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October 13, 1943

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

To the Editor:

I would like to submit the following statements in refutation of the final paragraph in the enclosed clipping from your paper of October 12.

Would it be possible to make some statement of correction in regard to this matter?

May I ask for the return of the War Department press release of April 8, 1943?

Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

Secretary

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UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA
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DIVISION OF GENETICS
BERKELEY, CALIFORNIA

Oct. 13. 1943.

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7 am. Foreign
address name

Dear Mrs. Kingman -

I've been wanting to telephone to you but can't find any number for the Committee in the San Francisco directory. I am going to visit Mangamar Relocation Center this week-end, leaving tomorrow (Thursday) evening on the Owl. I am to give a popular lecture there Saturday evening.

Have you any suggestion as to anything I might make special note of for you at the Committee? I expect to meet Dr. Kodani who, as you may know, is in a tragic position. He is fully loyal to the U.S. (is a citizen) but his wife is an alien. So Kodani has chosen to return to Japan with her though he wants to remain in this country. Doesn't it seem as though the Government's rules could be changed or even waived in a case like this? Is our Committee in position to do anything about it? If possible,

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please telephone me here on local
326 tomorrow between 9 and 11
or 1 and 3, even if you haven't
anything definite to tell me.

Sincerely,

E. P. Bebeck.

P.S. What's the latest news
about the Obata family and
William Takahashi?

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GORDON K. CHAPMAN
Room 207, Board of National Missions
228 McAllister Street
San Francisco, California

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October 13, 1943

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Mrs. Ruth Kingman
Committee on American Principles
and Fair Play
2207 Union Street
Berkeley, California

Dear Mrs. Kingman:

I will be glad to take at least 100 of the Galen Fisher pamphlets. I would also suggest that you solicit the denominational leaders, a list of whose names I enclose, and I think you will receive a large number of orders. For instance, Dr. Cameron Hall, Presbyterian Board of Christian Education, Witherspoon Building, Philadelphia, is the Secretary of our Committee on Social Education and Action, and I think he would like to order a number of copies.

I enclose herewith a membership card and money order in the amount of \$2 from the Rev. R. Murray Jones. As intimated in a previous letter, I would be interested to know whether you received the \$6 together with the other membership cards which I sent you.

With cordial regards,

Very sincerely yours,

Gordon K. Chapman
Gordon K. Chapman

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November 15, 1943

Rev. Gordon K. Chapman
Rm 207, Board of National Missions
228 McAllister St.
San Francisco, Calif

Dear Mr. Chapman:

The cost of your order of October 13th
for 100 copies of the reprints of Mr. Fisher's
articles of the Christian Century, is \$6.00.
Please make the check out to Mr. Galen Fisher.

Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

Secretary

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Northern California Congregational Conference

REV. HARLEY H. GILL, SUPERINTENDENT AND REGISTRAR

1164 PHELAN BUILDING SAN FRANCISCO, 2, CALIF.

PHONE, EXBROOK 2757

October 13, 1943

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

Gentlemen:

May we have 100 copies of the printed copies of
Mr. Galen Fisher's series of articles recently published in
the Christian Century?

If we can have them by Tuesday of next week,
October 19, we can make particularly good use of them.
If not, send them when they are ready. And bill them to
us.

Yours very sincerely,

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA CONGREGATIONAL CONFERENCE

By

Harley H. Gill

P. S. If the leaflets are ready, and you will telephone us at the
above number, perhaps we can arrange to pick them up.

Dictated by Dr. Gill but signed
and mailed in his absence.

November 15, 1943

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1164 Phelan Bldg.
San Francisco 2, Calif.

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Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

Secretary

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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

October 14, 1943

Miss Mary Jefferds, Secretary
Committee on American Principles and Fair Play
465 California Street
San Francisco, California

Dear Miss Jefferds:

Enclosed you will find the clippings which you sent us on September 22nd with the request that they be returned when we had finished with them.

Mrs. Elkus found them very interesting and has asked me to convey her thanks to you^{for} sending them.

Very truly yours,

Madeline Albers

(Miss) Madeline Albers
Secretary

My
10/29/43
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Japanese American Citizens League

An All American Organization of American Citizens

National Headquarters

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October 14th 1943

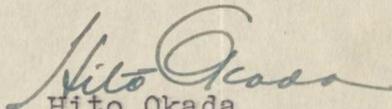
Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman
Room 203
465 California St.,
San Fransisco, California

Dear Mrs. Kingman:

I received your letter of October 11th in regards to Dr. Galen Fisher's articles, which will be available in pamphlet form.

Will you kindly place us on your order list for 200 copies. We will publicize it in the Pacific Citizen, so that we may increase the number later on.

Yours very truly,


Hito Okada
National Treasurer

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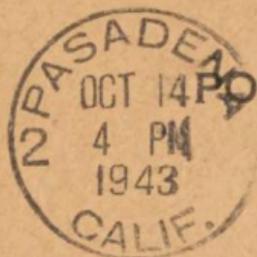
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CLARENCE S. GILLET
Executive Secretary

October 16, 1943

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

Dear Mrs. Kingman:

We are glad to have the copy of the four articles
by Mr. Fisher and feel very sure that these should be
reprinted.

