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Committee on American Principles and Fair Play

(INCORPORATED)

Headquarters: Room 203, 465 California Street, San Francisco 4

December 2, 1944

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

Dear Ruth:

You will find enclosed my monthly report also the bi-weekly one.

There ~~is~~ also enclosed checks for the amount of \$27.00. \$10.00 each from Joseph Scott, and Edward H. McLaughlin. These came as a result of Father Whelan's letters. The other memberships were gotten by Vera Holden at the YWCA apparently months ago, and she has just now given them to me with a money order for \$7.00 which I cashed and am sending you my own check. You will note that they are from Alma Bercovitz, Frieda Rapoport, Lillian Most, Mrs. Minnie Condy Smith, Alba Di Giantomaso, and Denoya E. Petty.

We will be very much interested to know how the money is coming in. I hope that you will let me know soon.

I hear from Bob Brown that Harry has gone to Washington. How is everything with you and that AirWac of yours?

Regards,

Katherine

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Headquarters: Room 203, 465 California Street, San Francisco 4

December 6, 1944

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

Dear Ruth:

I hope that you had a successful trip to Salt Lake City. There was a very good AP press release of the meeting in the Los Angeles Times, and it mentioned Mrs. Ruth Kingman. You probably have the clipping on the meeting.

Hope that the bug did not attack you in Salt Lake also. I was talking to Bob Cozzens today, and he said that if it had, he would begin to get very suspicious! Nasty mind that man has!

When are you going to send those Kits that I asked you for over the phone several weeks ago? We really need this material. The Y groups will use it as soon as we supply it, and a delay like this makes them lose their original enthusiasm.

We are spending some money on having letters written, and more letter-heads. I would like to have an accounting of our funds as soon as possible, so I will know just how we stand. These membership letters ought to be bringing in quite a little, and we really must know who responds. Please let me know this as soon as possible.

Mr. Ramey, an ardent supporter of ours, and who used to teach at Tule Lake just phoned and asked me the names of Fair Play people or other good contacts in Reedley which is about 30 miles from Visalia, near Fresno. Please let me know about these people soon. I told him that I would phone him as soon as I heard from you. The Fresno people would be OK if there is no one in Reedley.

Regards, Katherine

You sent brochures, I asked for membership cards also.

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Committee on American Principles and Fair Play

PASADENA CHAPTER

466 East California Street
Pasadena 5, California
December 6, 1944

Mr. Galen M. Fisher,
Orinda, California.

Dear Mr. Fisher:

It seems to me that this is a critical time in our State with some evacuees returning and perhaps all bars to be let down soon, and yet the general public confused by all the protests being made about their return by so many very vocal groups. Sometimes we all feel that sentiment has improved and yet I find so many "good" people saying "Better wait till the war is over".

The Pacific Coast Committee is undertaking a big job in trying to set up a group in each community which will welcome any evacuees and try to direct public opinion. How necessary this is was proved in the controversy over Esther Takei in Pasadena. One of our executive committee was told by a member of the Board of Supervisors that if that case had not been so successfully handled, there would have been a four to one vote

in the Board asking General Bonesteel not to permit any more to return to Los Angeles County.

May I say that I do not believe the Pacific Coast Committee is at present staffed to carry on such an undertaking. I think the working force should be enlarged and a real campaign undertaken. I think that the Los Angeles office should for a time, at least, have a full time executive with a secretary. I think that the Berkeley office should have more people to get out material. Ten days ago Mrs. Kaplan told me she had talked with Mrs. Kingman, by telephone, and been promised some kits. There was a very important meeting of General Secretaries of ten Western States (Y.W.C.A.) right after Thanksgiving and Mrs. Kaplan and I had held a meeting with a National secretary who planned to do some good educational work there and show the kits. None has yet come. I am not criticizing anybody but trying to say that if we are to do a big job, enough people must be available to carry on.

The Friends of the American Way have set up an office with an executive secretary in Pasadena. They are getting in touch with many communities with speakers and literature. I find that they are speaking before some Y.W.C.A. groups. I feel that the Committee on American Principles and Fair Play should be the group to work with the Y.W.C.A. in that we are a Pacific Coast group. Tonight I have sent to Mrs. Kaplan the names of Presidents of the Y.W.C.A. in Southern California. Way last summer I sent the names of all Association Presidents in the Pacific Coast States to Mrs. Kingman, hoping a letter would go to them telling of the work of our Committee and

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urging their cooperation. I had hoped to be one of the signers. The idea was not carried out. Just now a letter has reached all Associations in the Western Defense Command from Mrs. Bartlett Heard of Berkeley, Convener of the Western Region, calling upon them to make plans to help the returning evacuees and asking them to let her know what they are ^{doing} and will do.

I suggested to Mrs Kaplan that she follow up this letter in Southern California by one to Associations asking them to send us names of community people who would join with them in looking out for bad publicity and trying to make welcome any returning evacuees. Our Pacific Coast Committee needs the strength of the Y.W.C.A. and I think that steps should be taken up and down the coast to unify our efforts. Dillon Myer told me that the Y.W.C.A. throughout the country had been the most helpful to them. The Y.M.C.A. headquarters in Los Angeles are also ready to help but material must be made available or we are going to lose their interest.

I have been feeling this for a long time but in the past few days when I discover how active the Friends of the American Way are becoming, I realize that our Pacific Coast Committee must not undertake something so big unless they are staffed and prepared to carry on. I know that Mrs. Kingman was out ill and was recently in Salt Lake where I am sure she did a fine job, but is there no office secretary to get out kits and handle other matters? It is not just kits, either, but this is a large undertaking and can we do a good job? We may not have much time.

As you will see, I have spoken very frankly but I am truly concerned. Things are on the move and perhaps we must run to catch up.

Sincerely yours,

Maynard Force Thayer

Mrs. Maynard Force Thayer

Dec. 7, 44

Night Letter
Katherine Kaplan
1732 Kelton Ave.
Los Angeles 24, Calif.

Deeply regret delay on kits, due our understanding you would ask specific number sent various groups. Have large number made up waiting your instructions. Have not prepared separate manila folder as seems superfluous and costly plus envelope. If you wish to prepare same go ahead. We include suggested material plus index. Have sent all available membership cards. Additional cards at printers. Will send same when ready. Please phone or wire how many kits you wish us to send and where. Hope B S within week.

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HAS CONTENT

December 8, 1944

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

Dear Katherine:

Since Miss McMullins' statement of October 19th, showing the contributions received from the Los Angeles office, we have received approximately \$242.00. This is only a very rough estimate. We have no reports other than the duplicate from the San Francisco office and if you care to, I would suggest that you write them for a complete report which they could send you weekly.

Each contributing member automatically receives a kit from this office and since the cost is prohibitive we do not send them usually except to members. Who will carry the cost of those which we send to you?

