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WAR DEPARTMENT  
THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY  
REFER TO

MA-O (2-1-44)

Washington 25, D. C.  
February 1, 1944.

Miss Mary Jefferds, Secretary,  
Pacific Coast Committee on American Principles and Fair Play,  
465 California Street, Room 203,  
San Francisco, California.

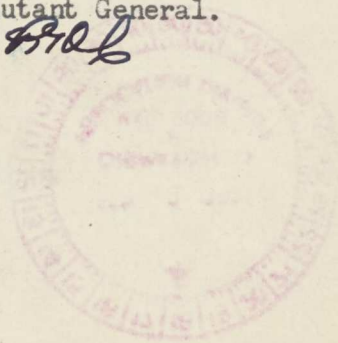
Dear Madam:

Reference is made to your letter of January 26, relative to obtaining a copy of the publication, "Evacuation of the Japanese From the West Coast".

The War Department maintains a limited supply only of the requested publication for use within the military establishment and no surplus is available for general distribution. However, copies can be purchased from the Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, this city, for \$3.25 each.

Very truly yours,

*J. A. Ulloa*  
J. A. ULLOA,  
Major General,  
The Adjutant General.  
By: *[Signature]*









2/5/44  
Eleanor

WRA, Topaz, Utah  
February 1, 1944

My dear Ruth:

I have meant to answer your letter much sooner but got a little swamped with a graduation, etc. I am writing you in this tearing hurry because we are in a tailspin about this whole draft situation and I do hope that your committee can do something to secure a real administration of justice. Of course we were all pleased when the announcement of the draft opening was made, feeling that it was a real public-relations victory, and thanking heaven that the announcement was made ahead of the news stories about the Bataan atrocities.

The questions which seem to require answers are: why will those who have not finished high school not be allowed to complete their senior year? Why will the prejudiced Pacific Coast do the re-classification?

Do you have the answers, Ruth? Can you get them? I am enclosing for you a marked copy of the Topaz Times which will give you a further explanation. For your information I am also writing personal letters, urging level-headedness, etc to Sproul, Deutsch, Bishop Block, Canon Craine, Father Mulkern, Leila Anderson, and Eva Hance. If there is anything I can do please let me know. We'll be looking forward to hearing from you.

As ever,

Eleanor

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February 5, 1944

Miss Eleanor Gerard  
Topaz Relocation Center  
Topaz, Utah

Dear Miss Gerard:

Mrs. Kingman is, at present on an enforced vacation, so I am writing in answer to your letter of February 1st. I have consulted the local coordinating agency for the selective service and they quoted me the following:

Public Law 772, Section 2, an amendment to the Selective Service Act, approved by the 77th Congress, November 13, 1942. This section holds that any student in the "last half" of the academic year of completing his high school study may apply to principal of the school, when drafted, for permission to complete studies for his graduation before being inducted.

I also spoke to Dr. Arthur McGiffert, a member of one of the local draft boards and chairman of the Executive Committee of our Committee, about your other questions. He said that registration of the American Japanese was of course on the Pacific Coast, but that he would write to Mr. Hershey, and to Dillon Myer raising the question of the prejudice that might be encountered. The woman I spoke to at the coordinating agency thought the processing of the draftees would be handled by the Millard County boards, since, of course they could not be brought to California. She was a little vague as to where the jurisdiction of the boards here ended.

I am sorry I can be of no more help to you. Please let me know, if the office here can be of any other assistance.

Sincerely,

Secretary



1/9/44  
ADDRESS REPLY TO  
"THE ATTORNEY GENERAL"  
AND REFER TO  
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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

WASHINGTON, D. C.

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January 1, 1944

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

Dear Mrs. Kingman:

Re: Disloyal citizens of Japanese ancestry

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of December 16th concerning our dealings with disloyal citizens of Japanese ancestry. I enclose a complete copy of the Attorney General's speech, to which I think you refer in your letter.

Respectfully,

For the Attorney General,

*Tom C. Clark*  
TOM C. CLARK,  
Assistant Attorney General.

Enclosure No. 408428.

FOR DEFENSE





2/3/44  
MO

Box 250  
Palm Springs, Calif.

My dear Max Kingman:

I was very pleased to get the printed material about the Dues Investigation in Los Angeles, also information in regard to the Tule Lake disturbances.

I am enclosing this clipping about Dr. John R. Lickfer, Executive Director of the Americanism Educational League. He is a very bad influence. His speech at the Peace Officers Association in La Habra was very vicious, as reported in the paper. He traced the "once a lap always a lap" thru its usual steps, and practically left most Japanese in an evolt ~~to~~ any stage where they had not shed their monkey tails yet and never would. Those were nearly his words.

I am wondering if anyone can counteract his vicious program.

I am enclosing this clipping which I wrote for the Santa Ana Register, just to show that I did make use of some of the data, which you sent.

Very Sincerely  
Lellu L. Osborne





UNITED STATES ARMY

rec'd 2/24/44

Monday

Dear Miss Jeffords,

Thanks very much for your letter and the two copies. It's really flattering to me, and I am indeed grateful for the efforts of Mrs. Kingman and you in getting the article printed. I hope the article does as much good in changing some people's thinking as it has helped to reunite me via letters with old time Cal friends. I received a letter from Alaska, Jean McKenzie in Oakland, Wm Hill in Australia, and others. It sure is a swell feeling!

I just returned yesterday from my furlough during which I saw the Bob





UNITED STATES ARMY

Stones & Harvey stand in  
St. Louis, my Mother and  
sister in Jerome, and was  
married to Chicago. Had up  
planned with Lt. Bob Speed  
as best man. I'm back  
in D.C. after a 6-days  
honeymoon! — oh, I met  
Bea Kingman & Pat Conway  
in Chicago, and after  
lunch, they took a  
blushing soldier through  
the feminine fascies of  
Marshall Field!

The long train ride was  
enlivened by talks with  
sailors & soldiers —  
all in all, I'm a very  
lucky guy. I hate to put  
this short, but there were  
17 letters waiting when I  
came "home." as ever  
yours



*Vicente Villamin*

106 SOUTH ARDEN BOULEVARD  
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

2/4/44  
*[Handwritten initials]*

February 2, 1944

Mrs. Ruth Kingman, Secretary,  
Pacific Coast Committee for American Principles Etc.  
San Francisco.