We are glad to order 500 copies and will send the
money whenever the reprints are available.

Cordially yours,

Clarence S. Gillett

Clarence S. Gillett

CSG:kt

Dictated but signed in
Mr. Gillett's absence.

paid
11/13/43
RM

October 17, 1943

Mr. Carey McWilliams
541 So. Spg.
Los Angeles, Calif.

Dear Mr. McWilliams:

At Mr. Harry Kingman's suggestion, I am sending under separate cover some material on the American Japanese.

I believe he felt that this material would be of some use to you in the near future.

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary

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

Gentlemen:

Wish to thank you for your letter of
October 17 and the materials which you sent me
at Mr. Kingsman's suggestion. I trust you will
send me copies of similar materials from time
to time.

Best wishes I am,

Yours very truly,

HAMMACK, McWILLIAMS & HAMMACK

CM:c

BY

Carey McWilliams

October 27, 1943

Mrs. Afton D. Nance
355 No. El Molino
Pasadena, Calif.

Dear Afton:

Just returned from Washington, and found your letter of September 27th, with the enclosed letter from the Bureau for Intercultural Education.

Thanks very much for passing it along, and we will bring it up at the Executive Committee meeting to be held next week. I will certainly let you know of any action that is taken on it.

Sincerely,
[Signature]

October 18, 1943

Mrs. Pearl Buck
Rural Delivery 3
Pearkase, Pa.

Dear Mrs. Buck:

On July nineteenth Mrs. Kingman sent to you a series of letters received by Dr. John Bennett from one of the Japanese evacuees, a minister in the Tulalake Relocation Center. At that time, I believe she voiced the hope that you might find time to read the letters, and if possible, make a suggestion as to their best utilization.

Mrs. Kingman is at present on her way back from Washington, where she has been conferring with various government officials concerned with the Japanese evacuation. She is anxious to know if any action has been taken regarding the letters, or if there is any possibility of putting them to some good use.

May we hope to hear from you soon?

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary

mj

R. D. 3
PERKASIE, PENNSYLVANIA

October 25, 1943.

Dear Miss Jefferds:

Thank you for your letter of October the eighteenth with reference to a series of letters received by Dr. John Bennett. Miss Buck is on a business trip to the West Coast and will not return until the middle of November.

Very truly yours,

Helen W. Shadduzer

Secretary to Miss Pearl Buck

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

R. D. 3
PERKASIE, PENNSYLVANIA

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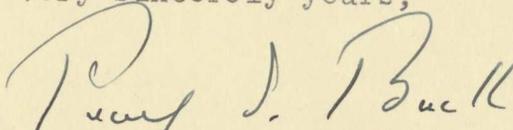
Dear Miss Jefferds:

I found your letter awaiting me upon my return from the West Coast.

I appreciate very much Mrs. Kingman's sending me the series of letters received by Dr. John Bennett, one of the Japanese-American evacuees. I read those letters and they made a valuable background for some work that I was able to do on the West Coast on behalf of Japanese-Americans. It is difficult to know what to suggest as to the further use of these letters. I suggest that you send them to the Christian Century and see whether they could publish them. A further suggestion would be to send them to a church organization and see whether or not they could circulate them. The address of Christian Century is 95 Madison Avenue, New York City.

I return the letters herewith.

Very sincerely yours,


Pearl S. Buck

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

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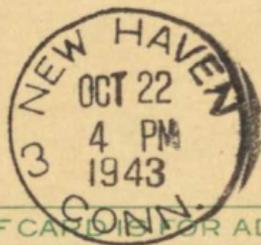
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to whom you sent
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already on her way to
The Islands. of H.

Dr. Johnson went in early
summer. Try

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Yours truly
Josephine Thatcher



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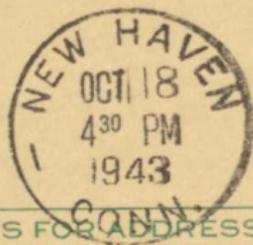
~~Dr. Oscar E. Maurer~~

Dr. Oscar E. Maurer has retired from the active pastorate of Center Church, New Haven, and is on his way to Honolulu to be interim pastor of Central Union Church there for a year or more.

Your recent letter de recent articles by Galen Fisher has been turned over to the new pastor of Center Church, Dr. David Nelson Beach, formerly of Plymouth Church, Minneapolis.

Please change your mailing lists accordingly.

Secretary, Center Church, New Haven.



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Committee on American Principles and Fair Play

Room 203, ~~64~~ 465 California St.

San Francisco 4,

Cal.

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman
465 California Street
San Francisco, Calif.

Billed 11/15/43
October 20, 1943

Dear Mrs. Kingman:

Thank you for your letter of October 11th and the enclosures.

We would like to order 100 copies of the articles by Mr. Galen Fisher.