We have received a letter from Miss Elizabeth L. Woods of the Los Angeles school board a copy of which is enclosed. We are writing her suggesting that she get in touch with you. We couldn't carry the cost of distributing them, but perhaps the Los Angeles committee could. It would amount to about \$270.00

You have probably noticed the reports about a mass meeting in Brawley to ban the Japanese. Apropos of this we have written letters to the following suggesting that they lend their influence toward maintaining a fair minded attitude, and have enclosed a copy of Dr. Sproul's speech in each one:

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

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

Mrs. Cora Cyde
3840 Market St.
Riverside,

Mary Ellen Pangle
3600 Main St.
Riverside

Katherine Kaplan

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December 11, 1944

Mrs. Marguerite Pennington
3695 Market
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, Calif.

Mrs. Esther Rosenberger
3216 Main St.
Riverside,

Miss Laura Balderston
4006 4th St.

Gardiner W. Spring
424 East 4th St.
Ontario,

Bruce Miller
1453 No. Euclid Ave.
Ontario,

John W. Collins
Brawley,

Ernest Steimle
Brawley,

The names of Fresno people:

Rev. Henry Scherer
810 Harrison Ave.

Miss Elizabeth Taylor
620 Tulare

Mrs. W. B. Mikesell
1036 Cambridge

Miss Willa Marsh
347 Harvard

Mrs. Lawrence Young
1740 Thorne Ave.

Mrs. Dale Orr
1762 Van Ness

Mrs. John Hoiem
Armstrong Ave.
Fowler,

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman
Executive Secretary

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PACIFIC COAST
Committee on American Principles and Fair Play
PASADENA CHAPTER

December 10, 1944.

Dear Mr. Fisher:

For fear I did not make myself clear on one point in my letter, I want to say that in speaking of "a full time executive" in Los Angeles for a time, I had only Mrs. Kaplan in mind. I have no idea whether she could give added time or not and I realize that she never counts the hours but gives a great deal of overtime. She is doing a magnificent job and beginning to get results.

My idea was that if for a short time she could be on more than a half time basis and have adequate secretarial help, she might accomplish more. I believe she is leaving shortly to be gone for some time.

Of course you know more about staffing your Berkeley

office than I do, but I realize that our material
is often slow arriving because there is much to do there,
yet that material is necessary to our moving on
rapidly enough.

Surely Mrs Kingman and Mrs Kaplan are both
giving generously of their best.

Sincerely yours,

Maynard Force Thayer.

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Rev. A. A. Heist
Santa Maria
California

Dear Mr. Heist:

We are glad to hear from Mr. Davis McEntire that he had talked with you concerning your community's attitude toward a possible return of some of the evacuated Japanese Americans.

We have been greatly encouraged with the willingness of most thinking persons to recognize their responsibility to see that facts are made known, and to guide their communities toward an intelligent and peaceful solution of the problem.

As Mr. McEntire told you, our Committee's chief concern is not the defense of persons of Japanese ancestry, but rather the defense and support of basic rights, under the Constitution.

We have always recognized the right and propriety of the War Department's action in ordering the evacuation, as a military necessity. When, in the opinion of the War Department, that military necessity is no longer present, we maintain the principle that all law abiding persons should receive equal treatment, and that the War Department should have full support in its efforts to restore the civil rights of persons of Japanese ancestry.

As you know, it has been easy in view of the brutalities committed by the armies of the Imperial Japanese government, for West Coast citizens to associate those brutalities with our own loyal citizens of Japanese ancestry. Clarification of this confusion will have to be made in our local communities, particularly in California.

Toward that end, we hope that you will continue to give serious thought to your part in developing a fair minded attitude in your own city, an attitude based upon cool and unbiased thinking, an attitude which will measure up to the high standards provided in our Constitution.

If we can be of any service to you, in sending informative material, or in any other way, will you please let us know.

Very sincerely yours,

Ruth W. Kingman

"... Americanism is not, and never was, a matter of race or ancestry."—Franklin D. Roosevelt, February 1, 1943

These two don't get together & don't have much to say

THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS



Mrs. Ruth Kingman
2234 Telegraph Ave.
Berkeley - 4
Calif.

The Fresno Bee had such a conciliatory editorial the other day

MRS. ROY V. SOWERS . . . ROUTE 1, . . . ALMA, CALIFORNIA .

that I wondered if I could steelhead. Hard to believe it of them.
Sunday pm.

Dear TK -

Just heard the 10 p.m. news & feel I should
celebrate, but facilities in Jewwood are rather
limited! I think I can guess at the reason for
temporary change in WDC journals. Your
space in the Chronicle was good, & how nice of the
Wood River people to help the cause so well. I'll
have to listen to Harry Smith in the morning & see
what he has to say. A lot of people are going to be
strangely silent now -

Sincerely - W.C.S.

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11 El Sueno
Orinda, Calif.
December 12, 1944

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

Dear Mrs. Kaplan:

Your good letter of November 17 was not overlooked, but I was awaiting a reply from Dr. Gillett to my similar inquiry made to him when I wrote you. At length, two days ago, came his reply, with his apologies, and in it he gave me the fuller account of what he had been doing. Evidently, he and you and the rest have not been idle. Accordingly, yesterday I sent you the check for the \$150. which we had promised toward Dr. Gillett's expenses, and the incidentals connected with the campaign that he is helping to push.

The enclosed copy of my letter to Mrs. Thayer will give you some idea of the difficulties that have faced us around here. In spite of all, progress has been registered.

I believe that Mrs. Kingman has cleared up the ambiguity that she felt as to the kits for the YWCA. I do hope you and Mrs. Thayer will be able to utilize the YWCA cooperation to the full.

The most substantial work to date in these parts has probably been that done by Mr. McIntyre, although other activities have amounted to quite a sizeable total. The address and poster by Dr. Sproul have exercised a wide influence, but of the sort that one can't tabulate.

Connie tells me that yesterday the mimeographed copies of my article of November came from the mimeographers. Perhaps they will be of some use to you with certain folks. I'm glad you are of a stout heart. We're bound to win in the end.

Sincerely yours

Galen M. Fisher

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11 El Sueno
Orinda, Cal.
December 12, 1944

Mrs. Maynard Force Thayer
466 East California St.
Pasadena 5 Calif.

Dear Mrs. Thayer:

Your letter of the 6th came two days ago, and I do thank you sincerely. Such frankness is most welcome. You have ample grounds for concern about the ability of our Committee to make good in its current campaign. But as I will show, there are some grounds also for encouragement. Let me explain.