Dear Mrs. Kingman:

Mr. Miller Freeman of Seattle has left  
with me a copy of his letter to you of January 24 concerning  
the Japanese in the United States.

I am a Filipino and I am interested  
in the subject of the Japanese here and elsewhere. I should  
like to receive from your organization literature on its  
aims and activities.

Are you holding a meeting in the near  
future where you will discuss the subject of the Japanese?

Yours sincerely,

*[Handwritten signature of Vicente Villamin]*  
Vicente Villamin



February 8, 1944

cc  
Mr. Vicente Villamin  
106 SouseArden Blvd.  
Los Angeles, Calif.

Dear Mr. Villamins

This is to acknowledge your letter of February 2nd.

I can give you no definite date for a meeting to be held in Los Angeles, but organization is under-way in that area, and we shall keep you informed of any further developments.

I am sending under separate cover some of the documented material of the Committee, which may be of some interest to you.

Sincerely,

Secretary

mj



2234 Telegraph Avenue  
Berkeley, Calif.  
February 3, 1944

Miss Pearl Buck  
East and West Association  
40 East 49th Street  
New York, N.Y.

Dear Miss Buck:

When I was recently in New York, I missed seeing you, but can put the matter in writing just as well.

Your speaking tour to this Coast last year left a deep impression, but there is great need of your coming again and touching more cities, if possible, this year. The anti-Japanese agitation continues unabated, and has been given impetus by the atrocities in the Philippines, since the masses of even intelligent people will not differentiate between the military gang in Japan, and the citizens and others of Japanese stock in this country.

Besides, as you are well aware, the influx of both Negroes and Southern whites for war industries has aggravated white-Negro relations.

You and Mr. Grew are two of the foremost voices pleading for sanity and true Americanism on these issues. Unfortunately, Mr. Grew can not leave Washington for any extended tour for the next few months. We therefore turn to you with all the more earnest hope.

It would be especially desirable that you speak in the chief centers of Arizona, California, Utah, Oregon and Washington. If, however, you had to limit yourself to about ten days, we could suggest the most important among them. As to auspices, the leading clubs, like the Commonwealth, and Town Hall, and the Universities, would all be glad to cooperate, both as to appointments and to expenses, - although Commonwealth does not pay anything. We can cover all expenses somehow.

Sincerely yours

Galen M. Fisher



*Handwritten: 2/12/44*

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Executive Secretary, CLARENCE E. PICKETT

February 3, 1944

Committee on American Principles  
and Fair Play,  
465 California Street,  
San Francisco 4, California

Dear Friends:

We are sending you a package containing 100 copies of the last issue of our Japanese-American Information Bulletin, a mimeographed series which we have put out from time to time during the last two years.

Our San Francisco office has asked us to send these, so we assume that you have talked with them and expressed interest in using the bulletins.

Sincerely yours,

*Helen Jennings*

For Esther B. Rhoads



2/14/44

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February 3, 1944

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

Gentlemen:

I am deeply grateful for the packet of material  
which I received from your Committee.

I was especially interested in whatever activities your group may have been carrying on in relation to making possible the return of Japanese-Americans to the Pacific Coast. We are quite concerned about the reaction on the part of the parents whose sons may be affected by the new draft ruling.

We feel that any activity on the part of the general public showing interest along the lines of returning the parents of drafted Japanese-Americans to the West Coast, will aid materially in dispelling possible discontent on the part of these parents.

We were, therefore, interested in knowing if your Committee was engaged in any activity along this line. An immediate reply and any information you may be able to give us will be gratefully appreciated.

Very sincerely,

*Shunji Forrest Nishi*  
(The Rev.) Shunji Forrest Nishi,  
Field Counsellor

SFN:PA



February 14, 1944

The Rev. Shunji Forrest Nishi  
Cleveland Church Federation  
1010 Hippodrome Bldg.  
Cleveland 14, Ohio

Dear Mr. Nishi:

May I apologize for the delay in answering your letter of February 3rd, due to the fact that our Executive Secretary is at present on a vacation, and I found it necessary to confer with several of our Board members regarding your question.

I am enclosing a marked copy of our pamphlet of June 15, 1943 in answer to your first question. You may be interested also in the enclosed clippings from the student newspaper of the University of California at Berkeley, regarding Sgt. Ben Kuroki, and his appearance at a luncheon at the Commonwealth Club in San Francisco.

I am sorry I can give you no further assistance in this line. We shall certainly keep you informed if any action is taken.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary

mj



February 4, 1944

San Francisco Chronicle  
Circulation Department  
5th and Mission  
San Francisco, Calif.

Dear sir:

I am enclosing ten cents in stamps for your  
the expense of mailing the copy of the Chronicle of  
January 14th, to the address below.

Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

Mary Jefferds  
2234 Telegraph Ave.  
Berkeley 4, Calif.

mj



February 4, 1944

Editor, Time  
Time and Life Building  
Rockefeller Center  
New York

Dear Sirs:

Our Committee has already expressed its appreciation of your excellent handling of the story of the "Trial By Fury" held by the Gannon Chaired Assembly Interim Committee on December 10th.

We are primarily interested in disseminating factual material concerning our loyal citizens of Japanese ancestry. Just now we are preparing a pamphlet to be made up of letters from service men, who have seen service overseas. Some of their letters will be from soldiers of Japanese ancestry, others from Caucasians.

May we have your permission to print (with credit, of course, to Time) the letter of Time, December 27th (name withheld) and Time January 10th by Sgt. Wadsworth Likely.

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman

RWK:mj



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407 East Pine  
Santa Ana, California  
February 5, 1944.

Dear Sir,

I would like you to send to Dr. Theodore H. Aszman, First Presbyterian Church of Lawrence, Kansas, a half dozen of your small leaflets, with the mimeographed sheet giving the information concerning the committee. Also several of Mr. Rowell's comments or any other you deem advisable. A young American Japanese couple has just moved there and I wrote the minister. Today I received a splendid letter from him, stating that the young people have made an excellent impression upon the community and that he was having them as his guests at a meeting to be addressed by a young man of their race from Kansas City.