American Friends Service Committee
Northern California Section
1830 Sutter Street
San Francisco, California

Sincerely,
G. House
Gerri House
Secretary to
Josephine W. Duveneck

American Friends Service Committee
Northern California Section
1830 Sutter Street
San Francisco, California



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Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman
465 California Street
San Francisco, California

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October 20, 1943

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman
Room 203 - 465 California Street
San Francisco, California

Dear Mrs. Kingman:

Mr. Wagner is out of the city and I should like to reply to your letter of October 11 addressed to him.

Please send one copy of the pamphlet at this time and it is possible that we shall want more at a later date. We are enclosing ten cents in postage to cover cost.

OK
Sincerely,

(Mrs) Faye K Hansen

Secretary to
Harold A. Wagner

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In reply, please refer to:
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OCT 21 1943

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

Dear Mrs. Kingman:

We certainly thank you for your letter of October 11
and the articles on Japanese evacuees by Galen Fisher. I am
sorry, but I see no way whereby this office might have funds
for the purchase of the reprint.

Sincerely yours,

R. B. Cozzens
R. B. Cozzens
Field Assistant Director



OK 10/28/43 my
2929 Broadway

The Fellowship of Reconciliation

New York, N. Y.

Dear Mrs. Kingman:

Billed
11/15/43

Please consider this as an order for 25 copies of the pamphlet on the Japanese Evacuation by Galen Fisher. You may bill us for these when shipment is made.

Sincerely,

R. Alfred Hassler

R. Alfred Hassler

Managing Editor

October 21, 1943

RWK
10/27/43

MODESTO HIGH SCHOOL
FIRST & H STS.

Modesto Public Schools
Modesto, California

OFFICE OF THE PRINCIPAL
ARTHUR L. SHULL

October 22, 1943

Mrs Ruth Kingman
Executive Secretary Committee on Fair Play
465 California Street
San Francisco, California

Dear Mrs Kingman:

I am encountering in my two history classes intense and bitter antagonism toward Japanese-Americans which I should like to soften if possible. Unfortunately, I do not have much material which I can present as concrete evidence. Can you help me in this regard?

Do you have a copy or two of the Tolan report which you could give or lend me or should I write to our congressman? (The reason why I haven't done so is that it takes a long time to get a response and I'd like to have it as quickly as possible.)

Also do you have any other of the evidence which you presented last summer at Mills College? I would particularly like to have material on FBI investigations, the Hawaiian situation and anything else which presents the case for the Japanese-American. I'd like to stick mostly to facts as the resentment down here seems to be exceedingly strong.

About 55 families are represented in these classes, and I think the situation warrants the effort.

Also I'd like to ask if you know what is being done with the farms which the Japanese owned? I ask this because a friend of mine coming on the bus from Sacramento to Modesto fell into conversation with a man who said that he was farming 3,000 acres of land mostly "formerly Japanese owned" and that he and his neighbors and help intended to see to it that no Japanese, American or otherwise, would ever be allowed to come back to that land. "We'll shoot any that try it", was his summary of their determination. What I'm wondering is this: From whom did he get the right to farm that land "rent-free" as he said he did.

Thank you very much for any help you may be able to give me.

Sincerely yours,

E. Louise Allright

October 27, 1943

Miss E. Louise Abbott
Modesto High School
First and H Sts.
Modesto, Calif.

Dear Miss Abbott:

It is always encouraging to find persons taking an active interest in behalf of our loyal citizens of Japanese ancestry. I am happy to send you the material you asked for, with the exception of the Tolson Report. I have only two sets, one of which is "on loan", the other of which I make constant use. It is an excellent source, however, and I suggest that you go to the trouble of securing one.

My understanding of the Japanese owned farm lands is as follows. As you know, all lands so owned are in the names of persons born in the United States (or Hawaii) only. At the time of evacuation, some land was sold, some leased, some (not much) left idle. So far as I know, there is no land being worked rent free, unless such infrequent disposal was made privately. There was no such general practice.

Of course, legislation is being pressed which would keep all persons of Japanese ancestry out of the entire country as well as California. However, until the United States Constitution is changed, and I find no serious thinking people who expect such a drastic move away from traditional American policy, no such legislation will be enforced.

I am glad that your feeling in the matter is leading you to try to get more factual matter in black and white. We are fortunate in having the material on hand, and will be glad to send you additional material as it comes to our office.

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman

RWK:mj

10/30/43
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St. Luke's Church

VAN NESS AT CLAY
SAN FRANCISCO 9
REV. JOHN COMPTON LEFFLER, RECTOR

October 22, 1943

Billed 11/5/43

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman
Room 203, 465 California Street
San Francisco, California

Dear Mrs. Kingman:

On my return from three weeks absence in the East I find the welcome news that Mr. Fisher's articles are to be published in pamphlet form.

Will you please send me 25 copies as soon as possible.

Very sincerely yours,

John C. Leffler

October 23, 1943

Mrs. Alice Hoiem
Rt. 1, Box 171
Fowler, Calif.

Dear Mrs. Hoiem:

I have sent a number of copies of Colonel Scobey's letter to Reverend Kent to you and am very sorry that I can provide so little further information about Reverend Kent. Captain John M. Hall sent Reverend Kent's letter to us in partial answer to a request for some statistical figures, and only mentioned that Reverend Kent is of Gardena, California. As far as I have been able to find out, Colonel Scobey's letter is merely an answer to some specific questions; (Captain John M. Hall is in the office of the Assistant Secretary, War Department).

