it could hardly be called a rest.

I am very much interested in what you write about the return of the Japanese-Americans and other similar subjects. I must confess that there has been less difficulty during the return thus far than I had anticipated. I may say, my friend, that you were right in that connection and I was wrong. I am interested, too, in what your own plans are: might it not be wise to continue the Committee, at least for the duration of the war? I honestly believe that in the post-war period, if not before, we are going to find serious minority group problems in California, especially in connection with the negroes and the Mexicans, and such a committee would be invaluable.

There is a possibility that I shall get to California in April, although I am keeping my fingers crossed. In case I do, I shall be in San Francisco and hope that we can at least have a chance to say hello. I will keep you informed of my plans.

The best of wishes to you, Ruth.

Cordially yours,

George

George E. Outland

Do let me hear from you again, Ruth.

WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY
Central Utah Project
Topaz, Utah

Community Gov't.

March 2, 1945

Mrs. Ruth Kingman
Fair Play Committee
535 St. Louis Road
Berkeley, California

Dear Mrs. Kingman:

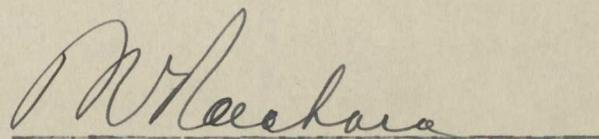
An All Center Conference was held from February 16th to 24th inclusive in Salt Lake City. At the conference were three to five delegates from each of seven of the relocation centers: Gila, Arizona; Granada, Colorado; Heart Mountain, Wyoming; Minidoka, Idaho; Poston, Arizona; Rohwer, Arkansas; and Topaz, Utah.

After serious deliberation by the twenty-nine delegates, the attached petition together with pertinent facts and recommendations were sent to Mr. Dillon S. Myer, National Director of W.R.A.

These three documents are being presented to you not only for your interest and information, but also for your consideration. We trust that they may aid you in your desire to have the fullest measure of social understanding of the conditions and resident point of view in the War Relocation Centers today.

Whatever reply and response you may make to this letter and the enclosures will, I assure you, be appreciated and studied by the residents.

Very truly yours,


Masaru Narahara, Chairman
ALL CENTER CONFERENCE

Enclosures

COPY

February 24, 1945

Mr. Dillon S. Myer, National Director
War Relocation Authority
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Myer:

We of Japanese ancestry residing within these United States feel that the people of this country, generally, have accepted us on the strength of our record as law-abiding residents during the past fifty and more years. We have engaged in farming, commerce, fishing, industry, etc., as operators and laborers, and so had established solid foundations in this country.

The outbreak of hostilities between the United States and Japan in 1941, was followed, in 1942, by the War Department's order that all of us who resided within the west coast area, inclusive of American citizens as well as Japanese nationals, be forcibly evacuated. We suffered extreme shock and mental anguish, as well as substantial material losses. The foundations we had created by years of toil were almost completely wiped away. We have existed these past almost three years within the confines of barbed wire fences, within camps located in desert wilderness.

On December 17, 1944, the Western Defense Command announced the rescinding of the exclusion order. At the same time the War Relocation Authority announced that all our camps would be closed by not later than January 2, 1946.

Surveys of general opinion among center residents as a result of the foregoing dual announcements disclosed the fact that due to their present economic status, their fear of violence and discrimination on the outside, etc., the majority were not in a position to make plans either for relocation or for return to their former homes on the west coast, under present conditions and under currently available facilities and assistance provided by the WRA and other agencies.

As a natural consequence, this, the All Center Conference, was decided upon. Delegates representing seven relocation centers met from February 16 to February 24, 1945, at Salt Lake City. After serious deliberation, mindful of our grave responsibility to do our utmost for the best welfare of 75,000 people, we now make the fervent appeal that the WRA centers be kept open for the duration of war and for some time thereafter as may be needed, and, further, be operated with a view

to providing residents with necessities, facilities and services on at least on equal level as in the past.