The situation seems a very good one. They have a house in the rear of his employer who is very considerate of them. So I believe some information from your committee would be most acceptable. I would like some of the leaflets too, have used them in widely scattered areas with both good and poor results.

I have followed the Chronicle daily in order to see any account of Gannon's "investigation"



in San Francisco, but have been unable to see any reference except two letters in the Safety Valve - a delightful bit of reading! I received the most insulting letter from that person, as you have of course. So I sent it to Mr. Eberhart of the Dies Committee who had expressed interest in the quality of the leadership of the California Legislature. He enjoyed the contact and has written me several times. Just sent Costello's latest to Congress with the comment, "I may say it created very little interest in the newspapers or otherwise."

Have you ever received any letter from a youngster I know well who said he must express to you his appreciation? He is Paul Higashi of 6739 S. Jeffery Ave - Chicago - So many I know tell me how much they do realize your work, but they are all the young ones of 20 or so and that age often doesn't carry through, tho they mean well. I hope some of them do - they should.

Our sincere interest in these fine American citizens is certainly justified, I feel, more than ever by the recent Army announcement. The ones I know are very pleased - tho most of them are already in the Service.

Thank you.

(Miss) Edna W. Ingham

Lawrence is the site of  
the University of Kansas, I find.



February 5, 1944

Mr. Sidney Strotz  
Vice President, N.B.C.  
Hollywood, Calif.

Dear Mr. Strotz:

According to the newspapers Sergeant Kuroki was refused permission to appear over the Hollywood NBC Station because your company made the statement "the whole American-Japanese question is too controversial."

However that may be, we request that if in the future your company suggests the impropriety of such a broadcast, that the San Francisco Bay area shall not be included in your objection.

Sergeant Kuroki broadcasted yesterday at 6:30 p.m. over KSFO.

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman

Please note enclosed clipping. This would seem to indicate acceptance of Sgt. Kuroki here.



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SIDNEY N. STROTZ  
VICE PRESIDENT

February 21 1944

Mrs Ruth W Kingman Executive Secretary  
Committee on American Principles & Fair Play  
2234 Telegraph Avenue  
Berkeley California

Dear Mrs Kingman:

This will acknowledge receipt of your interesting letter of February 5th, which I am quite sure, if you had known the facts in connection with the matter of Sargeant Kuroki, you would now have written.

As we do with all military personnel appearing on our networks, we checked with the War Department in Washington, and at their specific request and based on our order issued to Sargeant Kuroki, he was not permitted to go on the air, because at the time he was scheduled to do so, the Japanese atrocity stories had been issued by the Press. It was the feeling of the War Department not to permit, regardless of service record, any military personnel with any Japanese blood, to make a public appearance of any nature. For your further information, Sargeant Kuroki is appearing on the Ginny Simms program tomorrow, February 22nd, with the express permission of the War Department and the National Broadcasting Company.

We are writing this letter to you for your information and the information of your friends, so as to correct any erroneous impression which may have been created by the newspaper stories, which you may or may not realize were probably written that way by the Press in view of the fact there is no love lost by the Press toward any broadcasting organization.

Sincerely yours,

SIDNEY N STROTZ



February 5, 1944

Representative Arthur Brooks  
Denver  
Colorado

Dear Mr. Brooks:

We are not informed as to the character of the impending legislation in Colorado concerning the American Japanese, nor familiar with the conditions in Colorado, however, we feel that perhaps the enclosed may be of some interest to you.

Additional material has been mailed under separate cover.

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman

RWK:mj



February 3, 1944

President Ben M. Cherrington  
~~University of Denver~~  
Denver, Colorado

Dear President Cherrington:

At the suggestion of Mr. Galen Fisher, I am enclosing material that may be of some interest to you, tho

We are not informed as to the character of the impending legislation in Colorado concerning the American Japanese, nor familiar with the conditions in Colorado, however you may find the enclosed of some use.

Additional material has been mailed under separate cover.

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman

RWK:mj



February 5, 1944

Major McFaden  
A.A.F. Redistribution Center  
Santa Monica, Calif.

My dear Major:

In the fullest sense you and Sergeant Kuroki are entitled to report to your superior officer "mission accomplished."

I hope that the address before the Commonwealth Club is regarded by your officers as taking simply the "first objective". There are other objectives ahead in this Western area and your combat team clearly is equipped to advance upon them.

Sincerely yours,

Paul S. Taylor

PST:mj



February 5, 1944

Major J.B. Epting  
Tupelo  
Mississippi

My dear Major Epting:

If ever you held serious doubts of the wisdom of accepting Sergeant Ben Kuroki as a member of your combat team, these doubts vanished in combat experience long ago.

Yesterday the Commonwealth Club of California, by the standing ovation which it gave to Sergeant Kuroki at the conclusion of his address in San Francisco, indirectly but unmistakably added its civilian approval of your choice.

Sergeant Kuroki, through his simple account of army experiences won the understanding and wholehearted support of his overflowing audience, and you and the other members of the Sergeant's combat team are entitled to know this. I am writing to you as the only member of that team whose address is available.

Sincerely yours,

Paul S. Taylor, Captain  
World War I Captain  
United States Marines

PST:mj



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February 6, 1944

Honorable John J. McCloy

Under-Secretary of War

Washington D. C.

As President Commonwealth Club of California thank War Department warmly for permitting Sergeant Ben Kuroki, American of Japanese descent, to address most enthusiastic audience of seven hundred members. Deeply moved all. Earnestly urge he remain in this area as can help true American democracy mightily.

Monroe E. Deutsch  
Vice-President  
University of California

Personal charge: Ash. 0862

CC: Mrs. Kingman ✓



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February 8, 1944

San Francisco Chronicle  
Circulation Department  
384 17th  
Oakland, Calif.

Dear Sirs:

I called this morning and found that it would be possible to obtain copies of the Chronicle dated February 5th and January 15th from your office.

I am enclosing 16 cents in stamps to cover the expense.