The plans formulated by Mrs. Kingman and the central Executive Committee were ambitious but sound. They called for a special budget, so as to allow for engaging extra staff at Berkeley and Los Angeles, primarily for field work in crucial points in California. As to those extra funds, Roger Baldwin told me in June that he thought a foundation in N.Y., of which he is a director, would give generously. We appealed, with full data, to that foundation, and are still awaiting their decision. Then a leading church executive told me he thought we could count on help from several Boards. We appealed, and got a firm though cordial refusal. Then we asked a Hawaii foundation that had given last year, to renew. They are still considering, after four months. Efforts to get funds from individuals have of course continued, and with sufficient response to keep our budget of about \$800. a month out of the red, but no more.

to raise funds,

We should, no doubt, have done something more/ but lack of adequate funds has hampered execution of the plan. Meanwhile, however, we have secured the collaboration of voluntary workers from other agencies, which we hoped to do in any case. Dr. Gillett alone, and in company with George Rundquist, has worked well at Santa Barbara, Ventura, Los Angeles, Redlands, Riverside, Santa Ana, Orange, and has cooperated with the So. Cal. Council of Churches in sending a special letter to all pastors, together with Cozzens' address at Pasadena and Dr. Muelder's memo. etc. Our central treasury contributed \$150. for Gillett's expenses.

Davis McIntyre of the Rosenwald and Field Foundations has done effective work among civic leaders in Monterey, Santa Maria, San Luis Obispo and several other cities where feeling is high. His reports indicate excellent results. He is an expert in this field and wins confidence. Dr. Sproul's address has been sent to about 2300 school principals, social work executives, YMCA secretaries, and other civic leaders, accompanied by a covering letter signed personally by Gen. David P. Barrows.

In executing the campaign, it was agreed that Mrs. Kingman should continue to carry her major responsibility for relations with the authorities (which call for a lot of time, not only to keep up to date, but to give counsel), to maintain connection with other agencies and with our own membership, but that I should get the church agencies under the campaign. Accordingly, ~~on August 28th~~ ^{in S.F.} She would also deal with the enlistment of representative citizens in critical cities. To that end, she got the able collaboration of Mr. McIntyre and, for a short period, of Mr. Rundquist.

As to the churches, on August 25th, I called together 30 church executives and other leaders, and got them behind the campaign, that is, they agreed to send in names of their leaders in all Northern Calif. churches (Prot., Cath. and Jewish) and to write their respective denominational papers. Then the Interracial Committee of the No. Cal. Council of Churches (Protestant) undertook to push the campaign in the affiliated churches. Unfortunately, that Committee has struck a snag, and has done little, except that they have used a capable worker whom we secured for part time, who has visited a dozen cities and dealt with the pastors there. They have not dropped the project, however, and tomorrow I am to confer with the chairman and the parttime worker as to pushing the larger plan. Perhaps I could have helped this Committee to overcome the snag if I had been at home all this fall, but I was away two weeks in October and a month in November and early December.

Further competent aid has been given by some denominational executives, such as Rev. Gordon Chapman and Dr. F. Herron Smith, and the AF Service Committee has continued its work with various groups to the same ends as we hold. The Area YMCA has already cooperated somewhat, and further efforts with them are now under way.

You mention the overlapping with the Friends of the Amer. Way, and I confess that they trouble me. Months ago they said they would confine efforts to Pasadena and vicinity, which seemed good. You and all of us welcomed their activity, even tho we did not agree with Mr. Carr on the immediate-return point. But complaints have recently come to us that they have been sending their circulars to church people in other regions as well. Accordingly, I am venturing to write Hugh Anderson a kindly inquiry. One of our basic principles is to work through other agencies for local activity, as far as possible, and to focus on general principles and public opinion and official relations. But since we got the churches to work on this campaign, they assumed that no one else was approaching the churches. Hence the difficulty when Amer. Way also approaches them.

Mrs. Kingman's absences at Seattle for two weeks and at Salt Lake and Topas recently, have been partly responsible for delays, such as that about the kits for the YMCA. But she tells me that she was awaiting word from Mrs. Kaplan as to how they were to be sent - directly from here, or via Los Angeles. Another delay was caused by the Los A. office addressing two important letters to Dr. McGiffert while he was on an eastern trip, and Mrs. K. and I were away, and a new office secretary was learning the ropes in Berkeley. (I mention my absence, altho I am only one of the officers, and might not be able to settle certain matters, but I would at least have sent a reply at once.)

I have written at length to give you the setting, but not to deny that our Committee is not doing the job it planned to do, more than 50 per cent. effectively. Late tho it now is, we shall continue to try for added funds, and to work what resources we now have. - Do continue to send suggestions and frank criticisms.

c.c. Mrs. Kaplan
Mrs. Kingman

Cordially yours

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Headquarters: Room 203, 465 California Street, San Francisco 4

December 13, 1944

Dean J. Hugh Jackson
Graduate School of Business
Stanford University
Palo Alto, California

Dear Dean Jackson:

As you know, it has been the policy of this office to appeal to our Board Members no more than has been necessary, for action requiring an expenditure of any considerable lengths of time.

We depart from this policy long enough to urge you to follow the suggestion we have made to our regular members.

This suggestion is enclosed, together with Dr. McGiffert's personal note, as it accompanied my letter.

I cannot emphasize too strongly, the strength of the support we can provide the War Department, if all of the members of our Board will write the letters as suggested. I am sure that the response from the membership at large will be excellent.

You know, of course, that we have never suggested a return of the evacuees to the Pacific Coast. Our position has always been predicated upon full support of the War Department. Therefore, we should feel the propriety and obligation to continue that support, particularly in the face of the sort of opposition which may greet any change of policy.

May I urge you, as a Board Member, to take time, NOW, to prepare that letter, so that it will be ready to send if and when the War Department announces a modification of its Exclusion Orders.

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Dear Mrs. Kingman:-
I never write letters
to my local paper, and re-
gret that I can make
no exception in this case.
J. Hugh Jackson

Very cordially yours,

Ruth W. Kingman

"... Americanism is not, and never was, a matter of race or ancestry."—Franklin D. Roosevelt, February 1, 1943

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December 14, 1944

Mr. H. S. Scott, Treasurer
Pacific Coast Committee on
American Principles and Fair Play
465 California Street
San Francisco 4, California

Dear Mr. Scott:

We would appreciate very much if we could have a weekly statement as to the memberships that have been received from the Los Angeles area.

As you know, we have been sending out a series of letters asking for membership these signed by various members of our Committee. These members are anxious to know who has responded to their requests. Also it is important for us to know how our finances stand.

Thank you so much.

Very truly yours,

Katherine F. Kaplan

Mrs. Katherine F. Kaplan
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December 15, 1944

Dr. Robert G. Sproul, President
University of California
Administration Building
Berkeley 4, California

Dear Dr. Sproul:

I was glad to be able to talk to you by telephone, on Wednesday, explaining the action of the Committee on the resolution passed by the State Senate Fact Finding Committee.

Your reluctance to give your personal signature to the protest seems to me to be not only understandable but quite right. One reason we feel your name to be valuable is that you are careful and discriminating in its use.

We are confident that had you been familiar with all of the facts you would have joined us.

Nevertheless, we appreciate your support of the Committee's stand, and feel that we can count on that support at all times.

