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# WOODLAND DISTRICT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

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WOODLAND, CALIFORNIA

December 1, 1944

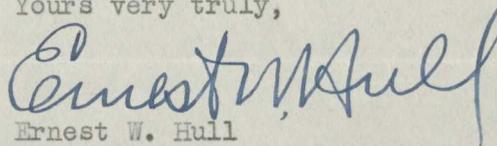
Pacific Coast Committee of American  
Principles & Fair Play,  
Room 203, 465 California Street,  
San Francisco,  
California

Gentlemen:

While attending a Chamber Of Commerce  
meeting recently a letter was read from  
you regarding the Japanese question.

Will you please forward me a copy of this  
letter together with what literature you  
may have?

Yours very truly,



Ernest W. Hull  
Past Pres. of  
Chamber Of Commerce

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*all best stuff*

*Reply  
12/7/44*

December 7, 1944

Mr. Ernest W. Hull  
Yolo County Court House  
Woodland District Chamber of Commerce  
Woodland, California

Dear Mr. Hull:

Thank you very much for your letter of December 1st, asking that we send you some literature pertaining to the problems confronting Americans of Japanese ancestry.

We shall be happy to know if there is any further information we can give you.

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman  
Executive Secretary

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# YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION

P. O. Box 147 :: RIVERSIDE, CALIFORNIA :: Telephone 394

December 1, 1944

Dear Mrs. Harry L. Kingman:-

Enclosed you will find a group of names who would aid assisting the returning evacuees. Quite a number of men are not acquaintance with the work of your committee and are undecided in what action they should take.

The list is however representatives of different groups in the city who will work actively for this cause.

I am sure we will be able to provide housing and some employment for the returning evacuees.

Very Cordially yours,

D. R. Bomberger  
General Secretary

DRB:FS  
Enc.

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936 S. Country Club  
Stockton 49 Calif.  
Dec. 2, 1944

Committee on American  
Principles and Fair Play  
Berkeley, Calif.

Gentlemen:

Thank you for the in-  
formative and valuable  
material sent me from  
your Telegraph Ave. office.  
I am enclosing my check  
and application for  
affiliation as a Contributing  
Member.

As sponsor of the Japan-  
ese students at Stockton  
High School for many  
years, I am acquainted

with hundreds of Misses  
who now are being  
tried most sorely and  
undeservedly. I am eager  
to help my friends and  
all the loyal minorities  
in every way possible.

Very sincerely  
yours,

Elizabeth M. Hamburger

12/6/44  
Auburn Wn. Dec. 3 1944

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

Dear Sirs;

I am in receipt of your letter of Nov. 29th and the literature which you sent on my request.

It has served my needs well, for presenting facts and information to the citizens of this community where the new Pearl League was given birth. My great trouble is that I need a good deal more of said literature and I haven't as yet, a way to finance the purchase of it. I have been too busy interviewing the business men of Auburn as to their attitude on the present anti-Japanese mass meetings. Then I have handed them these pamphlets, or mailed them.

The reason that I know it is taking effect is that several of these rabble rousers are changing their tactics and very vociferously denying that this anti-Japanese program is a racial matter. They have been at pains to publish in the weekly newspaper in their announcement about the mass meeting held last night, that such is not a racial question. They are trying to stress that the Japanese-Americans are disloyal or can not be trusted for various and devious reasons. They are stating that the only Japanese in the service, are those in Italy; and that there have not been any in the south Pacific, and that those in Italy have been surrounded by our white soldiers, and so could not very well do otherwise. To combat this type of Goebble propoganda, I want more copies of the pamphlet, "American Fighting Men Speak Out" Please send me post-haste 25 copies at \$1.25

Some of these Pearl Harbor Leaguers have an allergy to any thing from the W. R. A. ; so for them I want literature designated as from the War Dept. or the Dept. of the Interior. Please send me if possible 50 to 100 copies of the leaflet,  
Department Of Interior  
Information Service

✓ For Release at Noon, Thursday, April 13, 1944; by Sec. Ickes.

✓ Also send a similar amount of ,  
Soldier and Civilian Nisei and Government Policy Today and Tomorrow---June 1944

✓ Also,  
Statements Regarding Rumors of Sabotage in Hawaii

✓ Also,  
"The Test of a Free Country, by Dr. Sproul 50

✓ Also, "The Displaced Japanese -Americans

✓ Also, Pertinent Facts about Relocation Centers and Americans of Japanese Ancestry. (This is of special value and I could distribute as many copies as you can send me)

✓ And,  
Kaltenborn's letter , .. .. .

I am not only trying to extend this type of factual information in my own community , but I have contacts with large groups of women throughout this state as I am the state chairman of International Relations for the Washington Federation of Women's Clubs. My theme for this year is "Education and Action for World Cooperation" So you can see how this local (and National) controversy about our American-Japanese citizens is related to the educational program which I have a responsibility to promote in the Federation of Women's Clubs. It is a regretful thing to me and to many of our state leaders that the General Federation of Women's Clubs passed a resolution last Spring at their national convention to the effect that the Japanese be barred from this coast till after the duration. So I do not use my official backing as a Fed. chairman when I am crusading against this Fascist type of propaganda against our fellow citizens, the American-Japanese. However I fell free to speak out against untruths and to present the facts.

Will you keep me on your mailing list for any later material.

Thanking you,

Yours Truly,

Mrs. Lynn Brannan

Box 44 Auburn Wn.

The enclosed news-letter was written by my daughter.

# THE AMERICAN COUNCIL ON RACE RELATIONS

PACIFIC COAST REGIONAL OFFICE

988 Market Street, Room 202

SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA 2

LAURENCE I. HEWES, JR.  
REGIONAL DIRECTOR

*OK. To Johnson Dec -*  
December 4, 1944

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

Dear Mrs. Kingman:

Dr. Charles S. Johnson, director of the Department of Social Sciences of Fisk University, has asked me to obtain the following information concerning your organization in order to forward the making of a handbook of minority group organizations in the United States, a project now being carried on by Fisk University. The American Council on Race Relations is also deeply interested in this matter and urges your cooperation.

1. Objectives of the organization and the date of its organization.
2. Activities in the field of race relations.
3. Method of financing.
4. Officers or board of directors.
5. Full-time staff, if any.
6. Any printed or mimeographed literature covering these points.

It is hoped that you will also include a brief statement of about five hundred words or less describing your organization.

Yours very truly,

*Laurence I. Hewes, Jr.*  
Laurence I. Hewes, Jr.  
Regional Director

LIH:DH

144 West 1<sup>st</sup> South Street  
Salt Lake City 1, Utah  
December 4, 1944

Dear Mrs. Kingman,

We had the privilege of hearing you speak at the Church Saturday evening at which time you stated that you had list of names from the various communities throughout California who were willing to aid us upon our return. When we spoke to you the following afternoon, you said we might write into your office for the list of names from Monterey. We will appreciate your sending us the list to the above address.

We both sincerely appreciate your untiring efforts in behalf of the loyal Niseis and were deeply impressed to learn that there are so many friends back on the West Coast who has organized to help us win recognition as loyal Americans. We knew that The Committee on American Principles and Fair Play were functioning in our cause but your first-hand accountings of the activities of the Committee certainly

amazed us and our friends. We had not realized the extent of your activities and we want you and the committee to know that we are very grateful.

We hope you had a pleasant journey home and may we both thank you again.

Most sincerely yours,  
Mitsuyo + Frank Manaka

December 8, 1944

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Manaka  
144 West 1st South Street  
Salt Lake City 1, Utah

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Manaka:

I was very glad to receive your letter this morning, as only yesterday a report came in from Monterey which may be of help to you.