We are counting on having some copies of the articles by Mr. Fisher in the office by October 28th. We shall be happy to supply any order you may find feasible to place. In this way, you will be able to have several copies available for the round table discussion being held by the local club you mentioned.

Sincerely,

Secretary

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WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY

HEART MOUNTAIN RELOCATION PROJECT

Heart Mountain, Wyoming

IN REPLY, PLEASE REFER TO:

HM:PM:E:RYK

October 23, 1943

File

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

Dear Mrs. Kingman:

We are deeply grateful and delighted to know how hard you are working in our behalf to clarify our position during this hectic wartime condition. We received your materials and activities of your committee, and we do appreciate their fine efforts.

We are beginning a very intensifying relocation program of the WRA to continue resettling loyal Japanese-Americans and their parents to normal life. The magnitude of this program is enough to make one shudder, but through the cooperation of various committees like yours, the Churches, social agencies, and individuals, it is possible to plan a public relation program that will cultivate understanding from other Americans.

Please keep up the good work, and if there is anything that we can do to help, please do not hesitate to ask us.

Very sincerely yours,

Robert Y. Kodama

Robert Y. Kodama, Chairman
Project Relocation Committee

Joe Carroll

Joe Carroll, Chief
Employment Division



phone Babcock
see if he can drop
in tomorrow - any time
OK Mm

BERKELEY: COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE
DIVISION OF GENETICS

Oct. 23, 1943.

Dear Mrs. Kingman-

Some day when you can spare a few minutes I should like to come to your office and have a talk with you. Last week I had the privilege of visiting the Japanese Center at Manzanar and I should like to tell you about some of my experiences and observations.

Sincerely

my office phone is
Ashberry 6000 local 326.

E. B. Babcock.

RWX
10/23/43

5722 Buena Vista Ter
Los Angeles, California

Oct 23 - 1943

Dear Mrs. Kingman,

When in Rivers the past
two weeks, I had access to
the documents you sent me
in my daughter's files. I brought
her to tell me where to get them
but she assured me that she
felt I could not get them. So
you can see the ones you
sent ^{me} are a real answer
to prayer.

Thank you very much.

Sincerely yours for liberty
and justice for all
Lillian Newlon Douglas.

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October 23, 1943

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

Dear Mrs. Kingman:

It is gratifying to learn that Mr. Galen Fisher's series of articles in the Christian Century is to appear in pamphlet form. Enclosed please find one dollar for copies to be sent to me at;

C.P. Garman, 621 Mack Building, Denver, Colorado.

I trust that this will be but the beginning of orders though the follow-ups may come direct from others.

Yours sincerely,

C.P. Garman
C.P. Garman

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H.S. Scott
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M. M.
10/23/43

407 East Pine
Santa Ana, Calif.
October 24, 1943.

Committee on American Principles —
2207 Union Street—
Berkeley, California

Dear Sir:—

I enclose your statement which I received from Mrs. Kugman before she left for the East. I am an elementary teacher here— and know several splendid young Japanese American people. One is in special Military Intelligence training at Camp Savage. It is these youngsters in whom I am interested and whose welfare is my concern. I have visited Manzanar, where the older brother of one of the lads has been J. Chief of Police—now assistant. Am well acquainted with the set-up there.

When Los Angeles District Attorney Hower made his statement before the Senate Committee relative to the murder of such fine young people, I wrote him at once. Have had a prompt reply—full of generalities, but promising action against any such attackers.

I know no one at all, in Santa Ana, who

is even faintly interested in fair play for these ^{young} people - enough to take any active interest, I mean. So I shall do my part in writing comments on such news as appears in the press - have done so steadily for a year.

I would like about 10 copies of your small pamphlet - Mrs. Kugman sent me much material. Since I know printing is expensive and I really cannot persuade people to read any article of length - you had better send such to others with more opportunity.

Will it be possible to get a press notice of the ^{actual} number of children who will eventually get to Tule Lake? That is quite important - as the public considers all residents there males - fully equipped for sabotage!

Anahem is supposed to put on a "Public Educational Meeting" Nov. 2 - I wrote the chairman of the committee announcing it - member of Native Sons + head of Associated Farmers - asking where it would be. Of course, he never answered - I shall watch the papers and go anyhow.

The young man at Camp Savage, formerly of Proton - sent me a mimeographed stenographic

copy of the answers Mr. Head of Poston gave to the witness, Mr. Townsend, of the Dies Committee - It certainly proves what a travesty of justice has been permitted in Los Angeles. I sent the material to Mr. Hoiles, the Editor of our paper here, because we were to have Mr. Dies speak here this Thursday. It has been cancelled, however - Mr. Hoiles is quite outspoken in his belief of individual rights - is very much disliked here - I told him I did not need the material for several weeks - so have had no response for him - but thought he should see it. Assume you have it - and more.

Since the boys I know so well are so very fine and utterly sincere in their liking for this, their country, I thank you - for them - for your interest and cooperation.