My heartiest Christmas Greetings.

Very cordially yours,

Ruth W. Kingman
Executive Secretary

RWK:ech

FRESNO STATE COLLEGE
Fresno, California

Dean of Women

December 15, 1944

Mrs. Ruth Kingman
Fair Play Committee
2234 Telegraph Avenue
Berkeley 4, California.

Dear Mrs. Kingman:

We were very much interested in meeting Mr. McIntyre last Sunday and talking things over as to what we might do to make our Fair Play group here more active. Some of us have been quite ~~restless~~ restless and feel that now is the time to speak out and yet we do not want to start anything which will not be effective.

In the course of a conversation with Dean Malloch of the Epispcal church, he asked me to get him one hundred copies of President Sproul's speech and one hundred copies of "American Fighting Men speak out." I do not have the price of them here. Would you kindly bill me for them and I will just hope that somebody will reimburse me. Also, please send some more of the leaflets dated September 1944, Pacific Coast Committee on American Principles and Fair Play"

Mr. McIntyre may have told you that we are trying to get up a mailing list of a considerable number. In the course of doing this, I hope we will also get some subscriptions for the committee in order to help pay costs. I dropped into the office last month and left \$2.00 and I want to correct the address. It is:

Mrs. Guy B. Colburn
633 McKinley
Fresno

We are just in the throes of a new case here in Fresno. Harry Osaki has received permission to return and bring his father and mother. The ^{family} who occupy his house have had notice for a long time and there is a new place to which they could move but they are quite happy where they are in a eight room house for which they pay \$25 a month. We are going to hear many a repercussion from the case. Apparently each new person to return will be persecuted as far as it is possible to do so and their private affairs aired in the newspapers.

Page 2.

This boy, Harry, has a medical discharge from the army
and his brother is in the service, both having volunteered.

Sincerely yours,

Mary C. Baker

Mary C. Baker
Dean of Women.

Your letter arrived just as I was about
to go this off. And now the news for which
you have waited so long! I was
into my bath water — at that critical
moment I had the radio on —

Please send the above order if
MCB:gc
the leaflets are still useful
& timely.

I mailed my letter ^{to the B. A.} MCB — we talked with
Mr. Cozzens yesterday by phone —

Route 1, Alma
December 15, 1944

Mrs. Ruth Kingman
2234 Telegraph Avenue
Berkeley-4, California

Dear Mrs. Kingman:

In case you did not find the reference to the Joint Immigration Committee's 1935 statements concerning the fine qualities of the Japanese American population of California, I am sending you the exact page numbers.

I have a 317-page report (probably that same one that you had in the office) - "Report of the Subcommittee on Japanese War Relocation Centers to the Committee on Military Affairs of the United States Senate on S. 444 and S. Res. 101 and 111." It is dated May 17, 1943.

Toward the end of the booklet they have reprinted parts of hearings on H. R. 7170 which dealt with naturalization of oriental veterans of the last war. On the middle of page 275 is the telegram sent by the Joint Immigration Committee and pages 283 and 284 contain the amazing statement made, I believe, on March 2, 1935.

I should certainly like to know how they squirm out of it today and hope that some effective use can be made of it. Keep me posted.

Very sincerely yours,



Margaret Cosgrave Sowers

copy to Mr. Frayne

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December 16, 1944

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

Dear Ruth:

Thanks for your interesting and helpful letter of Dec. 8.

In regard to the Brawley situation. When the thing first started, we were investigating the channels that we had into the territory. The best bet was the Presbyterian church; and so Mr. Buley, ass't to Dr. Glenn Moore exec. dir. of the Presbyterian Church Extension Board, phoned Rev. Cowin, their minister in Brawley, and gave him directions as to how to proceed. As you may know, the people down there are very antagonistic when it comes to any one so much as two miles out of town telling them how to conduct their affairs, so I don't know how fruitful a copy of Sproul's speech going to your friends in Riverside would be when it comes to influencing the folks in Brawley. Our reports from Rev. Cowin's efforts have been fair, and I think that he can gather a group of supporters around him.

When Dr. Moore got back to town and found out that their man was helping in that way, he was delighted. Rev. Cowin was assured that the Presbyterian Church stood firmly back of him in any moves that he might make in our direction.

As regards Dr. Woods and the Sproul speeches. I have been trying to get to her for the last two days without success. But her secretary assures me that they will not be ready to move on it until after the first of the year, so that can wait until I get back.

A Mr. Philip Ketchum, regional director of the United Seamen's Service, 22 Battery Street, San Francisco 11, may be getting in touch with you. He has joined the Committee because Mr. Larson of the United Seamen's Service in Los Angeles asked me to write to him. I am enclosing his letter to me. You ought to be able to use him.

Am also enclosing the "gas" application for McGiffert to sign, also the bi-weekly report.

Merry Christmas, Katherine.

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D.S. I am leaving tomorrow - Dec - 17 - 44 will be staying at the Antler's Hotel, Colorado Springs, CO. Back here Jan 7.

Dea Ruth,

This is a P.S. for the letter you either just opened or will open in a minute. I had sealed the letter without commenting on the kits.

The groups that order large quantities of them will pay for them at a rate of 35¢ a piece. This was the agreement that we came to over the phone that day that I called you up about it. The YMCA will pay for the first 70 that you send. The Congragational Church will pay for the ones that they order. Gillett will get in touch with you about that.

I am leaving tomorrow, and will be staying at the Antler's Hotel in Colorado Springs if you want to get in touch with me. I will be back here Jan. 7.

Happy New Year this time.

Kathleen

Aurelia Henry Reinhardt, 2215 Bywood Drive, Oakland 2, California

December 16th, 1944.

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

My dear Mrs. Kingman:

I am acknowledging at once your communication of December 13th. It seems the least I can do to send you a brief note saying that I was happy to receive your telephone request; that I think your letter to the membership of the Committee a good one; that I will endeavor to follow out the requests made of the Committee, and that I think the action taken sensible and promising.

By the way, do you not feel gratified at the sanity of many organizations and persons in the replies they are making to the wild claims of other organizations for the permanent exclusion of Japanese from the State of California?

With cordial greetings for the season,
I am

Yours earnestly,

Aurelia Henry Reinhardt

AHR/RN



The Mystery of Christmas

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The Mystery of Christmas

Prelude:

Dance in the Medieval Manner Maleingreau

The people wait in hope and expectation . . .

Angels appear before them . . .

One angel bears the glad tidings . . .

The people rejoice with the angels.

People: Betty Blair, Jacqueline Johnson, Kolbrun Jonsdottir, Margaret Kerr, Lois Vise.

Angels: Frances Grimes, Martha Malmo, Barbara Norman, Ruth Reiff, Jeanne Riley.

Choreographer: Eleanor Lauer.