The following statement was made by our field worker who has been travelling through some of the "hot spots" to determine public feeling and to find potential support for the War Department if and when there may be a modification of the exclusion order. I hope that this report does not discourage you-- let it rather be an indication of what will have to be faced.

"One potential trouble spot- the only one mentioned - is the fishing industry. Before the War fairly keen competition existed in this industry between the Sicilians and the Japanese. Now, the former have it all to themselves and they will have to get accustomed to the idea of the Japanese competition again. The rivalry between the two groups was never excessive but it might be unfortunate if the Japanese fishermen were the first to show up in the community. Aside from the economic factor the usual stories have circulated about the Japanese Naval Officers, disguised as fishermen, fishing boats meeting Japanese vessels at sea, etc. Many people on the Monterey peninsula, otherwise well disposed, would be nervous at seeing Japanese going fishing again off the Coast during the War. It would be advisable, I think, to pass this on to WRA and especially to Poston, where most of the Monterey fishermen were sent."

The following persons have indicated an interest in the problems facing returning evacuees, and I am sure will

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Manaka

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December 8, 1944

be ready to stand by you should any difficulty arise:

Mrs. Dwight Morrow, Jr.  
Carmel, Valley,

Mrs. Marian Todd  
Carmel, Calif.

R. T. Krogh  
1107 Franklin  
Monterey, Calif.

W. M. O'Donnell  
Manager-Editor Monterey Peninsula  
Herald  
Monterey, Calif.

Miss Gertrude Rentdorff  
Dean Monterey High School  
Monterey, Calif.

Mr. Calvin Cope  
Pacific Grove High School

If you do decide to come back, I shall be glad to write to these people, if I know the date of your return.

I enjoyed meeting you and the other J.A.C.L. people in Salt Lake City. It is good to get a "shot in the arm" now and then--which is what meeting with my Nisei friends means to me.

Very cordially yours,

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman  
Executive Secretary

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ROBERT W. KENNY  
ATTORNEY GENERAL

STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

State Building  
San Francisco 2  
December 5, 1944

Mrs. Harry L. Kingman  
535 San Luis Road  
Berkeley, California

Dear Mrs. Kingman:

Before Judge Kenny left for Los Angeles, he requested that we send you the enclosed file relating to one George L. Kelley.

I trust that the information will be of interest to you and I am sure that Judge Kenny will be very happy to be of any further service in this matter which would be within his power.

Sincerely,



Dick Wylie

CEW/ml  
Encl.

# MEMORANDUM

OFFICE OF ATTORNEY GENERAL

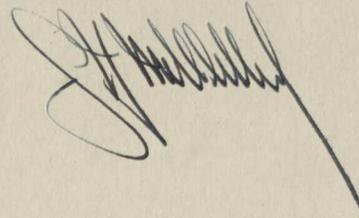
To: MR. KENNY  
FROM: MR. MC CLELLAND  
SUBJECT: GEORGE L. KELLEY

PLACE SACRAMENTO  
DATE NOVEMBER 3, 1944

*to J.M. PLS send  
max Kinsman  
of the  
fair play  
committee*

I am submitting herewith a report from Mr. Manaugh on George L. Kelley, which you will find self explanatory.

I have checked through the State Bureau and do not find any record of this subject.



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# MEMORANDUM

L. A. OFFICE OF ATTORNEY GENERAL

To: FRED HENDERSON

PLACE Los Angeles

FROM: CHARLES H. MANAUGH

DATE November 1, 1944

SUBJECT:

INVESTIGATION  
GEORGE L. KELLEY

The California Intelligence Bureau and the Better Business Bureau reported, in response to our request, that they have no record of a solicitation of funds by the above named individual, nor by either of the committee names used by him.

We called Mr. Kelly on the telephone and represented that we were from Santa Ana and interested in a program similar to his. Mr. Kelley advised us that he had scheduled a program for Friday, November 3, at the Pasadena Public Library, and invited us to attend. He stated that representatives of the Native Sons of the Golden West and of other organizations such as the American Legion Post, etc. would attend and read resolutions that had been adopted expressing the sentiment that the Japanese should not be permitted to return to California.

Mr. Kelley was very vehement in his statements, although claiming to be unprejudiced. We reminded him of the fact that one committee was named "Pasadena Ban the Japs Committee," and he stated that actually he was against the return of the Japanese although he did not take that same position publicly.

He also claimed to be responsible for bringing Dillon Myers of the War Relocation Authority and Mr. Harold Ickes to Los Angeles by stirring up so much anti-Japanese sentiment that they were required to come here to speak in favor of returning the Japanese to the West Coast. He also claims to have caused other persons running for office to speak on the subject or to state their position for the press.

We have not confirmed the information that Mr. Kelley is an elderly gentleman who is financing these organizations by himself. However, Mr. Kelley stated to us that he had not accepted any contributions to date and had not solicited contributions, but that he would welcome any assistance that might be given to him.

CC: Chief McClelland (2) ✓

FRED HENDERSON

November 1, 1944

The newspapers recently printed several articles regarding meetings of these committees, and the articles included statements of George L. Kelley to the effect that the Japanese should not be returned to the West Coast. However, when Mr. Dillon Myers spoke in Pasadena, the newspapers printed articles to the effect that Mr. Kelley had changed his position as a result of the speech and that he no longer believed that there was any reason for the Japanese to be restricted to inland areas.

We have not made an exhaustive investigation, as we understand that you have already secured some information regarding this person. We have, however, we believe, secured enough information to give you some idea as to his activities. It is our opinion that he is an elderly gentleman with money who is interested in securing publicity and that he merely takes this means to occupy his time. We will be glad, however, to make a further and more complete investigation should you wish it.

We are returning herewith the files that were given to us in connection with this matter.

CHM:Q  
Enc.



Governor Bricker talked in Los Angeles and made Front Page News in the Los Angeles Times and Los Angeles Examiner.

Lt. Governor Houser without urging talked at Watsonville, California for the Press.

Senator Sheriden Downey without urging talked to Public for the Press,

Congressman Carl Hinshaw reluctantly talked at my request and his statements did not appear in the Press.

Prospective Congressman Arch Young talked at my request and his statement did not appear in the Press.

The reluctant dragons who did not leave a mark.

It is to be hoped all Prospective Candidates will think and talk to the Press on this subject for the protection of our people before November 7, 1944 and to avoid it becoming a problem fifty years from now like some we now face and to avoid a 3rd World War.

The Telegrams to Governor Dewey and Mr. Ickes, unanswered are as follows:

Pasadena, California 9-22-44

"Governor Thomas E. Dewey.

Biltmore Luncheon, Biltmore Hotel, Los Angeles, California. Californians doubtful. They have decided views on the Jap Question. Suggest you state your stand at the Luncheon. Governor Bricker, Warren and Snell have declared themselves. Clarify your statement you would replace Mr. Ickes for Patriotic reasons. What patriotic reasons?"

George L. Kelley  
Pasadena Safety Chairman  
Pasadena, California

Pasadena, California 10-5-44

"Harold Ickes, Dept. of Interior,  
c/o Mike Fanning, Los Angeles Democratic Chairman  
Room 20, Spring Arcade Bldg., Los Angeles, California

Demand retraction over air Sunday at Dinner of Democratic Club at Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles on Statement of Dillon Myres, of your Department, over Air, Friday Morning Club, that opposition to Japanese return to California; are Race Baiting Extremists."

George L. Kelley  
Pasadena Safety Chairman  
165 So. Roosevelt Ave.  
Pasadena, California  
Sycamore 6-7324

The Pasadena Board of City Directors failed to act on my request that they state their stand on this question at this time.

It is to be hoped California's Sec'y. of State, Jordan, will make known through the Press, his off the record views, that it is entirely feasible and practical to ask for an Amendment to California State Constitution to Exclude Japs from California, with strong possibility of passing.

