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Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman  
2207 Union Street  
Berkeley, California

Dear Mrs. Kingman:

Last night a group of us here in Santa Barbara met and formed a chapter of the Committee of American Principles and Fair Play. Until our Treasurer turns in his report, I do not know how many people actually became members. We had an election and the following officers were installed:

Dr. John DeForest Pettus, 80 Eucalyptus Lane -- Chairman.  
Miss Grace Southwick, 1425 Mission Ridge Road, Vice-Chairman.  
Mr. Walter Kong, 2636 Puesta del Sol, Treasurer  
Mr. Donald C. Peattie, 940 Mission Canyon Road, Exec. Secretary.  
Mrs. Elizabeth Ahlman, 432 North Canada - Corres. Secretary.

I have distributed a certain number of membership cards to people who could not attend the meeting and it is possible that some of them, reading the injunction on the back of the membership card to return it to the San Francisco headquarters with the money, may write in direct to you. I shall be grateful (if they do so) if you will give us any Santa Barbara names that come in to you, so that we may put them on our local mailing list.

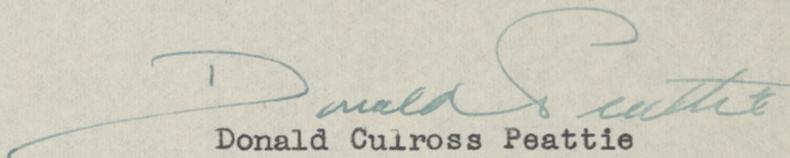
I have no idea how easy it will be to get members or to get wide financial support of those who do become members. I feel that it is injudicious for this Chapter or the San Francisco headquarters to set a Santa Barbara quota at the present time.

A letter from headquarters suggests that after a certain quota has been raised, the local Chapter should then begin to receive a percentage of the local contributions for expenses. But expenses do not wait until quotas have been raised; they begin from the

moment you start mailing receipts to headquarters. Would it not be more just to permit the local Chapter to have some percentage of every contribution from the first? Otherwise, how are we to operate? We may never obtain a large membership, for one is deluged these days by appeals -- many of them very worthy. But a small membership might still be extremely influential in a community of this size.

For the present I am, without telling many people about it, assuming all the secretarial, stationery, and mailing expenses, in a personal way, and do not intend to ask the local Chapter for reimbursement. But it seems to me only businesslike to put the expenses on a basis where they are shared by all the members as soon as possible. Will you not refer this matter to the proper officers in headquarters and let us know what they think?

Yours very truly,

  
Donald Cuiross Peattie

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September 7, 1943

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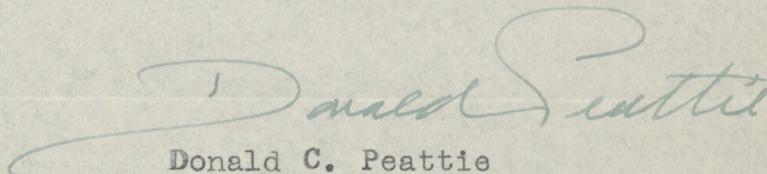
Dear Mrs. Kingman:

If you will lend me a set of the reprints of the four articles that appeared in the Christian Century by Galen Fisher on the American Japanese, I will take them under serious consideration from the point of view of condensing them for Reader's Digest.

I can't say a thing until I've seen them, and I do not know that I could explain to you, in a few words, the peculiar reasons why Reader's Digest does or does not accept a given article. My own sense of it is not infallible, but I think I can guess right when I see Mr. Fisher's articles.

I'm still having trouble finding the right speaker. Won't you please suggest someone?

Always cordially,

  
Donald C. Peattie

Kingman - 10/10/43

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