Please send the copies to:

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

Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

mj



WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY

In reply, please refer to:

FEB 7 1944

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

Dear Mrs. Kingman:

You will recall that on your last visit to this office I told you about two boys in the San Diego Detention Home. This case came to a head before I could give you the particulars as previously planned, so that you could take it up with your connections in Los Angeles.

These boys were turned over to us by the San Diego County authorities and it was necessary for us to make arrangements to send them to the Manzanar Relocation Center. We will see if the boys fit into the community there and if not, we may call the situation to your attention again.

Sincerely yours,

*Philip J. Webster*

Philip J. Webster  
Assistant Field Director





February 28, 1944

Mr. Philip Webster  
War Relocation Authority  
Hotel Whitecomb Bldg.  
San Francisco, Calif.

Dear Mr. Webster:

Enclosed is the copy of a news story from  
the Santa Barbara News-Press, which you may find  
of some interest.

It would be interesting to know if Mr. Sinclair  
was speaking for the American Legion in some of his  
statements, and also if he (or they) are cognizant  
of the wider implications of these statements.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary

mj



February 8, 1944

Manager  
KSFO Radio Station  
Mark Hopkins Hotel Bldg.  
San Francisco, California

My dear Sir:

In sending you this word of appreciation for your broadcasting Ben Kuroki's remarks last week through the initiative of Mr. Sidney Roger and on his six-thirty spot, I should like to add that I have heard a number of favorable comments. The gist of them was that you have done the Army a good turn and also the cause of the American Principles and Fair Play Committee.

I am,

Cordially yours,

*Mc Giffert*

cc: Sidney Roger



February 8, 1944

Mr. Benj Bull  
817-824 Gay Bldg.  
Madison, Wisconsin

Dear Mr. Bull:

At Dr. Taylor's request, I am writing to you re your letter to NBC. Dr. Taylor suggested that the letter be sent to Mr. Sidney Strotz, Vice-President, NBC (note enclosed copy of telegram); to Warren Atherton, National Commander, American Legion, Washington D.C. (perhaps Atherton would like to stand up for a decorated veteran); and a carbon copy to Major McFaden, Public Relations Officer, A.A.F. Redistribution Center #3, Santa Monica, California. The enclosed copy of a letter to Mr. Strotz, signed by Mrs. Kingman may be of some interest to you. This office would also appreciate a carbon copy of the final letter sent out.

May I also suggest that copies of the letter be sent to newspaper editors in California; of the Pasadena Post, the Santa Ana Register, The Santa Rosa Press Democrat, and the Pasadena Independent, accompanied by an explanatory note. The San Francisco Chronicle might also be included, as well as the California Legionnaire.

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

Sincerely yours,

Secretary

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MADISON, WISCONSIN

---{ OFFICE MEMO }---

TO Paul Taylor

DATE Feb. 4, 1944

FROM Ben Bull

Paul, how about my sending this to NBC?)

Maybe Atherton would like  
to stand up for a decorated  
veteran -

→ Sidney Stutz, Vice Pres. NBC  
Hollywood -

Copy to Warren Atherton, Natl. Amer.  
Legion - Washington

(cc.) McFadden



**BULL, BIART & BIEBERSTEIN**

ATTORNEYS & COUNSELLORS  
MADISON, WISCONSIN

**COPY**

February 4, 1944

NBC Broadcasting Station  
Hollywood, California

Gentlemen:

On the 26th day of January, 1944, I wrote to the Ginny Simms program inquiring as to why Sergeant Ben Kuroki had been barred from participating in that program. I now read as an explanation thereof, "The whole American-Japanese question is highly controversial". If that be the reason for barring Sergeant Kuroki from the air, then I have this to say, and in doing so I think I speak the opinion of millions of Americans:

Sergeant Kuroki volunteered for service shortly after the outbreak of war, "to avenge Pearl Harbor".

He had to fight his way to get permission to do combat work.

As a turret gunner he fought in thirty combat missions in Europe.

He was captured with his crew by the Spaniards and escaped from a Spanish prison camp.

He fought over the Ploesti oil fields, one of the most dangerous missions of our air corps.

Our country awarded him one or two distinguished flying crosses.

They gave him, together with the other members of his crew, the air medal with four oak leaf clusters.

He was presented to the King and Queen of England with his crew.

These being some of the highest recognitions which our country can give to a soldier.

And then of all things, NBC had to come along and



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give to this American hero publicized humiliation. What shameful conduct for an institution in a great country to an American soldier and the American uniform.

Put some iron in your blood to strengthen your weak knees to enable you to stand by true American principles.

The War Department did not hesitate to grant this man recognition because of his ancestry any more than they would to grant proper recognition of an American of German or Italian ancestry. The War Department did not hesitate and neither did NBC at that time to broadcast the statement of the wounded nisie soldiers from the battle fields of Italy. What a chance for promoting true Americanism and holding up an ideal to be ~~obtained~~ attained by the nisie solders, you fellows passed up.

Here a few days <sup>a</sup> before the War Department had announced that it was inducting all acceptable Americans of Japanese ancestry. That must have been a body blow to Tojo's militarists and yet you had to come along and by public humiliation of this American soldier, for which you should be ashamed, you gave to Tojo and his militarists the opportunity to present to the conquered Oriental races this ammunition of race discrimination in this country. How Tojo must have laughed when you handed him this package.

It is time that the race hating prejudice of California ceased injuring the ideals of this country.

This is the month of Lincoln's birthday. He had to ponder on Jefferson's statement that all men are created equal and he resolved that he would write into the Constitution of our country a guaranty against discrimination on account of race or color. It is time we go back to the principles of Jefferson and Lincoln because such shameful discrimination as you handed this American hero smacks too much of Hitler and the Tojo militarists for red blooded Americans to take without indignation.

To all American soldiers you owe an applogy for this insult to the uniform of our country.

~~Now, of course, if you are going to put Sergeant Ben Kuroki on the air, or if there be some very good reason other than the one you have given, then what I have said does not apply.~~

What this country needs is some of the vigorous Americanism of Teddy Roosevelt instead of this weak-kneed quibbling because of the bigoted ideas of some people on the West Coast.