The Play

AN ADAPTATION FROM THE

TOWNELEY CYCLE

Cast

The Virgin Mary	Margaret Hitchcock
Joseph	Lorraine Eisenberg
Gabriel	Margot Martin
Elizabeth	Judith Beaumont
Shepherds	Margaret Downie, Jean Solberg, Mary Jean Stockstill
Wisemen	Mollybelle Slobe, Margaret Selby, Joy Hickok
Herod	Roberta Powell
Messenger	Edythe Kinney

Director of the Play L. Louise Stephens

Music for the Christmas Play

Lo, How a Rose Praetorius

Ave Maria Mozart

While by My Sheep 17th-Century Hymn

Angels O'er the Fields Were Flying Old French Carol

We Three Kings of Orient Are John Hopkins

The Virgin at the Manger Perilhou

He is Sleeping in a Manger Polish Carol

O Bone Jesu Palestrina

Incidental music and choir accompaniment by the orchestra.

Musical Director Howard Brubeck

College Organist Connell Keefer Carruth

Choir: Frances Baldwin, Barbara Benedict, Emily Cornett, Marion Coleman, Yaada Cottingham, Elizabeth Douglas, Beryl Fayette, Barbara Fuller, Carol-Jeanne Hammond, Barbara Hazelton, Grace Hofer, Audrey Hoffman, Lois Hofmann, Christiane Knauer, Carolyn McCarty, Barbara McCutcheon, Nancy McNary, Lois Miller, Marilee Phillips, Doris Riese, Mary Rink, Carol Smith, Mary Jean White.

Orchestra: Barbara Benedict, Barbara Bennett, Virginia Butterworth, Emily Cornett, Sarah Cossum, Yaada Cottingham, Frederique Gradwohl, Nancy Harbert, Christiane Knauer, Katherine Marshall, Patsy Lee Miller, Carol Noble, Nanette Ostrander, Doris Riese, Mary Rink, Harriett Westling, Elaine Wertheimer, Mary Jean White.

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Lucy Perkins

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Bea Disman, Joyce Card

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PASADENA CHAPTER

466 East California Street
Pasadena, 5, California
December 17, 1944

Dear Mrs. Kingman:

Since your letter was received in Pasadena yesterday my telephone has rung numerous times. In last night's paper it was stated that 105 Japanese, members of Families with men in the Army have been granted permission to return to their former Pacific Coast residences. Some wanted to know if that was an occasion for the letters of which you spoke, and I said I did not think so but that you had in mind a general revocation of the ban by the War Department.

Each person also asked what you wanted done with the "two copies" which you asked to have made and that I said I could not answer. If I were to guess, I would say you wanted a copy and to have one sent to the War Department. Will you please elucidate that for us so I can answer with authority?

I was very glad to read the statement in regard to the Senate (so called) Fact Finding Committee. I have felt before that in several flagrant cases some answer should be made and several of our members have questioned why such was not done. Even Mr. Kelley called me to say he thought my (?) Statement was very good. When I asked if he concurred, he replied -"Certainly not, but I believe in bringing everything out into the open".

Received the card about the Century reprints and am glad we are to have them.

Sincerely yours,

Maynard Force Thayer

*replied
12/18/44*

December 18 , 1944

Mrs. Maynard F. Thayer
466 East California St.
Pasadena 5, California

Dear Mrs. Thayer:

I am enclosing a copy of the letter which we sent to all our members suggesting that they have letters ready to send to the newspapers both local and national; and a second letter to the Secretary of War, Henry L. Stimson, commending the War Department's recent action and supporting it in this new policy.

We do not need to have a copy in this office. One letter is to go to the press, and the second letter is to be sent to the War Department.

Mrs. Kingman will be back in the office Wednesday after a trip to Auburn to straighten out a little problem there. She will be able to answer any further questions, if this does not clarify the matter.

Very sincerely yours,

Constance Halliday
Office Secretary

December 18, 1944

Mrs. Maynard F. Thayer
466 E. California St.
Pasadena 5, California

Dear Mrs. Thayer:

The cost of the 500 reprints which I sent you last week is \$16.92. We have planned to sell them at .05¢ a copy.

If you feel that you will be able to use more, please let me know.

Very sincerely yours,

Office Secretary

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THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS



Mrs. Ruth Kingman
2234 Telegraph Ave.

Berkeley - 4
Calif.

PS

Dec. 18th

I've written letters to Stinson, Jack
Anderson & to the general in S.F. — your note
said to make copies but didn't say what to do
with them! I had a letter half done to Garland
when the news came
so will alter it a bit & provide him with
general enlightenment —

W.C.S.

--SPECIAL DELIVERY--

December 18, 1944.

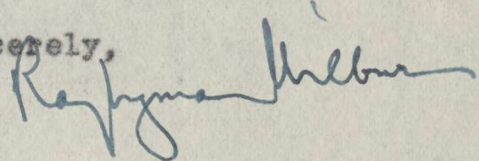
The Editor,
Palo Alto Times,
Palo Alto, California.

ATTENTION: Miss Elinor V. Cogswell.

Dear Miss Cogswell:

Now that the War Department has announced a change in policy in regard to American citizens of Japanese origin I think that all of us here in California should join in making the new policy effective and that every community should see that these American citizens are fairly treated. We realize that the action taken before was viewed as a defense necessity by the War Department. We must assume that the change in policy is to establish justice and to shorten the war.

Very sincerely,



R.L. Wilbur/ELF

b--CC to Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman, Exec. Secy.,
Pac. Coast Com. on Am. Principles
and Fair Play, 2234 Telegraph Ave.,
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1750 VAN NESS AVE.

RT. REV. EDWARD L. PARSONS

December 19, 1944

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

My dear Mrs. Kingman:

I simply did not have time to write anything in the way that your letter suggested before the announcement of the Army's decision concerning the Japanese Americans. I do not know whether in view of the almost universal support of the action on the part of the officials and everyone else who has been quoted it is necessary to say anything more. What do you think about it?² I did write out the enclosed as a letter to the Chronicle. Do you think its worth while to send it either to the Chronicle or anywhere else. I am not sure but that the situation is sufficiently well met.

Faithfully yours,

Edward L. Parsons

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December 19, 1944

San Francisco Chronicle
Fifth and Mission Streets
San Francisco, California

~~Gentlemen:~~

The permission to American citizens of Japanese ancestry to return to the Coast if they wish brings, as has been everywhere pointed out, a searching test to Americans of other ancestries. Do they or do they not accept the principles of American Democracy? Are they or are they not loyal to the Constitution, and will they obey not only its laws but its spirit?

We are fortunate in the fact that so far as I know all responsible leaders have accepted the situation and called on us to be loyal. Most good citizens have also accepted it, but say many of them, "there is great risk of violence; many threats have been uttered by intemperate individuals and groups - It will be wise for these Japanese Americans not to come." That 'but' is the point of my brief letter. By it we experience doubts as to whether loyalty can prevail. It is our business to make it prevail. By it we give to everyone who is hesitant a prejudiced support to his hesitancy and prejudice. By it we give help to small groups of trouble makers. By it we give comfort to the enemy. We show him a doubtful and timid democracy. We must show him instead a democracy as confident, aggressive, and strong in its national life as in its formidable strength on the battle fronts. This is really a very small and insignificant test of our Democratic principles. We must meet it successfully.