We, hereinunder submit a statement of facts and recommendations with the request that you will accord them your full and sympathetic consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

Masaru Narahara, Chairman
ALL CENTER CONFERENCE

Approved:

/s/ H. Nishimura
Delegate for Gila Project

/s/ S. Kawashiri
Delegate for Granada Project

/s/ G. Mihara
Delegate for Minidoka Project

/s/ M. Hayashida
Delegate for Heart Mountain Project

/s/ G. Katow
Delegate for Poston Project

/s/ C. Fujino
Delegate for Rohwer Project

/s/ I. Suciyaama
Delegate for Topaz Project

Copy: Harold Ickes, Secretary of Interior

STATEMENT OF FACTS

1. Mental suffering has been caused by the forced mass evacuation.
2. There has been an almost complete destruction of financial foundations built during over half a century.
3. Especially for the duration, the war has created fears of prejudices, persecution, etc., also fears of physical violence and fears of damage to property.
4. Many Isseis (average age is between 60 and 65) were depending upon their sons for assistance and support, but these sons are serving in the United States Armed Forces. Now these Isseis are reluctant to consider relocation.
5. Residents feel insecure and apprehensive towards the many changes and modifications of W.R.A. policies.
6. The residents have prepared to remain for the duration because of many statements made by the W.R.A., that relocation centers will be maintained for the duration of the war.
7. Many residents were forced to dispose of their personal and real properties, business and agricultural equipment, etc., at a mere trifle of their cost; also drew leases for the "duration", hence have nothing to return to.
8. Practically every Buddhist priest is now excluded from the West Coast. Buddhism has a substantial following, and the members obviously prefer to remain where the religion centers.
9. There is an acute shortage of housing, which is obviously a basic need in resettlement. The residents fear that adequate housing is not available.
10. Many persons of Japanese ancestry have difficulty in obtaining insurance coverage on life, against fire, on automobiles, on property, etc.

RECOMMENDATIONS

We recommend:

1. That special governmental agencies or units be established solely for providing assistance to evacuees who might require funds in reestablishing themselves.
 - a. Resettlement aid (grants).
 - b. Loans.

2. That the present relocation grant be increased. It should be given to every relocatee. The penalty clause on the present form should be deleted.

We further recommend that federal aid be granted according to every individual's particular needs until such time as he is reestablished.

3. That long term loans at a low rate of interest be made available, without security, to aid the residents in reestablishing themselves as near as possible to their former status in private enterprises, such as business, agriculture, fisheries, etc.
4. That the W.R.A. use their good offices so that consideration may be given on priority by O.P.A. Because of evacuation, residents were forced to dispose of their equipment, trucks, cars and etc., many of which at present require the approval of an O.P.A. Board. These equipments are essential to many residents in order to reestablish themselves in former enterprises.
5. That the W.R.A. make every effort to obtain a return of properties, for evacuees who, due to evacuation and consequent inability to maintain installment payments, have lost the same; further, in order to prevent loss of property, to obtain some definite arrangement for the granting of governmental aid, as may be necessary, to evacuees unable, as a result of evacuation, to maintain installment payments.
6. That the W.R.A. give financial aid to residents with definite plans, for the purposes of defraying the expenses of investigating specific relocation possibilities.

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How much?

7. That the W.R.A. establish adequately staffed offices in important areas and employ persons of Japanese ancestry since they understand Japanese psychology; and also establish in these field offices, legal advisory and employment departments. OK
8. That the W.R.A. continue the operation of evacuee property offices for the duration, to fulfill the needs of relocatees.
9. That the W.R.A. accept for reinduction into centers those who relocate and who find themselves unable to make satisfactory adjustments. yes-no
10. That the W.R.A. arrange for the establishing of hostels and other facilities in various areas; and furthermore, build new housing through the F.H.A., with W.R.A. assistance. yes
no
11. That the W.R.A. provide transportation of evacuee property door to door. or costs
same
12. That the W.R.A. negotiate for the establishing of old people's homes exclusively for persons of Japanese ancestry. no
13. That the W.R.A. make negotiations to arrange (1) so that evacuees formerly civil service employees will be reinstated and (2) so that persons of Japanese ancestry will be able to secure business licenses as formerly. OK
14. That short term leave regulations be changed to permit an absence of two months with one month extension privileges. Also, that the evacuee investigating relocation possibilities be permitted to become employed, without change of status. OK
15. That when an evacuee relocates or returns to his former business or home, W.R.A. should make every effort to release frozen assets (blocked accounts), both in cases of individuals or organizations. OK
16. That the W.R.A. negotiate for the concluding of arrangements whereunder alien parents may be able to operate or manage properties with powers of attorney issued by their children, particularly by sons in the United States Armed Forces. OK

17. That the W.R.A. arrange to secure outright releases for parolees who relocate.
18. That the W.R.A. obtain the establishment of some avenue of governmental indemnities for relocatees who may become victims of anti-Japanese violence in terms of personal injuries or property damage.
19. That the W.R.A. arrange for adequate government compensation against losses to evacuee property by fire, theft, etc. while in government or private storage or while in transit.
20. That the W.R.A. arrange to provide students of Japanese ancestry with adequate protection in case of need, and opportunities equal to those enjoyed by Caucasian students.
21. That the W.R.A. make every effort to secure work opportunities for returnees and relocatees on equal basis with Caucasian citizens, particularly in reference to admittance into labor unions.