Very truly yours,

Benjamin H. Bull

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FOR MARY JEFFERDS

PACIFIC SCHOOL OF RELIGION  
1798 SCENIC AVENUE  
BERKELEY 4, CALIFORNIA

February 8, 1944

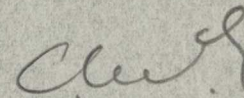
Manager  
KSFO Radio Station  
Mark Hopkins Hotel Bldg.  
San Francisco, California

My dear Sir:

In sending you this word of appreciation for your broadcasting Ben Kuroki's remarks last week through the initiative of Mr. Sidney Roger and on his six-thirty spot, I should like to add that I have heard a number of favorable comments. The gist of them was that you have done the Army a good turn and also the cause of the American Principles and Fair Play Committee.

I am,

Cordially yours,



cc: Sidney Roger



February 8, 1944

Mr. John Baker  
Department of Information  
War Relocation Authority  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Baker:

This is to acknowledge receipt of the mimeographed copy of the letter from the volunteer for service with the Japanese-American Combat Team to his parents in the Central Utah Relocation Center.

Mrs. Kingman is away at present, but I shall draw it to her attention when she returns.

I am sure we will find it useful in a forthcoming pamphlet made up of letters from service men, both Caucasians and American Japanese.

Thank you very much.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary

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February 8, 1944

Dr. Theodore H. Aszman  
First Presbyterian Church  
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Dr. Aszman:

At the request of Miss Edna N. Ingham, I am sending under separate cover some material from our Committee which you may find of some interest and information.

Please let us know if we can be of any further assistance. If you can use any extra copies of the material I have sent, please write to this office and we shall be happy to respond promptly.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary

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cc: Miss Edna Ingham



February 8, 1944

Miss Edna N. Ingham  
407 East Pine  
Santa Ana, Calif.

Dear Miss Ingham:

Mrs. Kingman is away at present, but I will refer your letter of February 5th to her when she returns.

I am enclosing the material you requested, in addition to a few other releases that you may not have seen.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary

If this is not the material you had in mind, please let me know, and I shall be glad to replace it.

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VIA AIR MAIL

TIME  
INCORPORATED

TIME & LIFE BUILDING  
ROCKEFELLER CENTER  
NEW YORK

EXECUTIVE OFFICES

February 8, 1944

Dear Mrs. Kingman:

You are entirely welcome to reprint from  
TIME, with credit, those two letters requested, the  
one on which the name was withheld from the December 27th  
issue and the one from Sgt. Wadsworth Likely, TIME,  
January 10.

Naturally we would be interested in seeing  
the reprint.

Cordially yours,

*Isabella Van Meter*

Isabella Van Meter  
Assistant to the Publisher

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

per:pd:mn

*Sent  
4/20/44  
Bm*



February 10, 1944

Editor  
P M  
New York, New York

Dear sir:

We have received 200 copies of your paper of January 21, 1944 -- the spread on "Japanese Americans Target of Coast Hate Crusade", through the courtesy of Mr. George E. Rundquist, Executive Secretary of the Committee on Resettlement of Japanese Americans.

Would it be possible to obtain 600 more copies of this spread in the very near future? Please send us a bill to cover expenses, and we will promptly reimburse you.

Please let us know immediately if it is impossible to obtain the extra copies, for its timeliness is of the utmost importance.

Thank you very much for your consideration.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary

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February 10, 1944

Mr. A. L. Wirin  
501 Douglas Bldg.  
257 So. Spring St.  
Los Angeles, 12, Calif.

Dear Mr. Wirin:

Thank you for your contribution. The other  
publications you requested will be sent under separate  
cover.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary

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2/25/44  
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Congress of the United States  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D. C.

February 10, 1944.

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

Dear Ruth:

I thought you might be interested in the enclosed copy of my newspaper letter for this week; I call your attention especially to points 4 and 5. The story back of this is too long and involved to go into by letter, but I shall tell you all about it when next we meet. You might be interested to know, however, that Mrs. Roosevelt looked at the entire letter and approved of it before I mailed it.

Do let me hear from you sometime.

Cordially,

*George*  
George E. Outland

GEO:L  
Enc.

How is everything  
with you, Ruth? What  
about hearing from you  
sometimes?  
GEO



FROM YOUR CONGRESSMAN IN WASHINGTON

BY GEROGE E. OUTLAND

For release Thurs.  
evening, Feb. 10th  
or Friday, Feb. 11th.

On January 28th your representative and six other members of Congress from the Pacific Coast addressed a letter to President Roosevelt, the essential parts of which follow:

"All America was shocked and horrified this morning to read about the atrocities that were committed against American soldiers captured in the Philippine Islands. Such atrocities, verified from reliable sources, emphasize as nothing up to this time has emphasized, the need for all-out prosecution of the war, and the complete devotion of our entire energies as a people to bringing it to a successful conclusion at the earliest possible moment. They emphasize again the inexorable fact that a permanent peace in the Pacific is impossible without unconditional surrender on the part of the Japanese. The military machine in that country has obtained such a complete hold on its national life that the peace and safety of other nations will never be secure without its utter extinction. Furthermore, these atrocities are so vicious as to make it imperative that those responsible for them be brought to trial and punished. The eventual treaty of peace following hostilities should provide that those men who committed, authorized, or sanctioned such acts should be turned over to the American government for such trial and punishment before final ratification of the treaty is made."

At this time we should like to express to you our convictions on certain problems that have developed since the evacuation from the West Coast of Japanese and Americans of Japanese ancestry . . . . .!

1. Tule Lake. The camp at Tule Lake is entirely different from other war relocation centers. It is definitely set aside for disloyal Japanese, for those who have asked for repatriation or expatriation, and for their families. Because of this fact, we are of the opinion that Tule Lake should be administered not by the War Relocation Authority, but by the Department of Justice.

2. Return of Japanese to the West Coast. We are of the opinion that the return of any Japanese or American citizens of Japanese ancestry to the Pacific Coast should not be permitted for the duration of the war . . .