Yours very truly,

Bishop of California, Retired.

Rabbi Edgar F. Magnin
Wilshire Boulevard Temple
Wilshire Boulevard at Hobart
Los Angeles
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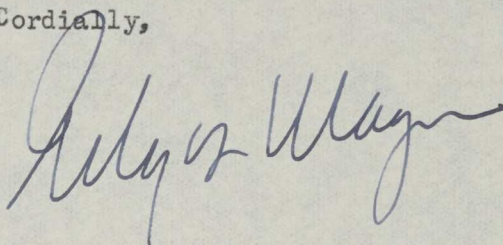
December 19, 1944

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

Dear Mrs. Kingman:

I just got back from the Aleutians and found your letter of the 13th. Enclosed please find copy of a letter I'm sending to all the newspapers here.

Cordially,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Edgar F. Magnin", written in a cursive style.

December 19, 1944

To City Editors
of L.A. Papers.

Dear Sir:

Now that the Supreme Court and the War Department are satisfied that loyal Japanese citizens (who of course were born in this country) will be allowed to return to their homes, it is up to all of us to avoid any acts or express any thoughts that may in any way be dangerous to their security and well-being.

Every intelligent, thinking American will make the distinction between the Japanese government with which we are at war, and innocent people who are in no way connected with that government but just happen to be of Japanese ancestry.

If for any reason American citizens of any descent are deprived of their constitutional rights, the entire fabric of our democracy will be destroyed, and nobody else will be secure. Either we are Americans who support the constitution, or we are not, and it is time that we make up our minds on this subject. Naturally all of us are anxious for the defeat of Japan as fast as possible, and that is particularly true of people like myself who have sons in the service in the Pacific theatre. But that in no way should distort our sense of fair play and justice. This is a time when we ought to keep our heads as well as preserve the integrity of our hearts, and not become hysterical or cruel.

It disturbs me when I see so-called responsible leaders of people who ~~will~~ arouse the emotions of the American public in a way that can only do harm to all of us.

Let us not forget also that there are American boys who are prisoners in the hands of the Japanese, and that any action on our part may bring about cruel retaliation against them. Let us also remember that Americans of Japanese descent are serving

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in the various theatres of war alongside other Americans, and have sustained grave casualties.

Knowing the American people as I do, I am certain that the vast majority of us will maintain our common sense and human attitudes, and will frown upon any artificial, stimulated efforts on the part of those who would create unnecessary disturbance.

Sincerely,

David Prescott Barrows
85 Parkside Drive
Berkeley 5, California

Dec. 20, 1944.

Dear Mrs. Kingman

I think you will be interested in the enclosed letter from Mr. Hermann Hagedorn - (Director of the East and West Association) and the appeal which he is issuing. I enclose both the letter and the folder. The Association's effort seems to enforce the work of the Com. on Fair Play and to be doing it admirably.

Sincerely yours
David P. Barrows

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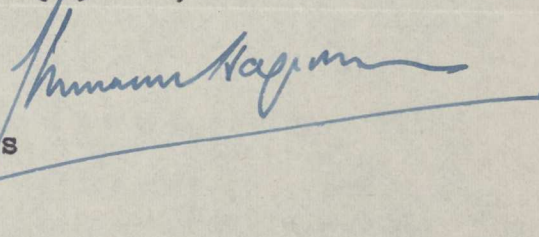
December 7th, 1944.

My dear General Barrows:

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,



General David Prescott Barrows
85 Parkside Drive
Berkeley, California

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

December 21, 1944

Mrs. Maynard F. Thayer
466 California
Pasadena 5, California

Dear Mrs. Thayer:

Your letter commenting on my letter to Mr. Anderson has just been received. We shall send you immediately a draft outline for the proposed Strategy Conference.

We hope you and at least one other interested person from Pasadena will attend. We shall doubtless be able to pay most of your expenses and find you a place to stop overnight unless you have friends to take you in.

Sincerely yours,

Galen M. Fisher

Assistant Treasurer

GMF:lh

Enclosures

Copy of letter to Mr. Crotty

Copy of letter to Mr. Anderson

December 21, 1944

Mr. Homer D. Crotty
634 South Spring Street
Los Angeles, California

Dear Mr. Crotty:

Mrs. Kingman has kept me informed of your vigorous leadership of the strong committee in Los Angeles, and I wish to express my admiration for your patience and good judgment. It is most unfortunate that some of the excellent suggestions to Dr. McGiffert were not acknowledged or acted upon for so long on account of the absence of both Dr. McGiffert and Mrs. Kingman, he in Chicago, she in Seattle.

Now however, with revocation of the exclusion act our work in entering upon a new epoch. You will doubtless agree that we are now on a much sounder footing than before in relation to the public since the Army, Governor Warren, and Secretary Stimson made such strong appeals for cooperation.

In considering what our committee should do during the next few months we hit upon the idea of a Strategy Conference regarding which I have written briefly to Mr. Anderson of Friends of the American Way.

Mrs. Kingman may already have written that you should plan to attend for we both agreed emphatically that you would be a pivotal personality in such a conference. We shall keep you and Mrs. Thayer informed. One of our keenest regrets is that Mrs. Kaplan may still be away.

While I have only mentioned yourself attending from Los Angeles we leave it to you whom else should be invited. President Byrd, Dr. E. C. Farnham and Dan Marshall were mentioned by Mrs. Kingman, but of course the choice would be entirely in your hands.

I am getting this note off without showing it to Mrs. Kingman but I feel sure that she will heartily concur.

I am enclosing also a list of persons in Los Angeles and vicinity whose names have been sent to me by resettled evacuees in the Middle West as being Caucasian friends of theirs before the evacuation.

Sincerely yours,

Galen M. Fisher
Assistant Treasurer

GMF:lh

Enclosures

Copy of letter to Mr. Anderson

List of Los Angeles friends of resettled Japanese

December 22, 1944.

Mr. Calen M. Fisher,
11 El Sueno,
Orinda, Calif.

Dear Calen:

I have your note of December 12th reminding me that I had not supplied Ruth Kingman with the names of people upon whom I called during my recent visit to the Coast. That information will be sent to her.

I am glad to learn that, as far as you know, I did not leave any unpleasant impressions where I went, and I hope that I was able to help in some small measure to prepare our churches for the return of the evacuees.

I was sorry that we did not have an opportunity to work together and to clear with each other so that we might have been mutually helpful. I greatly enjoyed teaming up with Ruth Kingman in Seattle and Portland.