Sincerely,
Edna W. Dugham

October 25, 1943

Dr. Max Radin
Boalt Hall of Law
University of California
Berkeley, Calif.

Dear Dr. Radin:

Mrs. Kingman suggested that I send the enclosed form to you for any suggestions and comments you may have. The form was sent to this office from a member of the Fresno Branch of our Committee.

Mrs. Kingman particularly was interested in whether the proposed measure had a good chance of coming up; whether it would be constitutional; whether, and in what way it might prove harmful; and the possibilities of action, or the direction of counter measures if necessary.

We would appreciate it very much if the form could be returned to this office when you have finished using it.

Thank you very much for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Secretary

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October 25, 1940

Mr. George G. Kidwell
44 Alpine Terrace
San Francisco, Calif.

Dear Mr. Kidwell:

After checking with Mrs. Kingman, immediately on her return from Washington regarding your answer to the Better Business Bureau of San Francisco, we have sent it to them as it stands.

Sincerely,

Secretary

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TELEPHONE: KENMORE 6520
CABLE ADDRESS "EDUGUIDE"

THE CARTESIAN RESEARCH BUREAU
TRINITY COURT, BACK BAY
BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS

LYDIARD H. HORTON, PH. D.
DIRECTOR

October 25, 1943.

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman, Ex. Sec'y,
Pacific Coast Committee on American
Principles and Fair Play,
465 California Street,
San Francisco, California.

Dear Mrs. Kingman:

By an interesting coincidence a copy of your folder setting forth the principles of your Committee reached Dr. Horton from his friend, Col. Stanley Washburn, just after we had finished the reading of "A Year in Gila," a record which you have no doubt seen of the first year in that Relocation Center. To learn that a Pacific Coast group ~~was~~ taking interest in the welfare of these evacuees ~~in~~ these times is encouraging and stimulating.

Have you any other literature and will you be kind enough to send us a few copies of the folder referred to? I am enclosing one dollar to cover any costs that there may be at this time.

Sincerely yours,

Marion Robinson -
Sec'y

OK
mj 10/27/43

October 26, 1943 -

I thank you for the package of material received recently. It is very interesting and certainly helpful in correcting ideas some folks have these days.

Will you please change my address from
1854 E. Mountain St.
to 189 No. Oakland Avenue
Pasadena 4 - Calif.

Thanking you, I am,
Most cordially yours,
Mrs. Cornelia Campbell.



THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

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

Arlington Ave. & Rincon Rd.
Berkeley, Calif. Oct. 26, 1942

Dear Mr. Fisher,

Thank you so much
for sending my the copies
of the letter of the Committee
on National Security and
Fair Play, which I am mailing
to the members of the Nat.
Board of the Woman's Auxiliary

member
11/10/43

The Protestant Episcopal
Church. I am also indebted
to you for the two copies
of the pamphlet "a Touchstone
of Democracy," which I hope
to study and may order
more for my eastern
associates.

I hope you have a
successful trip East and
may be able to accomplish
much in creating better
understanding of the Japanese
in America problem.

Very sincerely yours
Eleanor C. Batts
(Mrs George)

October 27, 1943

Liberty Magazine Inc.
205 East 42nd St.
New York, New York

Dear Sirs:

We have checked our files, and find that a check for \$62.00 was sent to you on August 25th. The check accompanied a letter ordering 2,000 copies of the "Truth about Jap Camps", and was addressed to Miss Vivian Sande of the Promotion Department.

We have no receipt for the check, though the copies of the articles arrived early in September.

Would you please check your records and find if this bill has not already been accounted for?

Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

Secretary

mj

October 27, 1943

Mrs. Lillie N. Douglas
5722 Buena Vista Terr.
Los Angeles, Calif.

Dear Mrs. Douglas:

I am glad that the material we sent
has proven useful. We are now preparing
two new releases which will go out very soon.
I feel sure that you will be able to make
good use of them, too.

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman

RWK:mj

WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY

WASHINGTON

October 27, 1943

Mr. William C. Carr
1360 West Colorado Street
Pasadena, California

Dear Mr. Carr:

This will acknowledge receipt of the pamphlets which have just been received by this office in Mr. Myer's absence. You are to be complimented on the effective manner in which you have used material of many different kinds to drive home with vigor and force the principles of tolerance and equality of opportunity.

We should like very much to know who produced this document, and what sort of distribution is given to it.

Sincerely yours,

John C. Baker
Chief, Office of Reports

cc: ~~Mr. Cozzens~~
✓ Mrs. Kingman



Handwritten:
O.A.M.D.M.
11/2/43

Northern California Congregational Conference

REV. HARLEY H. GILL, SUPERINTENDENT AND REGISTRAR

1164 PHELAN BUILDING SAN FRANCISCO, 2, CALIF.

PHONE, EXBROOK 2757

October 27, 1943

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

My dear Mrs. Kingman:

I am wondering if you have seen the enclosed material. Samuel Nagata was, I think, a graduate of Pacific School of Religion. If I remember rightly, he was in my class which was 1918. He sent this material to me, but has not indicated whether he has any particular desires regarding its use. His address is 30-18-C, Heart Mountain, Wyoming.