The Pasadena Ban the Japs Committee, of which I am chairman, with Power to act has received strong backing from organized leaders such as "Native Sons of the Golden West", American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, California Peace Officers convention, California Supervisors, Los Angeles Sheriffs, Los Angeles City Officials and

three weeks Daily News items in all Los Angeles and Pasadena News papers.

At Fresno, California October 11th, California Peace officers convention. Director of State Department, Motor Vehicles, warn that return of Japanese to Pacific Coast would create a difficult problem for Law Enforcement officers and that American boys from the Pacific Theatre of War, do not want even to see any Japs in California when they come home.

LEO CARRILLO, leading California Native Son and Top Ranch Hand, answered wire and offered his best support "Pronto".

The committee will Press for State Legislation on Japanese Exclusion Laws and back the proposed National Legislation, coming up after recess at Washington to Deport 85,000 Japs and ask that steps be taken immediately to arrange transfer for Our Americans and United Nations prisoners held in Japan Prison Camps and have them come HOME on the Gripsolm.

Every Mother and Father of a prisoner of Japan is asked to write their Senator and Congressman, their views and if you send me a copy, I will do my best to voice your views over the Radio and help you bring your boys and nurses home for some Christmas. An appeal will be made to WALTER WINCHELL who never failed to heed an S.O.S. from an Irishman.

That this "Pasadena Ban the Japs Question" is griping the nation is evidenced by the attention it is receiving from Sinatra, Bob Hope, Bing Crosby and Westbrook Pegler to whom I sent the following Telegram for a Column Right and Column Left B last to help bring our Boys and Nurses home and send the Japs back home to Japan.

Pasadena, California, October 11, 1944

Westbrook Pegler, Los Angeles Examiner  
1111 So. Broadway, Los Angeles, California

"Pasadena Commando Kelley, Ban the Japs committee chairman", requests you join the Sinatra Club and "Voice" your help to "Ban the Japs". I am just a "Voice" crying in the Wilderness to Ickes".

George L. Kelley  
Chairman Pasadena Safety Chairman and  
Pasadena Ban the Japs Committee.  
165 So. Roosevelt Avenue  
Telephone Sycamore 6-7324

Respectfully submitted,

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*Mr Kermf*

*Geo. L. Kelley*

George L. Kelley  
Pasadena Safety Chairman

*Senator Truman appreciated the*

*Telegram to Gov. Dewey.*

*Mr Garland was right at the Peace officers*

*Convention.*

*Kelley*

10/30/44

Mr Kenney

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H.H.

Released to Press  
G. L. Kelley

Patriotic Americans

10/23/44

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George L. Kelley, Chairman  
Ban the Japs Committee.

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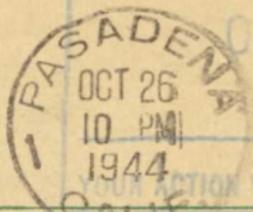
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Pres. B. Z. Kelley

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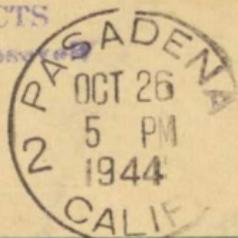
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Ban the Japs Committee.

RUR.  
~~to Kelley~~

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California Attorney General  
Honorable Robert W. Kenny  
Sacramento  
Calif.

Ruth  
Wish to do anything about this

GEORGE RUNDQUIST, Committee on  
American Principles and Fair Play  
Berkeley, Calif.

Dear George:

Enclosed is a copy of a letter from the  
Cheney Post of the American Legion.

This writer, we understand, has taken a  
beating for this.

Perhaps some of your friends would like to  
write him a letter of encouragement.

Pat  
Pat Frayne

Washington

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December 6, 1944

Department Commander  
Department of Oregon  
American Legion  
Portland, Oregon

Dear Comrade Commander:

We, the members of Cheney Post #72 of the American Legion wish to express our disapproval of the action taken by the Hood River Post to exclude the names of sixteen Americans of Japanese ancestry from a county war memorial. We protest because we think such action is contrary to the Americanism we have sworn to support and defend.

To foster such racial presecution and discrimination is to imitate the method of our enemy. Hitler rose to power on a program of racial persecution, and the Nazis are the most effective advocates of the super-race doctrine. To engage in similar practices is to betray the ideals of America and also the Legion. We are pledged "To Safeguard and transmit to Posterity the Principles of Justice, Freedom and Democracy."

Furthermore, we believe that to prosecute the war effectively the American people must be unified. Anything that divides the nation weakens the war effort, puts victory in jeopardy, and actually plays into the hands of the enemy. To win this war we must have the support of all Americans whatever be their race or religious affiliation. Americans of Japanese origin are helping to win the war by working in factories and farms and by serving in the armed forces. We think that such action as that taken by the Hood River Oregon Post is not likely to encourage these people in their efforts to serve their country.

Another reason for our disapproval is that such action hurts the American Legion in the eyes of the American public and makes it an object of ridicule. We, the veterans of World War I, believe that the American Legion should represent the highest kind of Americanism to be found in the country. We should practice Americanism at its best.

PAUL ROZELL  
Commander  
Cheney Post #72

COPY SENT TO:  
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Department of Washington  
Hood River Oregon Post  
Spokesman Review



YOUNG WOMEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION

of the

University of California

Union Street and Allston Way

Berkeley 4

Dec. 6, 1944

Dear Ruth,

A former cabinet member has asked me to ask if your office will send some material and information as to how to become a member of the Fairplay Committee to the Rev. Chas. F. Brown, Box 58, Middleton, Idaho. Mr. Brown has indicated an interest in the work of the committee and would like to help combat anti-Japanese feeling in the vicinity of Minidoka where he is located. The girl who wrote me has just been in that area and says Mr. Brown can be helpful.

Many thanks to you.

Yours,

*Leila*  
Leila Anderson

December 7, 1944

Mr. Harold Wagner  
220 Golden Gate Avenue  
San Francisco, California

Dear Mr. Wagner:

At the suggestion of Mr. William Davis, I am sending you under separate cover, copies of the pamphlet "Nései in Uniform".

Additional copies may be had without charge from our office.

Very sincerely yours,

Constance Halliday  
Office Secretary

December 7, 1944

F. C. Hemenway, Editor  
The Winters Express  
Winters (Yolo County)  
California

Dear Mr. Hemenway:

We were interested in your lead editorial of Friday, December 1, which referred to a story told by a Sgt. LeBleue who said, according to the editorial, that an American born Japanese ordered mass executions of 74 American prisoners because they would not give him information he wanted about the American forces.

We have heard many atrocity stories which have come out of World War II, but this is one of the most shocking that has come to our attention.

We wish you would furnish us with Sgt. LeBleue's first name and his address so that we can get from him first-hand the source of his information, as we are interested in determining for ourselves the facts behind his story.

Thanking you in advance for your courtesy,  
I am,

Very truly yours,

Ruth W. Kingman  
Executive Secretary

# The East and West Association

Devoted to new and better understanding  
between peoples through mutual knowledge

PEARL S. BUCK, *President*

CHARLES S. PHARIS, *Treasurer*

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*Director, West Coast Office*

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17 East Carrillo Street

Santa Barbara, California

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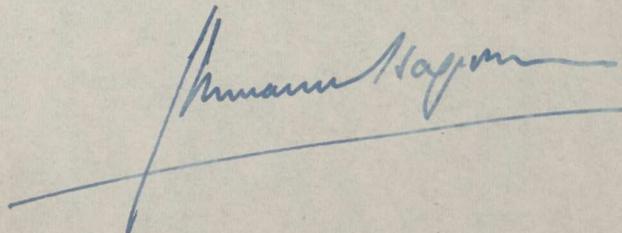
My dear Mr. Fisher:

You will recall that last Spring you served as a Sponsor of the Message to China sent by thousands of people on the West Coast in connection with the seventh anniversary of the Chinese-Japanese War.