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Impossible

OK

no need

OK

SUGGESTION

The foregoing is a partial list of appeals emanating from center residents, and each item is founded on factual cases. We make the suggestion that the W.R.A. should verify the existence of these problems, possibly by adopting some such procedure as follows:

The W.R.A. should conduct a more accurate and intensive relocation survey than at present, with intent to determine what are the actual needs of the residents, in terms of making their relocation possible. This survey might be conducted in every project, by interviewing a number of evacuees selected from among those unable to make relocation plans, and further selected with a view to obtaining an accurate cross-section (occupations, location of former homes, etc.) The assistance of interpreters recommended by the Community Councils might be enlisted.

Note: The suggested survey should, perhaps, be conducted so that all center residents will be interviewed, however, as a first step, we recommend the interview of lesser numbers, in the interests of expediency, because we desire the earliest possible acknowledgement of the conditions, and establishment of adequate policies for the furthering of relocation.

reply
5/9/45

Send
B. Laws

Auburn Wn. March 3, 1945

Dear Mrs. Klingman,

I had a talk with Miss Madson in Seattle yesterday; and learned that Mr. Rundquist has gone East, so I suppose that you are back on the job.

He no doubt told you that we were expecting him to come to the Northwest to help us organize a Wn. State Committee for Fair Play or Minority Group problems. I have been in consultation with Mr. Firster of the W. R.A. office in Seattle, also with the Public Affairs group of the Tacoma Y.W.C.A. and Dr. Mander of the Seattle Civic Unity Com. We are all agreed that a state wide organization is needed at this time to help with the relocation of the Japanese.

Miss Bennett of the Tacoma Y.W.C.A. and Miss Breis/meister can tell you that such was the consensus of opinion expressed in the group at the Tacoma Y.W.C.A. who heard Miss Breismeister talk on the relocation, last Wed. night.

I was surprised to learn from Miss Madson, yesterday that several Seattle men were on that list of the advisory board of the Pacific Coast Com. on American Principles and Fair Play, for that would seem to indicate that there was or had been a branch or nucleus here in the Northwest. I am wondering why there hasn't been more publicity or expanded activity from Seattle outward to communities like these in the valley where the Pearl Harbor League has been active and has been able to accomplish its purpose of stirring up sufficient antagonism to prevent the return of the Japanese farmers here. If I had known before now the names of those in Seattle or Tacoma who were affiliated with your Calif. organization, I should have contacted them to try to get their cooperation with those of us who located here in the hot spot and can not organize by ourselves. It seems that some one is needed who has the time to contact such leaders in the several cities and tie them all up together in a state-wide committee such as yours in California. If we had such an effective group of well recognized civic leaders, it would seem that more pressure could be brought to bear on our Governor to retract some of his statement concerning the danger of sabotage by the Japanese-Americans. That statement simply backed up this Pearl Harbor League in what they had been doing.

When I wrote to you asking about being appointed a chairman here it was an impulse of the moment because of the fear which had struck me from the personal attack on my integrity by the local leaders of the Pearl Harbor League. I now know more than I did then about the whole program and have been working to get some of the outstanding leaders of Tacoma to line up with such a project. You will probably hear more about that from Miss Bennett.

From what I know, no Japanese are returning to this vicinity. One young Nesei returned to Auburn recently and made a survey of the attitudes of the people and told a group of us that he was going to report to the powers that be, that he thought the army and Dept. of the Interior should give more concrete protection and assistance to the evacuees if they are ever to be able to locate in this part of the country. Fair minded civic leaders told him that the public had been educated to be suspicious of the Japanese Americans, because of the evacuation move and such publicity about danger of sabotage as was given to the people by De-Witte and our Governor and many others.

So now it is going to take time and effort to re-educate

of many of these people who think emotionally and were ready to accept without further analysis the propaganda which stigmatized our former neighbors, the Japanese-Americans. I am firmly of the opinion that the Federal Authorities have a responsibility to do more to re-educate the public and to give more concrete help to the Japanese-evacuees in relocating.

Hoping to hear that you will soon be coming this way., to hold some kind of an Institute in Seattle to organize a Wn. State Comm. for Fair Play,

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Lynn Brannan

Box 44 Auburn Wn.

reply
3/9/45

March 3, 1945.