It occurred to me that the Committee on Fair Play might find some way of using it.

With kindest regards and best wishes, I am

Yours very sincerely,

Handwritten signature: Harley H. Gill

Harley H. Gill

HHG/e

Dictated by Dr. Gill but signed and mailed in his absence.

Handwritten notes:
Thank you for me - Same letter not
of town - Some will be used
will call if attending
R.K. - Fuller - sign
J.H.

November 2, 1943

Rev. Harley H. Gill
1104 Phelan Bldg.
San Francisco, 2, Calif.

Dear Mr. Gill:

The material enclosed in your letter of October 27 will be called to the attention of Mrs. Kingman and Mr. Galen Fisher as soon as possible. It arrived here while Mrs. Kingman was out of town.

We will certainly let you know if we use the material in any way, and shall surely make use of some of it.

Thank you very much for sending it. We are particularly happy to have the additional information regarding Mr. Nagata which you included in your letter.

Sincerely,

Secretary

mj

October 28, 1943

Mr. Paul W. Dudley
1809 Gough St.
San Francisco 9, Calif.

Dear Mr. Dudley:

Upon my return from Washington D.C. on Monday of this week, I found your letter in the mail which had accumulated on my desk during my six weeks absence. Your questions are welcomed, as it is our desire that all of our members should not only be acquainted with the objectives and work of the Committee, but that they should feel that their interest is placed in an effective organization.

The program of the Committee is based upon the conviction that the first step in "supporting and defending the rights of law abiding persons of oriental ancestry in the United States and particularly of the Japanese American evacuees" is the dissemination of accurate and authoritative information concerning such persons. As much of the West Coast press is committed to constant attacks upon this minority, and fails to make us of much of the good material which is available, we feel it of great importance that we send out as much as possible of such information as we can gather together.

Each of our members has been provided with quantities of such material, and as our Committee has never considered itself a political pressure group, we rely upon any action being taken by our members to be taken in light of the information we have provided.

The organization of the Committee came about due to the recognition of its members of the relation of any minority to all citizens. The reasons for our not having taken, officially, any position on the other problems you mention are well expressed in the words of our Chairman, Dr. Arthur C. McGiffert:

" As you know, the originating impulse behind the formation of the original committee and its subsequent revival under its present name grew out of the shock of the treatment accorded Japanese-Americans. Other minority groups have long received unfair treatment and many of the people who came together to form the present committee were members of still other committees working on behalf of other minorities. When the Japanese-descended people, however, became the special and dramatic victims of racial prejudice the formation of a special group seemed justified to help to bring to bear in their behalf our American principles. Most of the people who have joined this particular committee have joined because they understood that we were to focus on the Japanese-Americans, and as our releases indicate our efforts thus far have been concentrated on this otherwise much neglected group.

However, when we formulated our purpose we foresaw that other Oriental people might sometime come within the scope of our concern. We also recognized that attempts to discriminate against one group of minorities tends to undermine the rights of other minorities, as well as of the majority.

Your desire to widen the focus of our purpose therefore is implicit in our original aims. Which additional minority group or other victims of an impaired Bill of Rights the Committee might include now becomes a matter of policy and will need to be decided on the basis of such factors as the effectiveness of other agencies already at work in behalf of other racial minorities, the ability of our organization to expand its concern without sacrificing their momentum and influence gained in behalf of the minority group on which we originally focused, etc."

As far as I know, all of our members have personally interested themselves in these other causes. As a group, however, we feel that our strength should be channelled rather than spread. This does not preclude the possibility of the eventual widening of our horizons when our membership is such that we can maintain a large staff for research and routine.

Once again, may I express my appreciation of your interest. We shall continue to gather and distribute authentic information. You may be sure that we have also made many valuable and telling contacts with persons in and out of government, whose influence may be counted upon to develop and maintain a more truly American attitude in our treatment of this "guinea pig" minority" -- treatment which cannot but reflect upon future attitudes toward all such groups.

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman

October 23, 1943

The Honorable Francis Biddle
Attorney General
Department of Justice
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Biddle:

Upon my return to California, I found your letter enclosing a copy of the portion of your speech to the Virginia Bar Association which dealt with the Japanese American question.

May I thank you, both for making the statement and for sending me the copy.

We depend upon you for further help, if anything is to be done here on the West Coast to assure thoughtful citizens of the concern our national leaders feel for keeping clear and distinct the principles upon which our country must continue to stand.

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman

RWK:mj

October 28, 1943

Miss Rosalee Venable
203 North Wabash Ave.
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Miss Venable:

Mrs. Kingman is out of town at present, but I have sent you under separate cover the material on the Japanese Americans, which we have in the office for distribution at this time. I have added your name to our mailing list so that you will be kept informed of such future material as we may release.

More specific information may be gained from the publication the Pacific Citizen (with which you may be familiar), and also by writing to the War Relocation Authority in Washington, D.C.

I hope you will find the material of some aid. Please do not hesitate to call upon this office for any further particular information.