Clarence Gillett had arranged a busy schedule for us in Southern California and I am sorry that I was not able to remain with him more than one week. I do believe that we helped stimulate interest and action amongst a number of people in the communities we visited together. There is no doubt that Clarence makes a very fine impression wherever he goes and he has a lot of friends in Southern California. I am heartily in favor of teaming up with others who can better present certain aspects of the problem than I can. I believe that my forte is action and getting people to work together to do a specific job. Clarence's attitude and presentation of the problem wins many friends.

There are a few persons we met that I feel it is important to cultivate, they are Father Hugh Lavery, head of the Maryknoll Mission, 426 South Boyle Ave., Los Angeles, 33; Dan Marshall, 458 South Spring Street, and Landon Morris, Suite 308, Subway Terminal Building, who are liberal Roman Catholics and should be encouraged to get some action from the Catholic hierarchy on the Coast. These men should be tied in closely with any group or committee working in the Los Angeles area. Marshall and Morris are lawyers and they think in terms of action.

When I was in Chicago I called upon Alexander Liveright, Director of the American Council on Race Relations, and told him something about the work we had been doing throughout the country and particularly to express our thanks for the assistance that Davis McEntire was giving to the problems of the evacuees in Northern California.

On the day that I left San Francisco I had a two-hour luncheon visit with General Wilbur, Chief of Staff of the Western Defense Command who, I understand, is administering the Army program for the return of the evacuees on the West Coast. He is a sincere Christian gentleman, a sort of Puritan, a strict disciplinarian, with a lot of old-fashioned ideas and some prejudices, but absolutely honest. He is receptive to friendly approaches but would back up and resent suggestions about what he might do. In other words, he can be approached in a friendly way and will be receptive to ideas if it is not obvious that you are trying to tell him what to do. I think that you and the General would get along very well, as you would have mutual respect for each other and he would not resent your friendly manner. I feel that we have become easy, friendly acquaintances and that I can write him and address him as a friend and not as an Army officer. I have told you this, as I believe there are things that you can do which the W.R.A. cannot do in getting across to the General suggestions in the handling of certain problems, such as community relationships and a Christian, rather than an official, attitude towards the evacuees. He is suspicious of official visitors.

Quinter Miller showed me a wire signed by Landram, yourself and others, suggesting that I return to San Francisco and that a letter was to follow. No doubt we will receive a letter after the Christmas Holidays. I would like very much, of course, to return to the Coast to help set up resettlement committees around the W.R.A. offices; committees that will be dedicated to service rather than to propaganda, but will of course include public relations in their program. If I could help in that sort of thing, I believe I would then feel that my contribution to the resettlement work was finished.

Thanks very much for your friendly letter. I do look forward to a last fling with you and other friends on the Coast on this particular problem. I believe that I can and will find a place in some program dealing with the various areas of racial or economic conflict, so when I say "a last fling" on this problem, I do not mean that I won't be with you again, as I may have a chance to work with you and others in some other situation.

With best wishes for the new year ahead, I am

Sincerely yours,

George E. Rundquist
Executive Secretary

GER/R.

W. Phillips

435 Terrace Ave.,
Fresno, Calif.,
December 22, 1944.

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

Dear Mrs. Kingman:

Miss Mary C. Baker of our local Committee, who is out of the city for the next two weeks, received either from you or the WRA a list of Fresno attorneys who would handle Japanese-American cases at a nominal fee.

If the list came from your office I should like to ask (1) for a copy of the list of names and (2) a statement from you as to how or by whom the list was compiled.

Perhaps even if the list did not come from you but from the WRA you can supply me the above information.

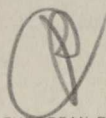
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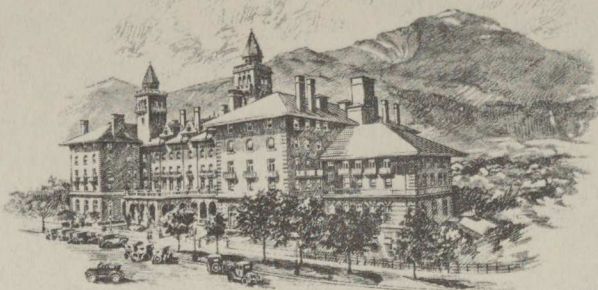
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Dec 29.

Dear Ruth -

I have started things moving so that I can be at the conference Jan 10. I have wired Janet Walker to get me reservations for night of Jan 9 - n failing that, the Day prior to the 9th. I shall have to return Jan 10, as I have an important conference in Pasadena on Jan 11th.

I have been watching the papers closely for reactions relating to the letting of the ban, but nothing of any note has been in the papers that I've seen. I'll just bet that everything runs smoothly, as,

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according to the papers, it's going to
be handled in such a controlled
manner.

Joe and I have been having
a gorgeous time. Although he has
been working just the same, ~~he~~
we really spend our evenings at
night. The daily routine, up at 10,
a walk, sitting in lobby & eating,
is fun for a change, but I don't
think I could take it long.

I'm going to Boulder for a
couple of days next week, leaving
here on Tuesday - back on ~~Friday~~
Thursday, then leave here for L.A.
on Friday. As if you want to
get me on Tuesday or Wednesday

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I shall be staying with the
Frederick Reppiers, 1302 Base Line
Road, Boulder, Colorado.

Hope you-all have been
having a good holiday. It's so
nice that Beverly's close & can
get home once in a while.

Janet is to wire me results of her
efforts in getting me reservations, so
I'll let you know as soon as I
hear from her.

Happy New Year!!

Katharine.

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466 East California Street
Pasadena, 5, California
December 29, 1944

Dear Mrs. Kingman:

Mr. Fisher's letter reached me last Saturday but I had not spoken to anyone about it until your telegram of this morning. Today I called Priscilla Beattie to inquire if there would be a chance of her going up and she said at once "Why is the conference held down here so more of us can go." I replied that I believed you wanted all of us to sit down together, but that if we did not have a good representation from here, your plan would not work out.

Then I called Mr. Crotty and found he was still out of his office because of illness but did reach him at his home. He said he had asked his secretary to write after receiving Mr. Fisher's letter that, personally, he would not be able to come up next the week of the 10th but might the week after. He said Mrs. Kaplan (as you know) would not be back and he had no idea whether any one else could go.

Now I have talked with Mr. Carr who said his group would not meet until the 3rd and they would discuss it then but at the moment he did not know whether anyone would go. So now I am writing to say that while I think it a splendid idea to have such a conference, I am wondering if more would not be accomplished if you and Mr. Fisher came down here and met with a larger group of representatives from each of ours, or at least be sure of having representatives from each. Then you might include Mr. Gillette and one or two others. I am just afraid that we will not be able to get enough of our people up there. It would mean finding transportation for two of you instead of half a dozen if we could count on that many. I am not positive I could go because of some health reasons and doubt if we could find two from our Chapter who could.