Dear Mrs. Kingman,

I have been informed by Miss Edna Ingham of the interest and action you have taken in regards to my brother's problem with the selective service board, and that you are greatly responsible in straightening out the matter. For this we are most certainly grateful to you. You can imagine how uneasy it has been, especially for Paul, to be ~~put on~~ listed as unacceptable as if he were a criminal with no reason at all, and worse still, to be deprived of the privilege of serving his country. So what you have done has meant very much to ~~him~~ and has

relieved all of us. Thank you for
your kind attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Pfc. George Higashi
37704707

1st. Platoon, Co. C.

Sch. Bn.
Fort Snelling II, Minn.

Mrs. K. gave a letter -
will call attention to letter. Heard
her working on case for this & since,
& knew her to be greatly pleased with outcome.

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March 9, 1945

Pfc. George Higashi, 37709707
1st Platoon, Co. C. Sch. Bn.
Fort Snelling 11, Minnesota

Dear Mr. Higashi:

Mrs. Kingman is away from the office on a trip to Seattle. I shall call your letter to her attention when she returns.

I heard her refer to the case from time to time, and knew her to be greatly pleased with the outcome.

Very sincerely yours,

Constance Halliday
Office Secretary

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Day letter
sent: March 5, 1945

Mr. Harold Fistere, Area Supervisor
War Relocation Authority
Room 309 - Walker Building
1306 2nd Avenue
Seattle, Washington

AM MAKING UP MY SCHEDULE FOR COMING WEEKS. IF YOU AND
MADSEN WISH ME TO INCLUDE NORTHWEST TRIP PLEASE WIRE OR
PHONE IMMEDIATELY.

Ruth W. Kingman

The East and West Association

Devoted to new and better understanding
between peoples through mutual knowledge

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HERMANN HAGEDORN
Director, West Coast Office

West Coast Office
17 East Carrillo Street
Santa Barbara, California
March 5th, 1945.

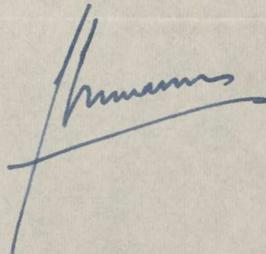
Dear George:

I had a letter from Dr. Fisher this morning and was interested to hear of the very practical way in which the Fair Play Committee is getting after the Hood River fruit growers. Since the basis of the Hood River anti-Japanese campaign is so obviously economic, it is intelligent to deal with it on an economic basis.

I am interested to hear of your work in Fresno, and hope that you may be able to help the legislature to adopt the Governor's recommendation for a standing committee on racial discrimination.

Cordially yours,

Dr. George E. Rundquist
Hotel Fresno
Fresno, California



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"All Within the Four Seas Are Brethren." — CONFUCIUS, *Analects*

March 6, 1945

Mrs. Robert Freeman
675 Magnolia Avenue
Pasadena 5, California

Dear Mrs. Freeman:

Under separate cover I am sending you samples of the various pamphlets which we have for distribution. The cost of the pamphlets where there is a charge, is indicated on the cover.

We shall be very happy to send this material in quantity if you request it. Please let me know the number of each you would like.

If we can be of any further assistance, please do not hesitate to call on us.

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary

AMERICAN CIVIL LIBERTIES UNION
170 FIFTH AVENUE
NEW YORK CITY

March 6th, 1945

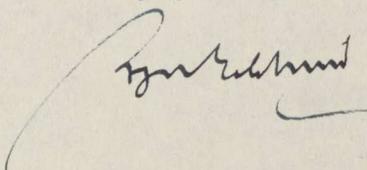
reply
3/12/45

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

Dear Mrs. Kingman:

I enclose a letter and enclosures
from Miss Buck who I am sure would like to
know, as would I, just what your Committee
thinks can be done with Hood River.

Sincerely yours,



RNB:fk

R. D. 3
PERKASIE, PENNSYLVANIA

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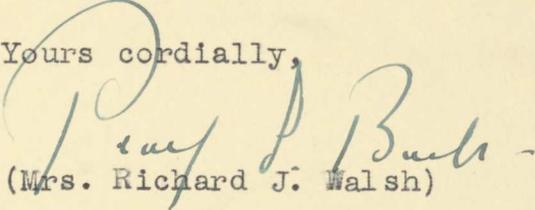
March 1, 1945.

Dear Roger Baldwin:

Thank you for your letter of February
the 24th, and the promptness of your
response to my earlier letter.

I suppose you saw in The New York Times,
Monday, the discussion of the Hood River
situation.

Yours cordially,


(Mrs. Richard J. Walsh)

Mr. Roger Baldwin,
American Civil Liberties Union,
170 Fifth Avenue,
New York City 10, N. Y.