Sincerely,

Secretary

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Reply RWK 11/2/43

NATIONAL JAPANESE AMERICAN STUDENT RELOCATION COUNCIL

1201 CHESTNUT STREET, PHILADELPHIA 7, PENNSYLVANIA

RITTENHOUSE 9372

JOHN W. NASON, National Chairman
C. V. HIBBARD, National Director
THOMAS R. BODINE, Field Director

October 28, 1943

Mrs. Ruth Kingman
Fair Play Committee
c/o Y.W.C.A.
Union Street and Allston Way
Berkeley, California

Dear Ruth:

This is just a quick note to thank you for sending us all the fresh material on WRA policy that arrived in my mail a few days ago. I am always delighted personally to have more stuff to use for background and I am doubly delighted to have something which indicates that you are still alive and kicking.

You have probably heard from the decision reached at the meeting in New York in the last week in September to cease the work of the Student Relocation Council on March first, 1944. You can imagine how down in the dumps we on the staff are as a result of this decision on the part of our elders and betters. Sam Ishikawa and I have listed the reasons for quitting as follows:

1. The higher ups believe that the students no longer need us so much.
2. They say there isn't enough money either for scholarships or administration.
3. Because of filled quotas, changing curricula, the large number of colleges which have developed cold feet, and because the Army, Navy, and WRA still have not come across with a reasonable ruling on the subject of clearing large universities, there are not enough college openings available.
4. Lack of vitality in the Student Relocation Council's leadership.

Various people have placed emphasis on various ones of these four reasons. The way I feel is that if #4 could somehow or other have been or be solved, #1, 2, & 3 would cease to be issues.

Here's hoping that everything goes well with you and yours throughout the winter.

Yours heartily,

Sam B

THOMAS R. BODINE
Field Director

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THE COUNCIL

This Council was organized at the request of the War Relocation Authority and with the approval of the War Department. The purpose of the Council is to assist in the relocation of students who have been evacuated from West Coast war zones and who wish to continue their studies on the college or university level.

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(Titles are given for identification only and in no way commit the institution to which the committee member belongs.)

November 2, 1943

Mr. Tom Bodine
1201 Chestnut Street
Philadelphia 7, Pa.

Dear Tom:

Had your letter this morning -- I'm sick about student relocation folding -- was in the W.R.A. national staff meeting when John Provinse announced it. -- Had a meeting with Deutsch, Blaisdell, Larrows, Annie Clo Watson, Leila, and Dillon Myer -- am writing letter to Mason re our feeling.

An enclosing letter I opened by mistake this p.m. -- How much do I owe you for the Arkansas "doll"? -- It was liked a lot.

Cordially,

Mrs. Ruth S. Kingman

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THE BETTER BUSINESS BUREAU

OF SAN FRANCISCO, LTD.

Telephone SUtter 3822

15 Stockton Street San Francisco, 8, California

October 29, 1943

Miss Mary Jefferds, Secretary
Committee on American Principles
and Fair Play
Suite 203, 465 California Street
San Francisco, California

Dear Miss Jefferds:

The letter forwarded to your office by Mr. Maurice Harrison is the same as sent to sponsors of all organizations, and is for the purpose of completing our files.

Thanks for forwarding the additional information contained in your letter of October 25. We appreciate your offer to assist us in furnishing data, and no doubt we shall communicate with you further from time to time.

Very truly yours

Aurel Piersee
Aurel Piersee

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11/9/43

Telephone GRamercy 5-3475

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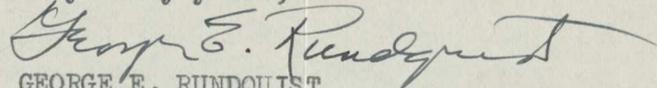
October 29, 1943.

The Christian Century,
407 South Dearborn St.,
Chicago, Ill.

Gentlemen:

We understand that Galen Fisher's article on the evacuation and resettlement of the people of Japanese ancestry has been put up in pamphlet form. Will you please send us a sample copy and at the same time let us know what 500 of this pamphlet would cost.

Very truly yours,



GEORGE E. RUNDQUIST
Executive Secretary.

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November 4, 1943

Mr. George W. Lundquist
297 Fourth Ave.
New York, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Lundquist:

Your letter of October 29 to the Christian Century, was referred to this office. I am enclosing a sample copy of the pamphlet. The pamphlets sell for 10 cents each, or six dollars per hundred.

We shall promptly fill any order that is placed through this office.

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary

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Dear Ruth;
Here's something for you.
I sold Mr. Wills & I was referring
his letter to you.



Connie

OK My 1/4/44

NATIONAL LABOR RELATIONS BOARD

WASHINGTON, D. C.

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October 29, 1943

Mr. Ernest Besig, Director
American Civil Liberties Union
216 Pine Street
San Francisco, California

Dear Mr. Besig,

I left San Francisco in too much of a hurry to get in to see you. However, I did want to ask you about a group, the activities of which were briefly reported in the San Francisco papers. I refer to a committee on Fair Play. I believe a woman is at the head of it.