3. Disloyal Japanese. We are of the opinion that those Japanese or Americans of Japanese ancestry who have demonstrated their disloyalty to this country, or who have stated their preference for Japanese rather than American citizenship should be returned to Japan at the



earliest possible opportunity. The treaty of peace should make definite provision for such transfer for those who have not been returned prior to that time.

4. Public statements. We condemn public statements by government officials, by the press, and from any other source which continue to inflame the minds of the American people on the subject of Japanese Americans in this country, in view of the fact that such statements may lead to serious consequences for the many thousands of American prisoners still held by the Japanese.

5. Loyalty. We reaffirm the traditional American principle that undivided loyalty to the United States of America, and not racial, religious, or economic status, is the final test of the true American.

6. Relocation program. The West Coast in general and California in particular have always faced a more complex problem in connection with people of Oriental extraction than have other parts of the United States. We are of the opinion that the easing of tension in this area and a solution to many of the postwar problems in this connection will be met through a successful voluntary program of resettlement of loyal citizens of Japanese ancestry in other parts of the United States. Such a program is now under way, and its success or failure will in a large part determine the Japanese problem on the Pacific Coast."

In addition to your representative this letter to the President was signed by Congressmen Voorhis, Rogers, Holifield, Izac and Ford, of California, and Congressman Coffee of Washington.

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Unitl next week - - - - -



February 25, 1944

Mr. George E. Outland  
House of Representatives  
Washington D.C.

Dear Georg :

I hope that at least some of your constituents  
take time out to tell you that you're doing a fine  
job!

Thank you very much for sending me the copy of your  
newspaper letter. It's a fine idea, well executed.  
The statement put out by the minority group from the  
West Coast, was of course, as good. We greatly ap-  
preciate your sagacity and courage.

I believe that I told you, before going on my  
month long vacation, that I had followed thru on the  
good ideas I had followin our conversation in San  
Francisco. I don't know, of course, what the outcome  
will be.

or

It seems the new setup for N.R.A. will entail no  
great change. I am thinking of another trip to Wash-  
ington later in the spring, as I should like to catch  
up, first hand, with the present stream of events.

If I do go, I shall hope to get some good leads  
from you.

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman

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Feb. 12, 1944

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OF THE PACIFIC COAST, INC.  
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Berkeley 4, Cal.

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service.

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ture. It is necessary that we have this as your  
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Cordially,

Philip N. McCombs

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

11 February 1944

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman  
Executive Secretary of the Pacific Coast  
Committee on American Principles and Fair Play  
Berkeley, California

Dear Mrs. Kingman:

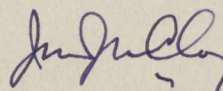
On return to my office I have your telegram of January 28 which I imagine relates to the appearance of Sergeant Kuroki on a National Broadcasting Company program on the West Coast.

I have looked into this matter and I find that in a conversation between the officials of the National Broadcasting Company and members of the Bureau of Public Relations of the War Department, it was thought advisable not to expose Sergeant Kuroki to a possible embarrassment out of reactions resulting from publication of the Japanese atrocities against our soldiers. I am told it was a mere matter of timing his appearance.

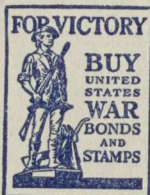
On several occasions American soldiers of Japanese descent have broadcasted on the Army Hour and on other shows. Certainly the Army and the War Department are very much opposed to any discrimination being shown against soldiers who have distinguished themselves as has Sergeant Kuroki.

I am assured that the acquiescence of the Bureau of Public Relations to the removal of Sergeant Kuroki from the air at that particular time was motivated only by a desire to protect him and his position as an American soldier of Japanese descent. From your telegram it appears that an implication was drawn that was most unfortunate, and the result of the decision may have been just the opposite of what was intended. However, you can be certain that the War Department is opposed to any action which is unworthy of the fine service of those who, like Kuroki, have so fully demonstrated their devotion to this country.

Sincerely yours,



John J. McCloy  
Assistant Secretary of War





January 28, 1944

Text of Telegram sent to:

General Delos Emmons  
Ft. Douglas  
Salt Lake City, Utah

John J. McCloy  
Assistant Secretary of War  
War Department  
Washington, D.C.

National Broadcasting Company  
Radio City  
Hollywood, Calif.

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Is it true, as newspapers report, that the National Broadcasting Company "has questioned the judgment of permitting an American Japanese to appear on a program originating on the West Coast", "because the whole American-Japanese question is highly controversial?"

Is it true that permission to speak on the air has been denied to a Sergeant wearing the uniform of the United States Army decorated for conspicuous bravery?

If so is this not an affront to those, irrespective of race, creed, or color, who wear the uniform and those who are honored by its decorations?

If Sergeant Kuroki should be denied permission to broadcast while he is available under the same rules applying to any other speaker this would be a serious breakdown of American principles.

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman  
Executive Secretary

Pacific Coast Committee on American Principles and Fair Play



466 East California Street  
Pasadena, 5, California

February 12, 1944

Lieutenant Robert A. Smith  
"Somewhere in the Southwest Pacific"

Dear Lieutenant Smith:

Your letter written on January 28th reached me on February 9th, which considering all the circumstances seemed very good time to me. It with its enclosed "Poem" gave me the best laugh I have had in many a day, so I am indebted to you and Robert Archer.

It is very heartening, indeed, for those of us who have been under attack by some of the self appointed patriots at home, to find soldiers on the other side of the world taking the trouble to write and approve of what we are trying to do in helping to preserve democracy at home. A friend of mine returned this week from an extensive trip on educational matters and declared we are now sowing the seeds of the third World War in our own country in the rising surge of anti racial feeling. Here it is the "Japs", in the South (and increasing about here) the Negro, and everywhere the Jew. Little Tokyo in Los Angeles is now congested with newly arrived negroes from the South and the authorities are beginning to fear trouble.