The East and West Association on the Pacific Coast is now entering upon a project concerned with race relations at home. The plan is described in the draft of a proposed folder which I enclose. We feel confident that our idea has life in it, but before we go ahead we are asking a few people whose judgment we particularly respect whether it seems practical and promising to them. Will you give us your comments and suggestions? Your cooperation will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

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



West 7873  
Ord 0843

四海之内皆兄弟也

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

### Understanding

between racial groups in the United States, and its cultivation, especially on the West Coast, are the ringing imperatives of the hour on the home front. There have already been disturbances involving Mexican Americans. The situation regarding the Negroes in Los Angeles, San Francisco and other cities is daily becoming more ominous. Rumors of the return of Americans of Japanese origin to their homes on this Coast have here and there brought dire threats. The need of developing in our country

#### a spirit of live-and-let-live

concerns not only the minorities which are the victims of intolerance, but all Americans. There is no genuine security for anyone if there is not reasonable security for everyone. Our relations with the colored races of Asia, moreover, particularly the Chinese and the peoples of India, depend largely on our relations with the black and the yellow people in our own country. Similarly, our relations with the peoples of South America are definitely affected by our relations with our three million fellow Americans of Mexican origin.

#### For these people judge us

not by our words but by our actions. We can win their friendship, and cooperate with them to build a peaceful, prosperous world; or we can win their hostility and have war, which, in the case of the Asiatic peoples, might mean not only disaster for us but a complete reversal of the present relations of the white and yellow races. For there are eight times as many colored people in Asia alone than there are white people in the United States. Not only the Christian ideal, but common sense and the hope of security challenge us to

get on a basis of understanding with those in our midst whose skin is darker than our own.

The conquest of prejudice

is a labor which every individual must undertake within himself according to the dictates of his own heart and mind and conscience. The police or the Chamber of Commerce or even the clergy cannot do it for him. Alert leadership, however, can keep him from poisoning the community, while it seeks to create a public opinion which shall reject race prejudice as a mark of ignorance and social immaturity.

To enlist and marshal such leadership, the East and West Association is asking influential citizens throughout the West Coast states to serve as independent and unpublicized

Wardens of Understanding

who will watch out for inflammatory utterances against any minority group - Negroes, and Americans of Mexican and Japanese origin, in particular, but also Chinese, Filipinos and Jews. The problem of intolerance is one problem, and an offense against one group is an offense against all.

To deal effectively with instances of intolerance requires

mature personalities

- men and women of intelligence, vision, tact and courage, obviously, but also of sympathies broad enough to encompass not only the individual or group attacked but the attacker as well. For the struggle for understanding is a family matter, and the offending member is as important to the rest as those offended against.

You ask, How shall these Wardens function when they come across an intolerant utterance, or a case of persecution? In other words,

What can you do about it?

You can go to the offending person, if you know him, talk to him personally, or use your influence in other ways to help him realize that intolerance is out of key with the spirit of American life; and is, in fact, the dynamite with which the enemies of freedom expect sooner or later to destroy us.

If the direct approach is impractical, you can write a letter to your local newspaper.

If the editor himself is the offender, you can call his attention, or his publisher's, to the disintegrating effect of prejudice.

If a politician is off the beam, you can help him recognize that he is losing the support of important elements in the community. Politicians are sensitive to public opinion.

You can enlist the help of your local radio stations and your church. The clergy of all denominations are, as a rule, clear on the need of developing understanding and combatting prejudice, and their influence frequently goes far beyond their own parish.

If violence is threatened or breaks out, you can confer with the mayor and chief of police, to make sure that the members of the minority involved get that full protection of the law to which, under the Constitution, all Americans of whatever color are entitled.

Whatever you do or say or write,

Remember

that you will be most effective if you use the occasion to affirm a principle rather than denounce an individual. Our object is not to upbraid but to enlighten, not to show up anyone, but to deepen perceptions; not to make debating points but to widen horizons; not to win arguments but to win people; in short,

Not to make war but to assure peace.

In the face of a disease which violence may any day blow into an epidemic, our purpose is, throughout the Coast States, and beyond,

if possible, to create

a network of men and women

whose enlightened minds will work healingly upon points of infection. To create such a network, we are asking each individual, who agrees to participate, to send his or her name on the attached blank to the West Coast Office of the Association, as well as to secure one other citizen of outstanding report and good sense in his own community, to serve as a Warden, and one other in some other town.

Three of these folders will be sent to every Warden, one for his own files and one each for those he may ask to participate.

If any warden wishes to ask not two but twenty, so much the better, and additional folders will be provided.

EAST AND WEST ASSOCIATION

Pearl Buck, President

Hermann Hagedorn, director, West Coast Office.



THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

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

~~Post~~

Porterville Union High School  
Porterville, Calif.,  
Dec. 7, 1944

Gentlemen:

We are making a study of race relations  
and need material upon the problem of  
Japanese American evacuees + their return  
to the West Coast. We would greatly appreciate  
any pamphlets which you may be able to  
send us -  
Many thanks,  
Mary E. Spcott

# YOUNG WOMEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION

MEMBER OF YOUNG WOMEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION OF THE UNITED STATES

437 NINTH STREET

SAN PEDRO, CALIFORNIA

MISS MARY P. LEWIS  
GENERAL SECRETARY

December 7, 1944

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman, Exec. Sec'y  
2233 Telegraph Ave.  
Berkeley 4, Calif.

Dear Mrs. Kingman:

I am sorry to be so slow in sending you the names of people in San Pedro who will help with the reestablishing of the Japanese-Americans in their homes here.

This is just to let you know that we are working and hope to be able to send a list very soon.

Sincerely,

*Mary P. Lewis*  
Mary P. Lewis  
General Secretary

30-18-C, Mount Mountain, Wyo. Dec. 8, 1944.

Mr. Ruth W. Livingston,  
Berkeley, California.

Dear Madam,

Presuming you are back by now, I drop  
these few lines, wishing you know our heart-  
felt gratitude for what you have been doing for our interests.

This morning, we heard about your presence at  
J.L.C. Conference. - Fall Lake City.

May God bless your service and bestow His  
blessing of peace, justice and brotherhood, through His people and  
Caucasian efforts and services of these Americans  
like you & your members.

Truly Yours,

Samuel Nye.

407 East Pine  
Santa Ana, California  
December 6, 1944.

Dear Mrs. Kingman,

I have tried very hard to interest people in the Fair Play Committee, but have had scant success. In fact, it is usually most unpleasant. They really refuse to admit that the record of the Nisei soldiers has any bearing on the question, or that civil rights are totally ignored.

As you know Santa Ana is the leading city of Orange County - the great industrial country of the state - here is the latest item.

I do not blame you for sending me no material for a long time - it is really useless aside from my personal information - it will do more good elsewhere. I keep in close touch with about 12 Nisei - and always write at once to the parents whose sons are mentioned in the papers here - the Santa Ana Register's editor, Mr. Hoiles, approves of the return.

Is there any factual information in regards to the latest official attitude? If any do return to Santa Ana, I shall call

upon them and accompany any woman or girl up town. What is the policy of the committee if a general movement takes place?

Dr. Sproul has given me the most helpful assistance. I am deeply indebted to him. The Santa Ana Draft Board still refuses to induct the finest boy I know. Dr. Sproul made an investigation with the War Department and wrote me on Oct. 16 that there were no restrictions against the lad. Yet the Draft Board has never written him at all, save that he is a 4-C. as of December 1942. One member is both a Legionnaire and a farm bureau official - hence the attitude probably. Do not all young men under 26 have to be called? At least for a physical - this one is perfectly healthy - had a year's military training at Davis and is so eager to get in. The Board never even answered his letter. I wrote them - and received a very curt reply. I say nothing here at all about the matter, as I hope it can be completed quietly.