PSW HS

Enclosed another communication
just received.
PW

7 Gramercy Park W., N.Y. 3, N.Y.
March 6, 1945.

Mrs. Harry Kingman,
Committee on American Principles and Fair Play,
2234 Telegraph,
Berkeley, 4, California.

Dear Mrs. Kingman:

Yesterday I wrote to Roy Votaw, formerly a resident of Hawaii and member of the Church of the Crossroads and now on the staff of the Youth Authority, 995 Market St., S.F. I enclosed a copy of the attached list of questions and implored his help in getting accurate answers. I suggested he "farm out" some of the questions as the time is short. It may be that he will turn to you, among others, for help.

Whether he does or not I would like your aid with section 8 (b), (c) and (d). And further I want very much to have information from you on the following subjects -

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C O P Y

7 Gramercy Park W., N.Y. 3, N.Y.
March 6, 1945.

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Committee on American Principles and Fair Play,
2234 Telegraph
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March 9, 1945

Mr. Galen R. Weaver
7 Gramercy Park W.
New York 3, New York

Dear Mr. Weaver:

Your letter of March 6, has arrived just as I am getting off for a hurried trip to Seattle. I regret that I will not have time to make anything like an adequate reply to your very clear and concise questions.

However, Mr. George Rundquist, Executive Secretary of the Japanese Committee on Resettlement of the Federal Council of Churches, who has been working with our Committee for the past two or three months, has just returned to New York, and can give you most of the information you want, at first hand.

I shall send him a copy of this letter, so that he will expect a call from you. His address is Federal Council of Churches, 297 Fourth Avenue, New York 10, New York, and he should be there by March 13.

Your question about property I am passing on to Mr. Victor Furth of the War Relocation Authority, who is most cooperative.

I am sorry not to be able to comply, personally, with your request for information.

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman
Executive Secretary

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Field Agency of the Home Missions Council
March 6, 1945

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Reply
3/7/45*

Mrs. Harry L. Kingman
Committee on American Principles and Fair Play
2287 Telegraph Avenue
Berkeley 4, California

Dear Mrs. Kingman:

When I met with the Citizens' Committee in Portland the other day the leaders requested fifty copies of the address by Professor Paul Taylor which was delivered at the conference in San Francisco, January 10-11.

Kindly send these in care of Dr. I George Nace, Executive Secretary of the Portland Council of Churches, Y.M.C.A. Building, Portland, Oregon.

Most cordially yours,

Gordon K. Chapman
a.k.

Gordon K. Chapman

GKC:AL

March 8, 1945

Miss Murphy
465 California Street
San Francisco, California

Dear Miss Murphy:

The enclosed lease is for Mr. Scott to check
over and sign.

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary

Enclosure

CONFIDENTIAL

March 8, 1945

Memo to Pat Frayne:

Charles Kikuchi's brother is married to a Filipino girl. They live at 1552 Webster Street, San Francisco. It is our understanding that his father-in-law's name is Rafael Yngojo.

In February Mr. Kikuchi noticed some stickers (see enclosed copy) advocating sending persons of Japanese ancestry to Japan. He wrote a letter to the reported source, the Disabled American Veterans, using the name of his Filipino father-in-law, requesting information. He received a reply, a copy of which we are enclosing.

The day following the receipt of the letter, a member of the Disabled American Veterans called on Mr. Kikuchi. Thinking that he was talking to a Filipino, he said, that notwithstanding the fact that they were not permitted to take official action, he was glad to be able to distribute many of the stickers and to tell all of the Filipinos he could reach of a mass meeting which was to be held (date still unannounced) calling on all Filipinos for action against the return of all persons of Japanese ancestry to the West Coast.

WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY

In reply, please refer to:

309 Walker Building
2nd and University
Seattle 1, Washington

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3/12/45

VIA AIRMAIL

March 8, 1945

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

Dear Mrs. Kingman:

You have a reservation at the Hotel Olympic for the night of March 13 and you also have a lower berth reserved for you on the Great Northern leaving Seattle at 11:30 p.m. on March 24. Miss Madsen and I are looking forward to seeing you next week.

Sincerely yours,

Harold S. Fistere

Harold S. Fistere
Area Supervisor



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Executive Secretaries

EDITH E. LOWRY
MARK A. DAWBER

March 8, 1945

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

Dear Mrs. Kingman:

As the relocation program enters its final phase this year, we recognize an increasingly important part the churches will be called upon to play in it. This is both a challenge and opportunity to the churches such as we have never faced before in the history of our work with the people of Japanese descent in our country.

We of the Home Missions Council of N.A. strongly desire to make known as widely as possible in the form of a short book what that history is and what we must and can do now for a Christian and democratic solution of the problem that confronts us.