I know we all feel such a conference most needed. Your time was so cut into by illness last time and a lot of new things are to be considered. So I trust you will not mind my making this suggestion. It is splendid that the news of the removal of the ban has been received by the general public as well as it has. Mr. Lechner is still threatening but I say that with the Supreme Court, the War Department and Mr. Ickes against him, he has quite a contract. Will you let us know how this suggestion seems to you?

Sincerely yours,

Maynard Force Thayer

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Def 1/1/45
 Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman,
 535 San Luis Road,
 Berkeley, California.

Dear Mrs. Kingman:

I received your wire reading as follows:

"Fair Play Committee calling conference of representatives of West Coast groups known to be interested in problems involved in return of Nisei. We feel efforts should be coordinated and wish your counsel and cooperation. Date January 10 San Francisco. Urge you attend. Committee will meet travel expenses. Details follow by mail."

It will not be possible for me to be in San Francisco on the 10th of January. I had previously advised Dr. Fisher that I could not make that appointment in that particular week. Mrs. Thayer advised me this morning that she also could not be present.

Is there any possibility of arranging for a conference with you and Mr. Cozzens and Dr. Fisher here in Los Angeles to go over various matters? Mrs. Kaplan will not be back until the week of the 13th and I would like to have her present at the conference.

Yours sincerely,

Homer D. Crotty

HDC:JRB

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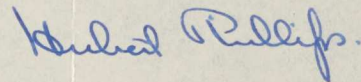
December 29, 1944

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

Dear Mrs. Kingman:

Your Night Letter has been received and I am happy
to be able to reply that I can be with you at the meeting on
January tenth.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Hubert Phillips." The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized 'H' and 'P'.

Hubert Phillips.

December 30, 1944

Mr. Harry S. Scott
465 California Street
San Francisco, California

Dear Mr. Scott:

You are invited to attend a luncheon on January 11, at 12:15 o'clock, at the Commercial Club, 465 California Street, San Francisco.

We are inviting several outstanding leaders of our community, including representatives of business, labor, government (City), church and veterans' organizations, to hear Mr. Dillon S. Myer, National Director, of the War Relocation Authority, speak informally on the policy of his organization in the relocation of persons of Japanese ancestry on the Pacific Coast.

We are sure that Mr. Myer will be ready to answer any questions which might be raised. He will be glad to assist us in any way possible, in our efforts to create and maintain a fair minded realistic attitude, an attitude which will lead to full support of the War Department in its policy of restoration of constitutional rights to law abiding persons of Japanese ancestry.

We know of your interest, and hope that you will be our guest on January 11.

Very cordially yours,

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingmaa
Executive Secretary

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MR. GALEN FISHER, ASSISTANT TREASURER,
COMMITTEE ON AMERICAN PRINCIPLES AND FAIR PLAY
ROOM 203, 465 CALIFORNIA STREET,
SAN FRANCISCO, 4, CALIFORNIA

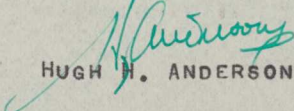
DEAR MR. FISHER:

I HAVE JUST BEEN HANDED YOUR LETTER OF DECEMBER 21 AND IN READING IT SEE THAT WE HAVE DEEP MUTUAL SATISFACTION IN THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE ARMY IN GENERALLY RE-OPENING THIS AREA FOR THOSE WHO CAN NOW AFFORD TO RETURN. I HAVE HEARD THE REJOICING IN THE CAMPS WAS UNDERSTANDABLY GREAT.

YOUR SUGGESTION OF A MEETING ABOUT THE TENTH OF JANUARY FOR A STRATEGY CONFERENCE IS CERTAINLY IN ORDER FOR THE WORK AHEAD IS GOING TO REQUIRE MUCH THOUGHT AND CO-OPERATION. HOWEVER, MR. CARR HAS INDICATED THAT HE WILL NOT BE ABLE TO ATTEND IN PERSON, BUT HAS EXPRESSED CONCERN OVER THE NEED FOR SUCH A GET TOGETHER. I HAVE BEEN PLANNING TO COME TO SAN FRANCISCO ON THE FOURTEENTH OF JANUARY, BUT COMMITMENTS WILL NOT ALLOW ME TO COME EARLIER. I WOULD LIKE TO DESIGNATE A LOCAL PARTY IN OAKLAND TO REPRESENT SUCH IDEAS AS I MIGHT HAVE, THOUGH I DOUBT IF THEY WILL BE ANY CONTRIBUTION TO THE GATHERING.

WE WILL BE VERY MUCH INTERESTED IN A REPORT OF THE CONFERENCE AND WILL CONTRIBUTE IN ANY WAY THAT WE CAN.

YOURS VERY TRULY,



HUGH H. ANDERSON

1150 OAK GROVE AVENUE
PASADENA, CALIFORNIA

December 30, 1944.

Dear Mrs. Kingman,

I have your letter of December 13th, and feel that I can assure you that the Pasadena papers are well poised and will give no difficulties.

I wish that I could personally agree with the action of the War Department. In the light of several factors such as progress of the war in Pacific, the equity to the individuals, the stable condition in Hawaii, etc., including the action of the Supreme Court, the decision is perhaps understandable. However, there are so many strong opposing factors that the action appears unwise. There are many unwise and strongly emotional people in this State. That is a pity, but it is the case. To bring Nisei back into the State at this time - and increasingly so as the stress of the war against Japan steps up - can invite only troubles for them and interference with the war effort here. I readily concede that this should not be so and deplore the attitude of so many residents of the State, but facts are facts, and it is regrettable that this added hurdle should be suggested at this time.

It is good news that many Nisei - at least according to press accounts - have decided not to return to California for the present. If, as we may assume, they are truly patriotic, this is the best service and sacrifice they can make for this country. The constitutional rights of every citizen are diminished in war time - to a greater or smaller extent. In the case of the Nisei is to a greater extent. That is "the rub of the green", and it seems unfortunate that any step should be taken to make things any more difficult than are already are.

Sincerely yours,

A. B. Russell

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Reply
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Paul H. Taylor
University of California
Berkeley, Calif.

Dear Sir:

I have been asked to speak on our Japanese minority at a Y.W.C.A. Conference in Fresno on October 31st, and I should like to be prepared for any questions that may come up. One of the most frequently heard criticisms around here is that the Japanese are "gobbling up" our California land.

1 - ^{Land} Do you know if there are figures on that. That is, ^{Pop} it seems to me that the comment is unfounded

2 - unless statistics prove that Japanese land holdings have measurably increased as for their number in the population in comparison with Caucasian holdings. Of course even those statistics would not be entirely fair in as much as an increase might be then a natural change from labor to owner status, and also might result from

lack of opportunities in other lines. However, any thing you can tell me or refer me to would be appreciated.

I admired your stand on the California Board of Agriculture last year, and was distressed that after you left the resolution was rescinded.

Very truly yours
Mrs. John A. Horen

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