If I had known you were planning to write, I should have asked you to do it in some form which I could use in publicity. I had two letters from soldiers in this country who read TIME on their way home for Christmas vacation and wrote me in approval of our stand. Later one of them at my request wrote again, leaving out the very amusing things he said about Mr. Gannon, and gave me permission to use it in any way I chose. He said the second letter sounded like "warmed over hash". Also I received a copy of a fine letter written to Mr. Gannon and I wrote Corporal Leung in Hawaii and secured his permission to use that letter. We were going to put them on some sheets for distribution but now the Pacific Coast Committee is going to do it on a larger scale. If you wish to write again, approving the work of our Committee and expressing the danger you feel in nullifying the war aims by such conduct at home, and give me permission to use it with your name, I shall be very glad. I enclose copies of the two letters I mentioned.

The Los Angeles "Hearing" was really a burlesque, suitable for a Gilbert and Sullivan theme. I happened to be the only woman called during the two days and while it was not at all a pleasant experience, I think it really did our cause much good. Many of the other magazines took it up in some form, Christian Science Monitor, New Republic, The Nation and a couple of weeks ago, P.M.- the New York paper had two long articles after sending a reporter out here.



Mr. Gannon has not fared very well in any of them, nor Vincent Thomas who had so much to say about the Bill of Rights. As to the latter's remark "It is only a subterfuge that the Bill of Rights applies to the States" Harold Lavine in P.M. said "The newspapers quoted him soberly. None mentioned that Thomas had flunked the California State Bar exam only a few days before." So far Mr. Gannon has not called the Hearing in San Francisco which he threatened but if you recognize the names on the Advisory Board membership, you know they have nothing to fear.

The Northfield, Minnesota Post of the American Legion has been fighting this sort of thing in the Legion and the Minnesota State Convention of the Legion voted against such policies of the National Legion after their professed statement of what they stood for. Our Pasadena Post has gone on record for policies most unfortunate and yet all members do not approve. for Mr. McAdam, our vice-chairman is a member of the Pasadena Post.

We had a fine meeting recently with Dillon Myer as a speaker and he welcomed all questions and answered them in detail. I wired the President and our Congressman that we wished him retained as Director of the W.R.A. I have great confidence in him.

Thank you very much for your letter and I should be pleased to hear from you again. I want to extend my warm wishes for your continued success in the part of the world where you are serving and to congratulate you on your citation.

Sincerely yours,



February 12, 1944

Miss Elizabeth Wren  
Student Christian Association  
Vanderbilt University  
Nashville, Tenn.

Dear Miss Wren:

I mailed today the copies of Mr. Galen Fisher's pamphlet you requested. Also, under separate cover I am enclosing material you may find of interest for the conference.

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

Sincerely yours,

Secretary

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30-18-C, Heart Mountain, Wyo; Feb. 12, 1944.

Pacific Coast Committee on American Principles and Fair Play.  
Berkeley, Calif.

Attn. Mrs. R. A. Irvingman.

Dear Madame,

Thank you very much for your kindness and assistance.  
I received your kind letter and the list of your members,  
with grateful hearts. It came in my hands while I was  
sick in hospital. This caused me to delay to expression of  
appreciation and thanks until this day.

Sometime in December, Rev. Nugent of Evangelical  
Reformed Church was here from Topaz, Utah, and told me  
about your good service.

By the way, is Mrs. Wallace Alexander, one of your  
executive committee members, the lady who used to be  
the private secretary to the former president of Pacific



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school of Religion, Dr. Nash? If so, she must be one of  
my American sisters. For, from 1916-18, I was in that  
school, graduating in 1918 with B. D. Among my former  
teachers, still Dr. Salter, Dr. Buckham, Dr. McCowan are  
in service. I am communicating with them.

Shortly I shall send to nearly all of those  
members whose names you kindly revealed me, the pamphlet  
that I have written.

Now this much to-day. I shall write you again,

Truly yours,  
Samuel Nagata.



January 24, 1944

Mr. William M. Maier  
YWCA Bldg.  
Honolulu 9, Hawaii

Dear Mr. Maier:

Ten copies of Mr. Galen Fisher's articles have been sent to Mr. Joseph Farrington from this office.

May I explain about the 500 copies which you ordered some time ago? I believe we notified you that our original bulk shipment was returned for oversize and overweight. The copies were then rewrapped in several separate packages so that they could be mailed at intervals, instead of taking additional time getting a clearance for them, and so that they would fall within the size and weight regulations.

I have checked with our local post-office and the last of the group of packages was mailed several weeks ago. You should certainly have received more than 200 copies by this time. I am very sorry for the ~~inconvenience~~ delay must have caused you. Will you please notify us if the remaining copies do not appear in a reasonable time, and we will, of course, make up the difference.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary



February 24, 1944

Mr. Samuel Nagata

Heart Mountain, Wyo

Dear Mr. Nagata:

Thank you so much for your letter and enclosure of February 12th. I don't believe Mrs. Alexander, member of our Executive Committee, is the one to whom you refer, as she is the widow of Wallace Alexander of Honolulu.

Thank you again.

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ruth W. Kihman

RWK:mj



February 12, 1944

Mr. Shizona Tanaka  
61-11-C  
Rivers, Arizona

Dear Mr. Tanaka:

I mailed 100 copies of Mr. Galen Fisher's pamphlet to you today. Unfortunately, our Committee makes no provision for individual re-mailing so I am sorry that we can send no folders. I am sending 25 of our own envelopes that may give you a start.

I am sorry we can be of no greater assistance.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary

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February 14, 1944

Mr. Everett D. Phelps  
Post #84  
Northfield, Minnesota

Dear Mr. Phelps:

We are interested in your opinion as to how the enclosed speech of Sgt. Ben Kuroki, published in a pamphlet form would be received by veterans.

We have not yet solved the problem of financing such a publication, which would be between \$200 and \$300 for 5000 copies, and would anxious to assure ourselves of the effect of the effect of such a brochure.

May we hope that you will send us your ideas and thoughts on this matter?

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman

RWK:mj



February 14, 1944

Mr. Tsutomu Fukuyama  
Federated Christian Church  
Hunt, Idaho

Dear Mr. Fukuyama:

The cost of the 50 copies of Mr. Galen Fisher's pamphlet, sent to you today, is \$3.00. Please make the check out to Mr. Galen Fisher.

Thank you very much.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary

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February 14, 1944

Major General Lewis B. Hershey  
Selective Service  
21st and C St.  
Washington, D.C.