We come to you because you have a part of that story to tell. In the attached outline, we have marked the chapters for which we should like to secure your contribution by April 20, 1945, the length of your story being your option with an agreement that the final judgment as to its use be ours.

The publication of this book will be undertaken jointly by the Foreign Missions Conference and the Home Missions Council, date of publication being September 1945, at the latest.

For your information, we have asked Rev. Toru Matsumoto of the Committee on Resettlement of Japanese Americans, 297 Fourth Avenue, New York 10, N.Y., to handle details and communications involved.

Very sincerely yours,

Mark A. Dawber

Mark A. Dawber
Executive Secretary

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Home Missions Council of North America
297 Fourth Ave., New York 10, N.Y.

"THE CHURCH AND JAPANESE AMERICANS"
(Theme, not the actual title of the book)

1. General nature and purpose of the book:

This should be a story of human drama, not a collection of documentary data. It should be an appealing account of the work of Christ among the people who came from Japan and their American born children in a new land. It must be a fearless tale on the injustice to members of a minority, American citizens of Japanese descent, caught in a war between the land of birth and the land of ancestry. It will be a story of reassertion of the righteousness of Christ's love in the midst of a tragedy, and of how Christians remedied injuries. It must express a Christian hope and ideal, if possible, even in the face of a dark outlook.

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Chapt. 5 - Expressions of views by Japanese Americans, Christian and non-Christian, on the Christian Church in America in relation to the future of Japanese Americans.

Note 1. If you have any printed material on the subject, kindly send it to us. Also, if you know of anyone who has a story to tell, please notify us.

Note 2. The writer may choose either Japanese or English in writing his material, with the understanding that translation of Japanese material into English is to be done by the Home Missions Council.

Note 3. Please address all communications to Toru Matsumoto, 297 Fourth Avenue, New York 10, N.Y.

March 13, 1945

Dr. Mark A. Dawber, Executive Secretary
Home Missions Council of North America
297 Fourth Avenue,
New York 10, New York

Dear Dr. Dawber:

Mrs. Kingman has asked me to reply to your letter of March 8.

It is, as yet, too early to make possible an answer to the questions you asked with respect to the coming of evacuees into a new community, under Chapter 4.

In reply to the questions under Chapter 2, the only report we have is a personal account which we are enclosing. This material may be cut down and adapted to your needs. This is, as far as we know, the only instance of such extensive cooperation involving daily hospitality for a week.

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary

Enclosure



483 East Villa Street
Pasadena 4, California
March 8, 1945

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

Dear Constance Halliday,

By this time I hope you have received the
list which you loaned me. I asked Marjorie Noble to
send it back for me.

Thanks ever so much.

Best wishes to you,

Cordially,

Walt

Walt Godfrey

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March 10, 1945

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Dr. Arthur C. McGiffert, Jr., Secretary
Pacific Coast Committee on American
Principles and Fair Play
465 California Street
San Francisco, California

Dear Dr. McGiffert:

The council of the City of Cleveland on March 5, 1945, established by ordinance a committee on inter-racial relations to be attached to the Mayor's office. This library has been given the responsibility of supplying publications and information on all phases of race and nationality problems. I am sure that our committee will benefit from the experience and knowledge of activities of other such committees. Will you, therefore, kindly place this library on your mailing list to receive any releases, reports, or publications of your committee. In turn we shall place your committee on our mailing list to receive similar publications of the Cleveland committee. If your group has issued publications of any kind to date, will you kindly send us a copy. May I hear from you on this matter.

Sincerely yours,

Lee Wachtel

Lee Wachtel
Librarian

LW:IK

March 12, 1945

Mr. Roger Baldwin
American Civil Liberties Union,
170 Fifth Avenue,
New York City 10, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Baldwin:

Thank you very much for your letters suggesting that we might be able to give some suggestions concerning the Hood River situation.

As you probably know through Mr. Besig and Mr. Wirin, there seems to be little, so far, that can be done legally. I had expected, until this morning, to be going to Seattle and Portland on this afternoon's train, and had planned to put some time in and about Hood River. Unexpected plans (including a hurry up trip to Washington D. C.) made it necessary for me to postpone the Seattle-Portland schedule.

However, Mr. Lawrence Hewes, West Coast Director of the American Council on Race Relations, is going up this week to put in some concentrated work in the Hood River Valley. Mr. Hewes has recently worked out some remarkably successful techniques, and as our organizations have been working very closely together, actually "pinch-hitting" at times, I have asked him to prepare a particularly careful report which I can send on to you and Mrs. Buck.