Would you be good enough to give me some data on this group either directly or by seeing to it that some official of that organization sends me material? I should like to have their constitution and By-laws, if any, and some statement as to the scope of their activities plus your evaluation of their value to the community in securing racial unity.

It has occurred to me since returning here that a committee on racial unity and fair play, if selected from the best elements from all sections of the community, might do a great deal of good. Racial tension is definitely growing here and to date there has been no effective leadership to head-off this unfortunate tendency. I should be indeed grateful if you can give this matter your immediate attention so that we could have California's experience at our disposal in the near future.

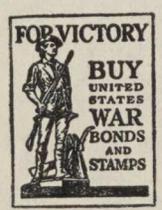
Mrs. Wills joins me in saying best wishes.

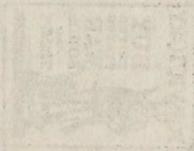
Yours sincerely,

A. L. Wills
A. L. Wills

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Board, material and
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WILLIAM W. HUBBARD
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11/8/43
Ruth

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1419 North Rosemead Boulevard
San Gabriel, California
Telephone ATLantic 44580

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30 Oct '43

Dear Ruth :

Glad to hear you are back from "D C". We want to hear about it. Read with intense interest Harry's 4 pager last evening.

Mrs Thayer says she has sent you a copy (or had sent) of the 4 page pamphlet we got out down here. One member worked it up, but 4 or 5 of us endorsed it, including chairman Thayer. Since printing she and one or two others feel that we should have the ok of the Central Committee before mailing. As I wrote Galen Fisher, my subcommittee hopes we can have this ok in time to get it to the Pasadena clergy before Nov 7 when they have agreed to preach on this big tangled subject. I am writing wholly on my own (not the Committee) to express this hope, because my subcommittee (Coordinating) wants to cover a lot of groups quickly.

Yours with S-team,

Gale Leman

The pamphlet, as you may see, is meant for popular interest - the "arrange" made

1104 Westwood Ave.

Santa Ana, California.

Oct. 30, 1943.

My dear Mrs. Kingman,

The material sent from your office probably two weeks ago has just come to me, having been forwarded from my former address at Portland. Evidently my notice of change of address slipped somewhere, before reaching you.

I am back in my own home where I expect to remain permanently. The documents interest me greatly, and furnish me with points when doubting or unchristian women quote untrue press articles.

The above address from now on, please

(Mrs. P. J. Schrock)

Lucy V. Schrock.

RWK
11/9/43

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

File

October 31, 1943

Dear Mr. Ferguson:

The memory of the pleasure you and Mr. Kingman afforded me during your visit here, I shall always cherish. Loving people - as I do - I always appreciate being with kindred spirits. Somehow, I have always filled my life, so completely, with "work," that I have much too often deprived myself of such pleasures. I really must resolve to change my "habits"....

Now as to your letter of October 24th: I regret to say that I find it impossible to accept the Executive Chairmanship of the organization. It is not because the "Cause" is not worthy; it is just that I can not devote the time required to do a "good job." Emotionally, too, I am hardly equipped to handle the problem, at this time.

Several days ago, we received a letter from my son ~~is~~ across seas; again he has sustained injuries & again is in a hospital "over there." You can understand my feelings, I know. I also

must respect my son's feelings, particularly
at this time ...

If you can spare the time, please do let me
know how the work progresses. My kind regards
to Mrs. Kingman, when you write her, - and my deepest
thanks to you for your patience with me and con-
fidence in me.

Sincerely,

Abraham Melnikoff

Mrs. Kingman

November 1, 1943

Rev. Gale Seaman
1419 North Rosemead Blvd
San Gabriel, Calif.

Dear Gale:

It is fine to hear of the vigorous efforts of you and the other members on the Pasadena Committee on Fair Play, such as your plan to distribute literature at the churches on the Sunday when the ministers are to preach on the evacuee issue.

As to use of the folder entitled "United We Stand", I at once discussed it with Mrs. Kingman, and found she agreed with me, to the effect that it was likely to be repugnant to a number of our own Committee and Board members, on account of its somewhat sensational make-up. We recognize that many of the hoi polloi are likely to be appealed to by just such material, and certainly, we should recognize that some one must try to influence them. But obviously, our Committee is not the one to do it if it requires the use of materials that our own members disapprove. It must be left to other agencies and individuals. Our forte is influencing persons of importance, who play a large part in setting the pace for the press, the platform and the official world. Much of our work is therefore done with individuals.

Mrs. Kingman is to consult Dr. McGiffert, as Chairman of the Executive Committee, and he may write to the Pasadena Committee. This is merely my personal opinion. I think Mrs. Thayer is sound in her feeling that she should have the approval of her own Committee and also of the central Executive Committee, although the Executive Committee, as you know, does not wish to block the initiative and zeal of any of the affiliated committees.

Like Mrs. Fleming, I especially like that pointed letter to the American Legion by Pfc Borchers.

I am not writing to Mrs. Thayer, but you may show her this if you wish.

Cordially yours

Galen M. Fisher

P.S.

I expect to be in Pasadena on the 10th, with the Christian Mission on World Order, and hope to see you and other friends.