Dear General Hershey:

The gratifying news that Selective Service has decided to process all our Japanese American citizens and residents prompts me to raise with you one or two questions of administration.

I note that young men registering since January 1, 1944 will be classified by near-by boards but men who registered prior to evacuation will be dealt with by their California boards (in so far as they came from California). There is a considerable likelihood that many of these boards will reflect the common California prejudice against these people.

Would it not be advisable to order these California Selective Service Boards to transfer their Japanese-American registrants to boards near the centers -- much as the files of Hawaiians living here on the mainland were sent for classification to boards on the coast.

If such procedure should not prove feasible I hope that the State Director's may be instructed by you to call this problem to the particular attention of the several coordinators and see to it that they scrutinize carefully the classifications of the local boards. On the whole I believe these coordinators, drawn from the army as they seem to be, might counsel with less prejudice and have more of a national point of view over the problems arising in the classification of the Americans of Japanese descent.

Sincerely yours,

Arthur G. McGiffert, Jr.

ACM:mj



February 14, 1944

Mrs. Gertrude Klause  
453 Kensington Pl.  
Pasadena 3, Calif.

Dear Mrs. Klause:

I am writing at the request of Dr. McGiffert to thank you for your letter of February 1, and to voice his appreciation for your suggestion regarding representation of Branches on the Executive Committee.

This suggestion will be referred to the next meeting of the Executive Committee, which will probably be held in late February. We will let you know after that time of any action taken.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary

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February 15, 1944

State Printing Office  
Sacramento  
California

Dear Sirs:

Would you please send to the address below, the copy of the resolution adopted unanimously by both houses of the California Legislature on Jan 31, concerning the jurisdiction over the Tule Lake segregation center. In addition, we should also like to obtain a copy of the resolution adopted by the state senate re appointments to the State Board of Agriculture.

If there is any expense involved, please let us know, and we shall promptly send the necessary amount.

Thank you very much.

Sincerely yours,

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

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February 15, 1944

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

Dear Mr. Myer:

The gratifying news that Selective Service has decided to process all our Japanese American citizens and residents prompts me to raise with you one or two questions of administration.

I note that young men registering since January 1, 1944 will be classified by near-by boards but men who registered prior to evacuation will be dealt with by their California boards (in so far as they came from California). There is a considerable likelihood that many of these boards will reflect the common California prejudice against these people.

Would it not be advisable to order these California Selective Service Boards to transfer their Japanese-American registrants to boards near the centers--much as the files of Hawaiians living here on the mainland were sent for classification to boards on the coast.

If such procedure should not prove feasible I hope that the State Directors may be instructed by you to call this problem to the particular attention of the several coordinators and see to it that they scrutinize carefully the classifications of the local boards. On the whole I believe these coordinators drawn from the army as they seem to be, might counsel with less prejudice and have more of a national point of view over the problems arising in the classification of the Americans of Japanese descent.

Sincerely yours,

Arthur C. McGiffert, Jr.

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WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY

WASHINGTON



FEB 29 1944

Mr. Arthur C. McGiffert, Jr.  
Chairman, Executive Committee  
Committee on American Principles and Fair Play  
465 California Street  
San Francisco, California

Dear Mr. McGiffert:

Thank you very much for the suggestion in your letter of February 15.

The nisei who registered in West Coast states are given their pre-induction physical examinations in the states where they now live, and, so far as we have heard, are being accorded fair and impartial treatment.

The Selective Service officials, especially in the national office, are fully conversant with the problems involved and, insofar as we have observed, have handled matters splendidly. The few cases of misunderstanding or failure to follow the established procedures have been quickly corrected.

Some local Selective Service boards on the Coast have stated that they welcome the induction of the nisei because it provides in effect a deferment of several months for fathers of military age.

Sincerely,

*D. S. Meyer*  
Director



*cc. to Saburo Kido*

Berkeley, Cal.  
February 15, 1944

CONFIDENTIAL

Mr. Roger H. Baldwin, Director  
A.C.L.U. 170 Fifth Avenue, New York

Dear Mr. Baldwin:

As I promised you when we conversed briefly over the telephone on January 21, I have ascertained the opinions of Maurice Harrison and Chester Rowell as to the advisability of bringing a suit for an injunction against the War Department, so as to establish the right of the evacuees to return during the war to the West Coast.

Mr. Harrison writes: "My own view is that it would not be wise to bring such a suit at the present time. The Circuit Court of Appeals has recently held that the original evacuation order was valid. I do not know whether application has been made to the Supreme Court of the United States for a review of this decision. In any case, I doubt whether at the present time any federal judge in this circuit would be inclined to hold that the discretion of the army with respect to permitting the return of the evacuees should be interfered with by the courts. Furthermore, it is my belief that the institution of such a suit might hurt our cause and give color to the claim that our principal purpose was to secure the immediate return to the Coast of persons of Japanese ancestry, even though the military authorities considered such return unwise. . . . the situation is a delicate one, and I should hesitate to provoke another outburst by legal proceedings which might prove to be fruitless. Altogether, it is my judgment that the time is not opportune for such proceedings."

Mr. Rowell fully concurs with Mr. Harrison's opinion, although he said he did not wish to be understood as attempting to interfere with the free initiative of the A.C.L.U. Of course, none of us wish to do that.

Since my return from the East, I have talked with many friends, and find they agree with me, that (1) the atrocity stories have not had so bad an effect on sentiment toward the evacuees as seemed likely, and that (2) Sgt. Ben Kuroki's story and other items as to nisei heroism at the front, have been a potent counterweight. When Kuroki spoke at Commonwealth Club, the 600 men gave him a tremendous standing ovation at the close, - a significant omen.

Sincerely yours

Calvin M. Fisher



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170 FIFTH AVENUE  
NEW YORK CITY



February 18, 1944

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

Dear Mr. Fisher:

In reply to yours of February 15, I think  
that we here concur in the views expressed by Mr.  
Harrison and Mr. Rowell. Certainly we shall do nothing  
without consulting the authorities in Washington most  
directly concerned.

Sincerely yours,

RNB:lg