It will interest you to know that I heard, through the Farm Security Administration (off record) that the demand for Hood River apples is higher than ever before, that all of the A 1 grade are being bought up by the Army! Oh dear!

Mr. Roger Baldwin

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March 12, 1945

Our feeling on the Hood River thing is that so far as the Legion actions are concerned, they have created far more favorable reaction than otherwise. As to this newspaper ad program, of course it won't be very effective as there are already Nisei in the Hood River district, and if I know anything of the present temperament of those boys, they're just American enough to refuse to accept bullying-- which is all we think this amounts to.

A factual report, however, will be forthcoming just as soon as I hear from Mr. Hewes next week. A copy will be sent to you immediately.

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman
Executive Secretary

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Day letter
sent: March 12, 1945

Mr. Harold S. Fistere
309 Walker Building
2nd and University
Seattle 1, Washington

REGRET DEVELOPMENT UNEXPECTED WASHINGTON, D.C. TRIP MAKES
PRESENT PLANS IMPOSSIBLE. WILL TELEPHONE YOU AND MADSEN
TOMORROW RE WASHINGTON STATE ORGANIZATION.

Ruth W. Kingman

March 12, 1945

Mr. Masaru Narahara, Chairman
All Center Conference
Central Utah Project
Topaz, Utah

Dear Mr. Narahara:

We are sorry that the enclosed letter was not
delivered to you in Salt Lake City.

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA

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Office of the President
Berkeley 4, California

March 12, 1945

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman
Executive Secretary
Committee on American Principles
and Fair Play
2287 Telegraph Avenue, Room 215
Berkeley 4, California

Dear Friend:

In reply to your letter of March 7, I thought the simplest thing would be to include the copy of an address which I delivered before the County Superintendents of School on Wednesday, January 10. Probably Mrs. Moore would be best able to determine what section of it would help her in her campaign at Hood River.

I am returning the material which you sent with your letter thinking you may wish it for your files.

Cordially,

signed

Monroe E. Deutsch
Vice-President and Provost

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3/14/45

The Committee on American Principles
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2234 Telegraph Avenue
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With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Karl Holton, Director

By *Roy C. Votaw*,

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7 Gramercy Park W.
New York City 3, N.Y.

March 13, 1945

Attn: Mr. McEntire

Mr. Lawrence Hewes
American Council on Race Relations
988 Market Street, Room 202
San Francisco, California

Dear Larry:

See what I'm trying to do?

Ruth W. Kingman
Executive Secretary

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March 13, 1945

Mr. Robert Gibson, Executive Secretary
San Francisco Council on Civic Unity
101 Post Street
San Francisco 601, California

Dear Bob:

Can you send Mrs. Richards something
about your Committee?

Thanks.

Ruth Kingman

RK:ech

March 13, 1945

Mrs. Max L. Moore
318 E. Eugene
Hood River, Oregon

Dear Mrs. Moore:

Mrs. Kingman referred your letter of February 24 to Dr. Deutsch. A copy of his reply is enclosed. He indicates that you may use whatever part will best serve your purpose.

Under separate cover, I am sending you some pamphlets and other material which we have for distribution and which you may find informative and helpful.

If we can be of any further assistance, please do not hesitate to call on us.

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary

March 13, 1945

Mrs. Else E. Richards
317 Court House
Bakersfield, California

Dear Mrs. Richards:

As you requested in your letter of March 8, I have sent 250 copies of Dr. Sproul's speech. I am sorry that we did not have enough brochures. I have ordered more from the printer and as soon as they are ready I can send them on to you, if you will still have use for them.

The cost of the Sproul pamphlet is .05¢ per copy or \$7.50 for 250 copies. Please make checks payable to the Fair Play Committee.

Thank you,

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary

March 13, 1945

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317 Court House
Bakersfield, California

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Mrs. Richards

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Very cordially yours,

Ruth W. Kingman

cc: Mr. Robert Gibson
RWK: cch
Executive Secretary,
San Francisco Council on Civic Unity
101 Post Street
San Francisco 601, California

Mr. Lawrence Hewes
American Council on Race Relations
988 Market Street, Room 202
San Francisco, California

March 14, 1945

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317 Court House
Bakersfield, California

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Very cordially yours,

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman
Executive Secretary

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March 14, 1945

Mr. Roy C. Votaw, Supervisor
Delinquency Prevention Section
State of California, Youth Authority
995 Market Street
San Francisco 3, California

Dear Mr. Votaw:

We have received your letter of March 13,
requesting that we send suggested material
and information to Mr. Galen Weaver of the
Federal Council's Commission on Minority Peoples.