Several members of this family happened to send me money for flowers for their Mother's grave. I had lovely ones and suggested they send you the money. ~~It~~ they agreed heartily. Two of his brothers are already at Fort Snelling. Use it as you see the need.

Sincerely,  
Edna W. Dugham

December 9, 1944

Dr. G. H. Schlauch  
Whitworth College  
Spokane, Washington,

Dear Dr. Schlauch:

At the suggestion of Mr. Galen Fisher, I am sending you under separate cover material relative to the problems of the Americans of Japanese ancestry which you may find interesting and informative.

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

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary

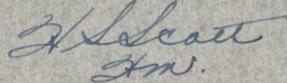
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December 11, 1944

Mrs. Katherine F. Kaplan  
1732 Kelton Avenue  
Los Angeles, 24, California

Dear Mrs. Kaplan:

As requested by the Berkeley office, I am attaching  
statement showing contributions received from the Los Angeles  
District.

Yours very truly,



H. S. Scott

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Encl.

cc: Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman ✓

December 11, 1944

CONTRIBUTIONS FROM LOS ANGELES DISTRICT

|          |    |                                       |              |
|----------|----|---------------------------------------|--------------|
| October  | 16 | Irving M. Walker                      | \$25.00      |
| "        | 27 | Philip M. Connelly, L. A. CIO Council | 2.00         |
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| "        | 27 | Mrs. Chauncey D. Clarke               | 50.00        |
| "        | 27 | Laurel C. Hjelte                      | 2.00         |
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| "        | 27 | Harold A. Black                       | 10.00        |
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TOTAL \$158.00

cc: Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman

December 11, 1944

Mr. James Hirano  
Block Manager Headquarters  
Block 33  
Topaz, Utah

Dear Mr. Hirano:

Thank you, not only for letting me meet with the Block Managers, but also for the beautiful pins and the corsage you so generously gave me. I have heard many "ohs" and "ah's" over the latter! I hope that my meeting with the Block Managers did not sound too pessimistic, but I still feel that we should be realistic.

Thank you again, and Greetings to all.

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman  
Executive Secretary

RWK:ech

December 11, 1944

Miss Eleanor Gerard  
Topaz,  
Utah

Dear Eleanor:

Thank you and everyone else for the cordial reception I received in Topaz last week. I really had a wonderful time -- I only hope that my "go East" didn't sound too negative to the residents; but I'm still convinced.

When are you coming West?

Cordially,

December 11, 1944

Miss Adrian Altvater  
Topaz,  
Utah

Dear Adrian:

A belated thank you - greetings, et al,  
to you and your roommates and to the nice  
gal who took you in so that I could have  
your bed.

I still think that W.R.A. needs you here  
on the Coast -- in fact, I recommend it, highly.

What train shall I meet?

All agog --

December 11, 1944

Our attention has been called to a meeting held in Brawley for the advertised purpose of preventing the return of Americans of Japanese ancestry to that area.

With existing tensions being artificially heightened by such meetings, it will be necessary for community leaders to join together in an effort to maintain an unbiased, fair attitude.

Toward this end we are writing to you and to the following persons, hoping that you will be alert to any misrepresentation of fact or confusion in the public mind:

John W. Collins  
Brawley, Calif.

Ernest Steimle  
Brawley,

D. R. Bomberger  
Riverside Y.M.C.A.

Mrs. Cora Gyde  
3840 Market St.  
Riverside,

Rev. H. C. Taylor  
2711 8th St.  
Riverside,

Mary Ellen Pangle  
3600 Main St.  
Riverside,

Mrs. Marguerite Pennington  
3695 Market St.  
Riverside,

James H. Thomas  
Council of Social Agencies  
Riverside,

Chas. W. Alford  
205 West "C" St.  
Ontario,

Arthur I. Peterson  
203 No. Euclid Ave.  
Ontario,

Mrs. H. M. Shattuck,  
206 Armsley Square  
Ontario,

Mrs. Esther Rosenberger  
3216 Main St.  
Riverside

December 11, 1944

Miss Laura Balderston  
4006 4th St.  
Riverside,

Gardiner W. Spring  
424 East 4th St.  
Ontario

Bruce Miller  
1453 No. Euclid Ave.  
Ontario,

Fair mindedness will distinguish between the enemy in Japan and any persons of Japanese ancestry cleared by the War Department for readmission to the evacuated areas.

We ask you, as supporters of the Constitutional rights of all law abiding persons, regardless of ancestry or race, to lend your efforts toward the prevention of hysterical thinking, and to support the War Department as it restores civil rights to such law abiding persons.

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman  
Executive Secretary

RWK:ech

Pacific Coast Committee on American  
Principles and Fair Play

December 11, 1944

Miss Murphy  
465 California Street  
San Francisco, California

Dear Miss Murphy:

The following money has been received in this  
office:

For Contributions; and Membership:

|  |       |        |
|--|-------|--------|
| James H. Cowles<br>609 So. Grand Ave. Rm. 1310<br>Los Angeles 14, Calif.                         | ----- | \$2.00 |
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| Elizabeth M. Humbargar<br>936 S. Country Club Blvd.<br>Stockton 49, Calif.                       | ----- | 5.00   |

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Miss Murphy

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December 11, 1944

Contributing members (cont.)

Anonymous ----- \$ 8.00

(The check from Mrs. Kaplan in the amount of \$8.00, covers the following contributions:)

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Los Angeles 24, Calif.

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Very sincerely yours,

Secretary

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297 Fourth Avenue, New York 10, N. Y.

December 11, 1944.

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

Dear Ruth:

As I was finishing dinner on the Overland Limited going east I noticed a white man, whom I thought might be your Harry, sit down at a table with a Negro. When I got through I stopped at the table and learned that it really was your Harry. We visited for a little bit and I was glad of the chance to say Hello.

I trust that you have fully recovered and regained your strength and that the trip to Salt Lake did not leave you with any bad results.

I think the opportunity that we had to clear with each other our thinking concerning the situation on the West Coast has helped me quite considerably, so that I can be a little more effective in my job and thus further the work that you are doing.

Even though Dillon Myer disappointed you by not making the trip to Seattle and Portland I am sure your efforts in Seattle have not been wasted, as the names of friendly people that you have added to your list in that city will certainly be of value to whomever directs the relocation program there.

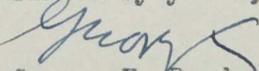
I don't think it is necessary for me to say how much I enjoyed being with you and the time that we had for sociability. I hope that there will be other opportunities to visit with you and that we may include your Harry and my Alice.

I may get down to Washington this week and if I learn of anything of interest I will surely pass my information along to you.

I understand that Galen Fisher when he was in Buffalo saw Quinter Miller, of the Federal Council of Churches, and expressed his feeling that my visit to the Coast might create complications rather than help in unifying the forces working for the right of the evacuees to return to the Coast. If you see Galen you might take the opportunity to tell him how we complemented each other and suggest to him that he write Clarence Gillett and inquire of Gillett concerning my visit to Southern California, so that he should not feel uneasy about my recent visit.

With all good wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,



George E. Rundquist  
Executive Secretary.

GER/R.

Dec. 12, 1944

Miss Ann Madsen  
1533 - 19th Ave  
Seattle, 22  
Washington.

Dear Ann:

I am circulating a letter among our entire membership, suggesting that they have ready, if and when an announcement is made of any relaxation of the Exclusion Order, a letter, addressed to the local press and to Secretary Stimson.

The letter will promise support of the War Department policy, and assure cooperation in maintaining the constitutional rights of returning evacuees.

I hope that you will be able to have that strong statement by the Mayor's Committee ready and waiting for dating and release.

Do you think that this will be possible?

I am asking all of our board members to write personal letters. Such assurances from the Mayor's Committee in Seattle will be most helpful.

Very cordially yours,

Season's Greetings!

(Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman)

December 12, 1944

Dear Member:

The enclosed letter from Mrs. Kingman  
is of greatest importance.

May I urge that you follow her suggestion  
and act quickly in this matter?

Very           Very sincerely yours,

Arthur Cushman McGiffert, Jr.  
Chairman, Executive Committee

Excerpt from a letter to Mr. Gordon K. Chapman written by William C. Carr, dated December 12, 1944.

"Advocating and working actively for the return of Nisei and Issei to their West Coast homes, restitution for the money losses of the evacuation, federal help in re-establishing these people, the apprehension and punishment of criminals who indulge in violence against them, the evacuation by the military of those in public office who willfully fail to do thier duty in protecting these people, acknowledging that persecution and evacuation caused many of these pople to lose faith in democracy as practiced in America and to choose Tule Lake, citizenship now for resident aliens, immigration after the war from Japan on a quota basis as from China and Germany.

"Distributing 3000 copies of Rev. Heist's bulletin exposing master racist John R. Lechner.

"Taking to the commanding general letters offering housing for 125 returning evacuees and jobs for 50 of them.

"Submitting to General Bonesteel specific applications for return of evacuees.

"Writing and visiting the centers offering our help to those wishing to come home.

"Sponsoring and publicly defending Esther Takei and others returning here.

"Erecting and dedicating an Honor Roll to Pasadena Nisei in the service.

"Cooperating with the Pasadena Christmas Committee in sending 1965 gifts to evacuees in relocation camps.

"Sending holiday letters of good cheer to all our known Nisei service men and evacuee families.

"Working to expose Los Angeles Chief of Police Horrall, District Attorney Fred Howser, and Sheriff Biscailuz, and the implications of their public predictions of uncontrollable violence if evacuees return."

The copy was made at Mr. Fisher's request: Dec. 21, 1944

December 12, 1944

Lieutenant Virginia LeFevre  
John DeWitt Hospital  
Auburn, California

Dear Lieutenant LeFevre:

Following our telephone conversation of Monday, I called Mr. Reginald West, of the Sacramento, Y.M.C.A., feeling that he would be interested in the problems confronting the wounded Nisei in DeWitt Hospital.

Mr. West told me that he had been in the hospital, but regretted that he had been unaware of the presence of those particular men. He spoke very appreciatively, of the work you are doing, and, being greatly interested in the Nisei, is "working something out in his mind" to add to my own ideas when we go to Auburn on Tuesday of next week, December 19.

I am planning on driving up, and we should be in Auburn sometime in the late morning. I shall telephone you upon our arrival, to arrange a meeting place and time.

We are determined that the Nisei who are able to be out, shall be entertained in Auburn homes on either Christmas Eve, or on Christmas Day. Mr. West agrees with me that this will be very easy to arrange, as a first step in a more comprehensive plan.

I look forward to seeing you on next Tuesday.

Very cordially yours,

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman  
Executive Secretary

RWK:ech

*Handwritten initials in top left corner.*

ARMY SERVICE FORCES  
NINTH SERVICE COMMAND  
DEWITT GENERAL HOSPITAL  
AUBURN, CALIFORNIA

14 December 1944.

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

My dear Mrs. Kingman:

Thank you so much for your letter of December 12,  
and I am looking forward to seeing you and Mr. West  
up here.

If at all possible, I would like to have you and  
Mr. West as my luncheon guests on the day you are here.  
Will you please advise me as to whether or not you can  
make it.

Sincerely yours,

*Victoria G. LeFevre*

Victoria G. LeFevre,  
2nd Lt. WAC,  
Public Relations Officer.

reply sent  
OK [initials]

CLARENCE S. GILLETT  
521 E. COOK ST.  
SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA

1052 W. Sixth St., Suite 723  
Los Angeles 14, Calif.  
December 12, 1944

Mrs. Ruth Kingman  
223 Telegraph Avenue  
Berkeley, Calif.

Dear Mrs. Kingman:

Mr. Herman Hagedorn, 17 E. Carrillo St., Santa Barbara, California, director of the West Coast office of "The East and West Association" is impatient at not having received from you the additional information about Ben Kuroki which we requested in our letter of November 30.

I am afraid we did not sufficiently stress the importance of providing all the information possible without delay. Mr. Hagedorn is ~~properly~~ concerned lest an unusual opportunity be lost. It is even possible that Mr. DeWitt might do a book using the Ben Kuroki material. Mr. Hagedorn has written Mr. Richard J. Walsh of the John Day company regarding the publishing of such a book.

Sincerely yours,

*Clarence S. Gillett*

Clarence S. Gillett  
Executive Secretary

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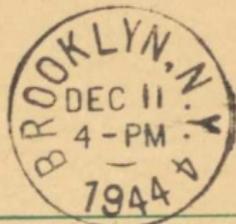
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2234 Telegraph Avenue

Berkeley 4, California



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B'KLYN, N.Y.

Gentlemen:

Will you please send to the above  
address, collect, ten pamphlets that  
you issue on the Japanese in America?

Thanks-

yours truly,  
PETER J. CALCO

Telegram  
December 13, 1944

Lt. Virginia LeFevre  
John DeWitt Hospital  
Auburn, California

ARRIVE DEWITT HOSPITAL APPROXIMATELY 12:30 --CAN MEET YOU  
FOR LUNCH.

Ruth W. Kingman

Straight Wire  
12/13/44

Miss Frances McCluskey  
Topaz, Utah

INQUIRIES INCLUDING BISHOP SAN FRANCISCO, INDICATE ROBES  
NOT USED CATHOLIC SERVICE. THEREFORE UNAVAILABLE THAT  
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Ruth W. Kingman

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December 13, 1944

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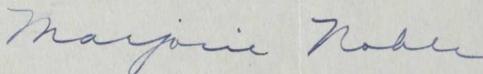
December 13, 1944

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

Dear Mrs. Kingman:

The letter which you forwarded to us in regard to a Japanese American mechanic who wished to come back to Los Angeles has been turned over to the Friends Service Committee. Thank you for letting us know about it, but we are handling only returns to Pasadena, and the Friends Service Committee takes care of the others. Their mailing address is Box 966, Pasadena 20, in case you do not have it readily at hand.

Sincerely yours,



Marjorie Noble  
Executive Secretary

P.S. On the chance that you may not have seen them, I am sending you a set of sketches by Henry Fukuhara, depicting scenes in the various relocation centers. The set of 50 sells for \$1.00, and I have a number of them on hand in case anyone you know would like to order them. If you have them already, or do not wish to keep them, feel free to send them back.

11 El Sueno Rte 2  
Orinda, Calif.  
December 14, 1944

Mr. Hugh Anderson  
305 Kensington Place  
Pasadena 3, Calif.

Dear Mr. Anderson:

Thank you for sending me your circular letter of November 17, and the sheet anent "Procedure". We all rejoice in the good work you and your associates are doing. Let me enclose another mite as my personal small share in your budget.

But you will not mind, I know, if I mention one problem that has arisen from lack of clear demarcation of your activities from those of this Committee. Twice in recent weeks I have received inquiries from perplexed collaborators asking why you were sending appeals for cooperation and aid to church leaders and others who were not in the immediate "vicinity of Pasadena", which we were told long ago would be your bailiwick.

Now it is a primary principle of this Committee to invite the cooperation of as many other groups as possible, since its own primary field is that of upholding the general principles of constitutional rights, of dealing with civil and military authorities, and trying to develop a sound public opinion; not to deal with individual cases or to work all the local points. Therefore, we welcome such local activities as you have done.

In line with our general policy, we have secured the collaboration of both interdenominational and denominational leaders, such as the Northern and Southern Councils of Churches, the Catholic authorities, and Reverends Gordon Chapman and Frank Herron Smith. In line with this collaboration, appeals have gone to many church and social service workers, asking for the securing of jobs and the enlistment of friendship groups to aid returnees. At present, for instance, the Interracial Committee of the NO. Cal. Council of Churches is communicating with some 400 pastors. In the Southland, Dr. Gillett and Dr. Barnham, in conjunction with Mrs. Kaplan and others, have been doing somewhat the same. - I do hope, therefore, you and we can take pains to keep from crossing wires, - as I fully believe you intend. We haven't begun to do as much as we should, but we are keeping at it, we do wish to avoid alienating any friends by overlapping.

Pardon this blunt but entirely friendly letter.

Faithfully yours

G. J. ...

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Pacific Coast Committee on American  
Principles and Fair Play  
Room 203, 465 Calif. St.  
San Francisco

12/14/44

Dear Sir: —

Please note enclosed  
editorial and additional news  
story. Our local committee on  
international relations will send  
the editor a note of appreciation.  
I shall see the man whom

Mr. McEntire saw during  
his visit to see if they  
are ready to make a  
public statement - also plan  
to solicit statements from  
the local service clubs (9)

Sincerely,  
Thor Hugh -  
Chairman, Monterey  
Peninsula International  
Group.

# Young Women's Christian Association



Miss Ruth Kingman  
465 California St.  
San Francisco, Calif.

December 14, 1944

Dear Ruth Kingman:

The Y.W.C.A. in Bellingham is working jointly with the Executive Committee of the Bellingham Council of Churches on a list of the right people to return to your Committee.

In the same mail with your letter there came one from Mrs. Bartlett Heard of Berkeley asking the Y.W.C.A. to line up the work which we will be able to do. Bellingham has never had but three Japanese families living here. Unfortunately one of them was actively working as a spy and was interned immediately after Pearl Harbor. He had been janitor in the building where the President of our Board worked. She went to visit him in jail. She had taken care of his little son in the hospital and had done many other gracious things for him. When she asked him why he had been betraying her country, the poor little fellow didn't know the answer. He died in a concentration camp.

The other man was a vegetable dealer who bought decayed fruit and sold it for nearly nothing. He should have been run out of town as a bad egg. The merchants threatened to do so but not because he was Japanese. So far, Bellingham's direct experiences has been very limited and not too tasty.

In this morning's mail I have a clipping from the Portland "Journal" dealing with the action of the Ministerial Association of Gresham, Oregon. They made the simple statement that for the time being they were willing to take the judgment of the F.B.I. and the Army, and they quoted the President's statement made on February 3, 1943:

"No loyal citizen should be denied the right to exercise the responsibilities of his citizenship, regardless of his ancestry..  
.....Whether it be in the armed forces, war production, agriculture, government service, or other work essential to the War effort."

I think we will use this in any releases we make when the right time comes. Our American Legion gets pretty hot, so we are working on the Legion Commander, who is a very decent fellow.

I am apprehensive about Washington because we lost our good Governor, Mr. Langlie, and Walgren is going in. He is playing with the liquor interest, with the Legion, and with dirty politics in general, as far as I am able to learn. Thank you for your letter and for any information that you send.

Cordially yours,

*Mildred Bartholomew*

Mildred Bartholomew  
General Secretary

December 15, 1944

Mr. Toru Matsumoto  
Assistant to the Executive Secretary  
Committee on Resettlement of Japanese Americans  
297 Fourth Avenue  
New York 10, New York

Dear Mr. Matsumoto:

I am very sorry that I was unable to reply to your letter of November 14, asking for a message for your Christmas number.

The letter was sent , not to my Executive Office in Berkeley, but to the San Francisco office. When it got to my desk, I had left town, and did not return until December 5th, far past your deadline.

Our greetings to you, at this Christmas season.

Very cordially yours,

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman  
Executive Secretary

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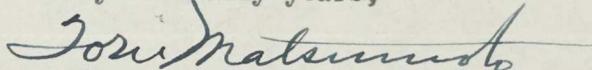
Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman,  
2234 Telegraph Ave.,  
Berkeley 4, Calif.

Dear Mrs. Kingman:

I have just received your letter of December 15th. Thank you very much. I am sorry that the letter was sent to the San Francisco address.

Though we missed your message in the Christmas issue of the Resettlement Bulletin, we would still like to carry an article describing your organization for the benefit of those who will be looking to you for an active leadership in the days ahead. Those of us who are close to the situation are familiar with the splendid work you are doing, but there are many in different parts of the country who are not. Will you draw up a statement for their benefit? What you are trying to do, and what others can do to cooperate with you. Please favor us with your paper at your earliest convenience as I feel that every minute counts.

Very cordially yours,



Toru Matsumoto  
Assistant to Executive Secretary.

TM/R.

The Congregational Church of San Mateo

SIDNEY H. BUCKHAM, MINISTER

THE PASTOR'S STUDY  
TELEPHONE 3-4116

225 TILTON AVENUE  
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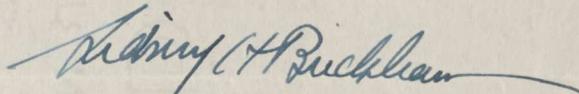
Mrs. Harry Kingman,  
2234 Telegraph Ave.,  
Berkeley, Calif.

My dear Mrs. Kingman:

Enclosed is a list of the members of the  
San Mateo County Fair Play Committee. Will you please put these  
names on your mailing list?

I am acting as temporary chairman, until  
we can get some leading layman to take over that responsibility.  
If we can be of any help to you, please let us know.

Cordially yours,

  
Sidney H. Buckham

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Hunt, Idaho

Dec. 15, 1944

Committee on American Principles and Fair Play  
Pasadena, California.

Dear Mrs Clark;

Thank you so much for your kind letter of sympathy, which we were very happy to receive. It is indeed gratifying to realize that there are persons like yourselves on the coast, who still think of us as worthy people.

Our son, who gave the supreme sacrifice for all of us who remain behind, will not have died in vain if the rest of the American people are able to realize, as you have done, for what he believed in and for what he died. As parents, we are proud that he gave his life in the defense of his country and fellow men.

We thank you again from the depths of our hearts for your wonderful consideration, and trust that you will prosper in your good works, that peace and good will may come to all men.

Very sincerely yours,

*Mrs. Mrs. K. Kinomiya*

# YOLO COUNTY YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION

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P. O. Box 706  
WOODLAND, CALIFORNIA  
December 15, 1944

*Reply in favor*

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

Dear Mrs. Kingman:

Unfortunately I must write this letter to you in lieu of a list of names such as you requested in your form letter of November 27, 1944. You can help me, however, in our effort to create better understanding of the Nisei and Japanese alien problems.

Yolo County is one of the hot-beds of anti-Japanese sentiment. You have probably heard of the action of the people of the community of Winters who have organized themselves with the intent to commit bloodshed if any "Japs" are returned ever. Woodland, the county seat, is similarly set in its attitudes. Our business men and farmers are supposedly intelligent people and are pretty quick in their comeback in regard to anything that disagrees with them. The Superintendent of Schools is rabidly anti-"Jap", as are the majority of Rotarians and Lions. Miss Edith Wynner spoke here the other day and received noddled approval in regard to the idea of world federation, "except in regard to the Japs, and everybody knows that they cannot be trusted." She recognized the resentment to her suggestions of fair play to all. The prize speaker, however, and the one who gets complete approval is Assemblyman Lloyd Lowrey who has been building bonfires under any lingering opposition to the Japanese. Thus, you have our situation.

Now, can you help me in a movement to overcome this? First, in the early part of January I would like to have a speaker for Rotary (of which I am a member) who can present the case for fair play without creating excitement and yet who can definitely change thinking. I would of course like someone like Galen Fisher. How about January 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9th or 16th? Second, I would like some advice and suggestion in regard to a community drive to overcome illogical and vindictive thinking on the question, with consideration for the fact that the Y.M.C.A. is dependent upon community support and therefore cannot create hate or emotionalism against itself. I want the Y.M.C.A. to take a strong stand (even though I have very weak Board approval), and yet I do not wish to lose the financial support of the community. But of course you understand that. I personally am willing to say or do anything that will not reflect seriously on the Y.M.C.A.



"Serving Youth  
That Youth May  
Better Serve"

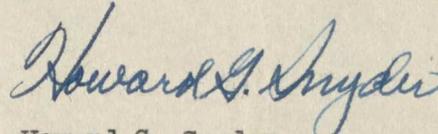
Mrs. Harry L. Kingman -2-

I am personally convinced that if some work can be done in Yolo County the movement toward fairplay will be advanced considerably. This true because Yolo County is practically a headquarters for farm sentiment in the State. It is the home of Dr. Hecke, past Agricultural Commissioner (?) for California, and it also has probably the wealthiest farm representation of any county in the United States. The Grange, American Legion, and Native Sons and Daughters are quite strong. The American Legion has just reiterated its position. The Chamber of Commerce has just voted overwhelmingly to prohibit the admission of Japanese-Americans until after the war. School children, small business people, women's groups, and strong business-men's groups are all strongly opposed to the Japanese Americans. They constantly bring up stories of how Nakamura was found with a shortwave receiving set in his home and boasted that he "would be back in six weeks." I was not here when the evacuation took place, but I do know that quite a large number of Japanese-Americans were forced to leave. The Y.M.C.A. alone, in this town of about 6500, had a Japanese Young People's Association of over 70 members, which in itself indicates great numbers.

If you can help me out, please let me know as soon as you possibly can. And especially would I like a speaker for Rotary on some Tuesday early in January. I am slated to provide a program for January 2nd; but if you cannot make arrangements by then, either of the next two Tuesdays could probably be arranged.

Please excuse my tardiness on this matter, but the possibility of your Committee's helping me on it was not brought to my attention until just a day before yesterday.

Sincerely yours,



Howard G. Snyder  
Executive Secretary

Committee on American Principles and Fair Play

2234 Telegraph Avenue  
Berkeley, Calif.  
December 16, 1944

Mr. Roger D. Baldwin  
170 Fifth Avenue  
New York 10

Dear Mr. Baldwin:

You will recall that when I saw you at Palo Alto recently I told you that we had not yet received any acknowledgement or response to our formal request for a grant from the Marshall Fund some months ago. Since our plans were partly based upon receiving that prospective aid, we have had to exert ourselves greatly to enlist volunteers and aid from other organizations to fill the gap and push the Special Campaign preparatory to the imminent return of numbers of evacuees. But in the judgment of W.R.A. and other insiders, the need for the unique activity of this Committee will be greatest during the next few months. Hence, it will be most desirable for us to have word from the Marshall Fund of their grant as early as practicable. I do not mean to anticipate the decision of your trustees, but in view of what you said to me, I judge that the prospects for a sizeable grant are bright.

The urgency of the situation will be apparent to you and your fellow trustees in the light of the proclamation which we learned confidentially today is to be made tomorrow by the War Department. Although our Committee's treasury is now low, we simply must drive ahead to mobilize public sentiment behind the War Department. These next few months are obviously the climax of all our work for a year past. The tide is running with us, despite the desperate attempts of the State Senate Committee on December 12 to start a counter-current by claiming that the State was solidly against return of any evacuees during the war. Mrs. Kingman and others spent all December 13 working up a strong protest telegram, signed by many well-known leaders in our Committee and allied organizations, as you may have noted in the despatches. Governor Warren, even, had to come out on November 18 in firm support of the Army's sole authority in this matter.

We must have \$1,000 a month for six months to push the fight. Columbia Foundation will doubtless give us another substantial grant, but without at least \$2,000. from the Marshall Fund, we don't see how we can go over the top.

Sincerely yours

Galen M. Fisher, Asst. Treas.

*Handwritten initials*

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December 16, 1944

Pacific Coast  
Committee on American Principles  
and Fair Play  
Room 203, 465 California Street  
San Francisco 4, California

Subject: San Jose Trust CE-50291  
Estate of Mary W. Williams

Gentlemen:

We are returning correspondence sent  
by you to Dr. Mary Wilhelmine Williams, 752  
Guinda Street, Palo Alto, California.

We regret to inform you that Dr. Wil-  
liams died on March 10, 1944.

Very truly yours

*W. A. Abbott*

W. A. Abbott  
Trust Officer

WAA:vd  
Enclosure

# Whitworth College

SPOKANE, WASHINGTON

December 16, 1944

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

My dear Miss Halliday:

I wish to thank you for sending me the material relative to the problems of Americans of Japanese ancestry. This material came to my desk yesterday and is of great interest to me in my work, both in connection with my course in Race Relations at Whitworth College and for my work as chairman of the Spokane Council on Race Relations.

Yours very truly,

*G. H. Schlauch*

Dr. G. H. Schlauch

ghs/mr

December 17, 1944  
2818 Arapahoe St  
Denver, Colorado

Committee on American Principles & Fair Play  
% Mrs. Kingston Executive Sec'ty  
2234 Telegraph St  
Berkeley, Calif.

My dear Madam: I and my family extend our most humble and sincere thanks to you and your co-workers for the wonderful work that you have done on behalf of the many Japanese-Americans who still believe in the greatness and fair play of this mighty nation.

Tonite the radio reporters are telling how the Japanese exclusion ban will be lifted on Jan. 2nd next for entrance once again to Calif. for those of proven loyalty. The United States is a truly great nation and those of us who once again enter the portals of Calif must keep it that way.

My purpose in writing to you tonite is to ask one last favor of you in obtaining an essential position somewhere near San Leandro or vicinity so that I too may help win this war even a day sooner. My qualifications are as follows:

B.S. degree Univ. of Calif. 1934 Agric. Sci.

Married ---3 children

Age 30 years

Good Health

Have late model car --own home in San Leandro

Managerial experience instores etc

Not afraid of any job labor or otherwise provided it is essential to the war effort

Pay secondary as we have a place in San Leandro with income but is non essential.

I already have my release from the war dept and would your aid in obtaining this employment in the nearest future would be more than appreciated---Anywheres in the Bay area where I can commute from my home in San Leandro.

Thanking you and with all good wishes I remain,

Yours very truly,

Frank M. Nakashima

Walter Mewin  
W.P.A. Robertson Office  
690 Mkt  
#926

Rep. in person

off

~~Handwritten mark~~

Dec 17<sup>th</sup> 1944

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

Dear Mrs Kugman -

After hearing over the radio today that the War Department has restored to the loyal Japanese-Americans their Constitutional rights - I immediately mailed a letter to the L.A. Times expressing my deep satisfaction and sincere co-operation with the action of the War Department. From your letter of Dec 13<sup>th</sup> I am in doubt as to where the two copies are to be sent. Am enclosing an air-mail special delivery self addressed envelope - so will you be kind enough to give me this information so the two copies can be sent as soon as possible.

Sincerely  
Eugene C. Smith (Member)  
5906 El Mir Drive  
Los Angeles 42, California