You will be pleased to know that we have already
sent what material we have at hand to Mr. Weaver, who
should receive it in ample time for his purpose.

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman
Executive Secretary

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March 14, 1945

Miss Frances E. McCluskey
War Relocation Authority
Topaz, Utah

Dear Mac:

I've been on vacation and didn't have your letter until my very recent return. I hope it is not too late to try to do something for Chiyeko. I've three "feelers" out on the campus and two in San Francisco. Those in San Francisco are the most promising and I'll have something definite, one way or another, to-morrow.

If only Chiyeko were here, to be interviewed, it would be relatively simple. Employers simply will not take, sight unseen. However, I'm at it, and hope to come through better than I did at Xmas!

Pvt. B. Kingman has applied for transfer to Medics, for training in Physio-therapy, and if that doesn't come thru, for O.C.S. It's a long story--and only just beginning to move.

I'll write after my San Francisco conferance tomorrow.

Cordially,

Ruth W. Kingman
Executive Secretary

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JOHN W. THOMAS

March 14, 1945

*reply
3/26/45*

Miss Constance Halliday
Committee on American Principles
and Fair Play
Room 203, 465 California Street
San Francisco, 4, California

Dear Miss Halliday:

Thank you for your letter of March 8 regarding your order of "Democracy Demands." We do not have a letter from you in regard to this order, since Mr. Thomas requested that we send this to you.

Apparently there has been some misunderstanding, but Mr. Thomas has suggested that you keep the pamphlets for distribution and use on the West Coast as you see fit. If you are able to share in the expenses in any way, we of course will appreciate it.

Sincerely,

W. Mochizuki

Waka Mochizuki
Office Secretary

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The Oakland Japanese Methodist Church

Rev. Isao Tanaka

797 Tenth Street -:- Oakland, California

Rev. H. John Yamashita

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March 13, 1945

Dear Mrs. Kingman -

I dropped by but missed you -
I've been back about 3 weeks
now trying to get out former place
organized as a Hostel sponsored by
the Nat'l Conf. of Methodist Youth Fellowship.

I've been hearing of your work
right along. I visited the resettlers
in the Eastern towns before leaving
Chicago and spent a week at Topaz -
I find the atmosphere back here
much better than anticipated thanks
mostly to the work initiated by the
Fair Play Committee

Enclosed our news-letter of date
for benefit of returnees - Yours sincerely
John Yamashita
My Best Regards to Mr. Kingman -

reply
3/26/45

7 Gramercy Park W., New York City 3
March 15, 1945.

Dear Dr. Fisher:

✓ (Today I had lunch with George Rundquist who brought me up to date with his recent knowledge of the Pacific Coast situation. He spoke of the minutes of the January meeting of the Fair Play Committee and thought they might be useful for me to read in connection with the present study which I am trying to complete by the end of the month. If the minutes have been mimeographed and could be available to me I'd appreciate having them care of this address by air mail.

I wish very much you would share with me your own thinking about the work of the churches among the various Oriental people during the next period of several years. I am considering in my paper for the Federal Council the Chinese, the Japanese and the Filipinos in particular.

If you know of any recent article or pamphlet which I may not have seen that has relevance to the situation and might be suggestive, will you please send it?

With cordial greetings and appreciation,

Very sincerely yours,

Galen R. Weaver
Galen R. Weaver.

2871 Channing Way
Berkeley Calif
March 15, 1945

reply
3/21/45

Pacific Coast Committee of American Principles - Fair Play
2234 Telegraph Avenue
Berkeley Calif.

Dear Sirs:

I am a student at the University of Calif.
and at the present time I am doing a piece
of work concerning the Mexican and Spanish
American Minority Group in the United States.

I would appreciate any material
or information of any form dealing directly
or indirectly with this problem.

I would appreciate any material
or information as to persons or groups who
might be able to give me additional help.

yours truly

Mary Jane Garcia

March 21, 1945

Miss Mary Jane Garcia
2811 Channing Way
Berkeley, California

Dear Miss Garcia:

The work of the Fair Play Committee is concerned primarily with the protecting of the Constitutional rights of persons of Japanese ancestry.

I would suggest that you consult the American Council on Race Relations, 988 Market St., Room 202, San Francisco; and the International Institute 1860 Washington Street, San Francisco. Also the Council for Civic Unity of San Francisco at 101 Post Street might be helpful. The Los Angeles Board of Supervisor's Committee on Racial Progress may have some information which you would want, since you are concerned with the Mexican and Spanish minorities.

If you are interested in the work of this Committee, I shall be happy to send you what information you are interested in.

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary