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Mr. Alfred J. Lundberg - 5.

mitted to this country and resident therein be lawfully deprived in peace time of the rights mentioned in the last question, aside from the right to acquire ownership of land? Is there any difference in this respect between Japanese and other foreigners, except to the extent that treaties have secured specific rights to other foreigners?

4. What is the record of (a) Japanese aliens resident in the United States and (b) American citizens of Japanese parentage, as compared with aliens of other nationality and children of foreigners from other countries, with respect to (1) law observance and infractions of our criminal law (2) attendance at public schools and (3) participation in community activities, such as Community Chest, Red Cross, etc. Comparisons should be made with other foreign groups such as Chinese, Koreans, Filipinos, Italians, Germans, Poles, etc.

Yours very truly,

Maurice E. Harrison.

MEH:MFM

January 24, 1944

Mr. Gale Seaman
1419 N. Rosemead Blvd.
San Gabriel, Calif.

Dear Mr. Seaman:

Mrs. Kingman is at present away on an enforced vacation (doctor's orders), but has asked me to write you regarding the copies of letters you sent us covering the correspondence with Mr. Lyon, and Mr. Cannon.

Mrs. Kingman is anxious to know if it would be possible to send up the originals of the correspondence to be photostatted for the sealed files of Dr. Dorothy Thomas, who is working for the University under the Rockefeller Foundation. The

Mrs. Kingman also is anxious to know if you have any objection to showing the correspondence mentioned above to Attorney General Robert Kenny.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary

mj

January 24, 1944

Dr. Frederick W. Roman
214 Loma Dr.
Los Angeles, Calif.

Dear Dr. Roman:

Mrs. Kingman is, at present, away on an enforced (doctor's orders) vacation for a month. However, before she left, she requested me to tell you that the Los Angeles organization is still progressing for the Committee.

We will surely see that you are informed of the first meeting. Mr. Galen Fisher will be in Los Angeles at the end of the week, and there may be some action taken at that time. In any case, we will keep you notified.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary

mj

January 24, 1944

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

Dear Mr. McCloy:

You may be interested in the enclosed script
read over the "Citizens for Victory" program in
San Francisco on January 23rd, over KSFO.

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman

RWK:mj

January 24, 1944

General Delos Emmons
Presidio
San Francisco, Calif.

Dear General Emmons:

You may be interested in the enclosed script
read over the "Citizens for Victory" program in
San Francisco on January 23rd, over KSFO.

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman

RWK:mj

January 24, 1944

Commander Warren Atherton
American Legion
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Atherton:

You may be interested in the enclosed script
read over the "Citizens for Victory" program in
San Francisco on January 23rd, over KSFO.

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman

RWK:mj

THE AMERICAN LEGION

NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS
INDIANAPOLIS, IND.

OFFICE OF THE
NATIONAL COMMANDER

February 24, 1944

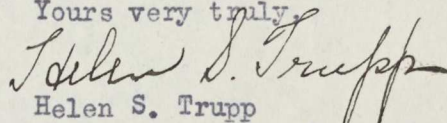
Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman
Pacific Coast Committee on
American Principles and Fair Play
465 California Street - Room 203
San Francisco, California

Dear Mrs. Kingman:

This will acknowledge the receipt of your
January 24th letter addressed to National Commander
Atherton at Washington, D.C.

The matter will be called to his attention
upon his first return visit to National Headquarters
but at the present time he is traveling constantly,
filling official Legion engagements.

Yours very truly,


Helen S. Trupp
Secretary to the Commander

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GEORGE E. RUNDQUIST
Executive Secretary

January 24, 1944.

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

My dear Mrs. Kingman:

The newspaper PM published a very fine article on the evacuee situation on Friday, January 21st.

We have ordered a number of the papers and when Galen Fisher stopped in the office Saturday I showed him the article. He seemed to think that you might find good use for it, so we are sending you under separate cover 200 copies.

I am going to send a number of copies to the various Church Federations, with the suggestion that they try to get the article into the hands of the business men.

I expect to get to San Francisco late in February or early March. At that time I shall endeavor to get in touch with you.

With best regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

George E. Rundquist
GEORGE E. RUNDQUIST
Executive Secretary.

GER/R.



THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS



Mr. William Davis
Stiles Hall
Union near Bancroft
Berkeley Calif

1/29/44 739 N. E. Russell.
my Portland 12, Ore.

Dear Bill, -

I would like very much
to receive a reprint from
the article in the Cal. Monthly
by the Nisei student.
It occurs to me that such
an article should have wide
distribution - ~~with~~ Reader's
Digest might carry it, for
instance. What would you
say to my calling it to the
attention of Kenneth Payne,
exec. editor of Reader's Digest?
His wife an old friend, so I
could. - if after I've read it &
could recommend it -
Our best to you & Jane. We
did enjoy our evening at
your house! Genevieve Scott

WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY

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SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA, OFFICE
WHITCOMB HOTEL BUILDING

In reply, please refer to:

January 24, 1944

Mrs. Ruth Kingman
2207 Union Street
Berkeley, California

Dear Ruth:

Just a note to let you know that I passed the word around the office here about your radio talk yesterday afternoon. I listened to the program and think you did a fine job.

I hope you have a good rest.

Sincerely yours,

Philip J. Webster

Philip J. Webster
Assistant Field Director



MILLER FREEMAN PUBLICATIONS

71 COLUMBIA STREET
SEATTLE, WASHINGTON

124 W. FOURTH STREET
LOS ANGELES,
CALIF.

January 24, 1944

Mrs. Ruth Kingman, Secretary,
Pacific Coast Committee for
American Principles and Fair Play,
465 California St.,
San Francisco, California

Dear Mrs. Kingman:

As stated to you over the phone, my views as to what should be done about the Japanese in this country are, in effect, as follows:

I am opposed to the proposal to deprive American-born Japanese of their citizenship, provided they want to be loyal citizens, and not subjects of Japan. It just isn't going to be done, it is a political impossibility and it's idle to talk about it. If we did give the Government the power to deprive loyal Japanese of their citizenship rights, (which power the Government doesn't have now), it could and would then be applied against loyal-born of German, Italian or any other ancestry against which prejudice might be aroused. A step further and that power would be applied against any person the current administration didn't like.

I am for internment and punishment of the disloyal in what ever manner may be most salutary and effective, to suit the crime. I am against mollycoddling of such persons.

Japanese who are born in the United States should be told in no uncertain terms that they must throw off the control the Japanese government has always had over the entire Japanese colony in this country. They will have to get on the same basis as the rest of us. There must be an end to the abnormal combinations of the Japanese, financed and directed by Japanese-government-controlled agencies.

I disagree with the doctrine being enunciated by Ambassador Joseph Grew that this Nation should uphold and exert it's official influence to support and maintain the principle of the divinity of the Emperor of Japan. I agree with Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek's declaration at Cairo, with reference to Japan, in effect advocating creation of a Republic in Japan. In the opinion of this writer this is the first step, promoted by the appeasers, to force a premature peace, "keep Japan strong," etc. The U. S. Department of State has pussyfooted the Japanese question for the past fifty years. It is against the historical principles of our Nation and our people to support the Divinity of the Emperor humbug. We can only insure peace in the Pacific by the

Mrs. Ruth Kingman

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wiping out of the Fascist gangsters who control the Japanese government.

There are some renegade whites who have always exploited the Japanese, and who hope to see the pre-Pearl Harbor status restored, with the Japanese colony in this country controlled by the Japanese government, because they personally profited thereby. The comparatively small number of Japanese in this country do not of themselves alone constitute any real problem; but with the strongly-organized and powerful Japanese elements among the whites they exert tremendous influence.

The United States government has been guilty of failing to put a stop to Japanese machinations. It failed to prevent the violation of the so-called Gentlemen's Agreement by Japan, which was designed to shut off further immigration of her nationals. Between 1907 and 1924 Japan added to the population of the Japanese colony in the United States by 100,000. It is time we put an end to the propaganda of Japan that the 1924 immigration act was a discrimination against that nation, because it did not single out Japan but applied to all Asiatics.

Far more discriminatory is the legislation just passed removing the Chinese exclusion acts, and allowing them the quota. While I am for the legislation correcting the situation as applied to the Chinese, it does not go far enough, and is certainly open to challenge by peoples of other Asiatic nations.

If, in the main, your organization is sympathetic to the principles enunciated above, I will be glad to join with its efforts, which I consider laudable--in fact I believe you are in a position to prevent injustice against minorities, clarify the issues before the public of the Nation, and render a most valuable service to our country and to all humanity.

Yours respectfully,

Miller Freeman

MILLER FREEMAN

*Received from Mrs. Ruth Kingman
1/25/44
Miller Freeman*

2/18/44
By [signature]
1220 S. W. MORRISON STREET
PORTLAND 5, ORE.

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SAN FRANCISCO 5, CALIF.

71 COLUMBIA STREET
SEATTLE 4, WASHINGTON

MILLER FREEMAN PUBLICATIONS

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124 W. FOURTH STREET
LOS ANGELES 13.
CALIFORNIA

February 16, 1944.

Mrs. Ruth Kingman, Secretary
Pacific Coast Committee for American Principles of
Fair Play
465 California Street
San Francisco, California.

Dear Mrs. Kingman:

Did you ever receive my letter of January
24? If so, I will appreciate your letting me know
whether you sent copies to the members of the Executive
Committee of your organization.

Sincerely,

MILLER FREEMAN PUBLICATIONS.

Miller Freeman
Miller Freeman.

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February 18, 1944

Mr. Miller Freeman
124 W. Fourth St.
Los Angeles 13, Calif.

Dear Mr. Freeman:

Mrs. Kingman was absent from the office when vacation when your letter of February 24th arrived, and due to office inefficiency was not sent directly to her. However, the letter is now in her possession, and since I am expecting her back in the office next week, I shall refer your letter of February 16th to her at that time.

May I apologize for any inconvenience the uncertainty may have caused you.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary

mj

January 25, 1944

Mrs. Clara M. Siegley
2712 10th Ave. No.
Seattle, 2, Washington

Dear Mrs. Siegley:

Having been desperately rushed, during the past two weeks, getting my desk cleared prior to an enforced vacation of a month's duration, I haven't been able to get at a letter to you.

The notes on the meeting held in Seattle on January 4th were very good, and most welcome. It is most reassuring to know that you people up there are definitely "in the groove" with our central Committee in your whole approach.

I had a phone call from Miller Freeman, on his way to Los Angeles. He wants to "get together" to get something organized 1,2,3, on paper, to get some action of the entire problem presented by the presence in American of persons of Japanese ancestry. I'm delighted, of course, that he is willing to sit down with us, and it may work out.

He is to be in Los Angeles for a month so we may be able to have some of our people down there work it out.

Re the Foote article put out by the Fellowship of Reconciliation--some of the things, particularly this one, which he has written are good. However, we have never sent out any F.O.R. material, as we have been careful to remain clear of any charge that we sponsor or are sponsored by the group.

May I suggest, before I forget it, that you get in touch with Miss Mildred Bartholomew, Y.W.C.A., Bellingham, Washington. She is excellent, and should give you a lot of help, having had a lot of experience in this field.

Two names of persons whose "letters to the editor" in Seattle papers were picked up by members here are A.D. Bonus, Box 3183, Seattle 14, and Denton Dicky Moore, 3285 Lafayette, Bremerton, Washington. These mean nothing to me, other than that they write good, intelligent letters. Use them or not as your own judgement leads.

I agree with you that short statements of fact should be released as often as possible. May I make this suggestion. The Committee might write to Public Relations Office, War Department, Washington, D.C. and to the Public Relations Office, Camp Shelby, Mississippi for all releases and stories available, about our men in Italy, and in training. The press gets these things, but seldom bothers with them. Ask them for pictures, as well. Identify yourselves with our Committee, which they know. I would also suggest that you do the same with the War Relocation Authority, Mr. John Baker, Reports officer, for actual resettlement stories of Washington evacuees, --might prove useful. Ask them to keep you as closely informed as possible, tying into our Committee. I know Mr. Baker well.

I had a long talk with Dillon Myer ~~last~~ week and am delighted that he is finally doing something on public relations out here, which should avoid another deplorable mess such as the Tulalake releases. I'll tell you more about that in a couple of weeks. Meantime it's good to know.

Get from Mr. Baker the full text of the War Department release at the time, January 20, of the announcement of resumption of Selective Service Status of Nisei. It is a honey and should be used.

I'm off in three hours to my months' rest, and do I need it? Don't hesitate to write to Dr. McGiffert about anything at all-- at this address.

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman

RWJ:mj

466 East California Street
Pasadena, California
January 25, 1944.

Corporal William Leung
APO 7, c/o Postmaster
San Francisco, California

Dear Corporal Leung:

Your letter reached me yesterday, which considering that I mailed mine to you on the 8th seems very good time. Thank you for permission to use your letter and we will omit the sections you deleted.

I am enclosing a letter which we have permission to use, also. Yesterday I wrote an American soldier of Japanese descent, who has been in the Army over two years and is now in the Hawaiian Islands asking if we may use his letter which was very good. So, my collection is growing.

We understand from reports that Mr. Cannon is growing discouraged, saying that some of his supporters are dropping away and the opposition is so strong so that he is not getting on with his campaign. Many believe that the article in TIME killed it. Ridicule is a potent force.

With best wishes to you personally,

Sincerely yours,

466 East California Street
Pasadena, 8, California

January 8, 1943

Corporal William Leung
Company M, 17th Infantry
c/o Postmaster
San Francisco, California

Dear Corporal Leung:

Mr. Larson kindly sent me your letter of December 5th which you wrote to Mr. Cannon in regard to the Assembly Interim Committee on Japanese Problems. At time you had not seen the publicity in regard to the "Hearing" in Los Angeles on December 8-9 at which I as Chairman of the local American Principles and Fair Play Committee was thoroughly grilled. Some missionary back from China was allowed a half hour to tell of the atrocities of Japanese soldiers there which if true had nothing to do with the efforts of our Committee to protect the rights of loyal American citizens of Japanese ancestry. Time Magazine of December 20th had a long story about it and even the Los Angeles Times, usually unsympathetic, had an editorial "Legislative Committees should not be Bullies."

Our local Committee would like to make use of your letter by having hundreds of copies printed and distributed. It is a very fine letter in itself and especially so with your ancestry. It would strengthen it to have your name. Would it injure you in any way to allow this? We are very eager to have your answer as we wish to do it while "The Inquisition" (Time called it that) is fresh in peoples' minds"

If you feel that letter with personal criticisms of Mr. Cannon should not go out ever your name, will you write me another which will contain all the other statements about your ancestry, your army service and your feelings about democracy. We should like very much to use your name and surely that could not harm you.

We thought we were working to protect the civil rights of a minority group, the Japanese, but now believe with you and some other soldiers who wrote me after reading Time that we are needed to back up all you soldiers who are fighting to preserve democracy.

I hope to hear from you at your earliest convenience. You may not have a copy at hand so I enclose one. It was a fine letter.

Sincerely yours

January 25, 1944

Mr. John C. Baker
Chief, Office of Reports
War Relocation Authority
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Baker:

I am writing at Mrs. Kingman's request to thank you for sending us the material on the Los Angeles Times questionnaire. She is on an enforced vacation of a month at the present time, but was able to do a little investigating before she left, and feels that there is not much to be done on the Times, since it comes pretty much in the category of the Hearst press on this issue.

Thank you also for sending us the copies of the "70,000 American Refugees". I am sure we will be able to use this to great advantage.

Mrs. Kingman also wanted you to know that she had a good talk with Mr. Dillon Myer when he was in San Francisco last week, and is much encouraged by the development in Public Relations on the West Coast.

I am enclosing a minimum approximation list of the material we sent out during 1943 all over the nation, which you may find of some interest.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary

mj

WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY

WASHINGTON



February 3, 1944

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

Dear Miss Jeffers:

Many thanks for your letter of January 25,
and the report on material distributed during the
last half of 1943. It amounts to an impressive
total.

I was greatly concerned by the reports
which Mr. Myer and Mr. Tozier brought back to the
effect that Mrs. Kingman was about to take a forced
vacation. I hope that her recovery may be speedy
and complete.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "John C. Baker". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end.

John C. Baker
Chief, Office of Reports

January 25, 1944

Miss Margaret Cosgrave
1644 Van Ness Ave.
Fresno, Calif.

Dear Miss Cosgrave:

I am writing for Mrs. Kingman who is, at present, on an enforced vacation for a month, starting yesterday.

I know she is anxious to use the letter you referred to in your letter of January 16th, for a pamphlet is being formulated, which will include letters from Nisei and Caucasian service men. *Thank you very much for enclosing the copy.* You will, of course, be sent a copy of the pamphlet, as soon as it is published.

I know you will be interested too, to know that we have had no word about any Gannon Committee Hearings in San Francisco, at all.

Mrs. Kingman will probably be back in the office about February 21st. If there is any thing I can help you on during her absence, please do not hesitate to call on me.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary



THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF WAR
WASHINGTON

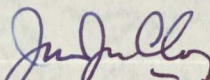
25 January 1944

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

Dear Mrs. Kingman:

I have your letter of January 12. I have no objection to the publication of my letter to you of December 31 in the University of California Alumni Monthly, but I feel it should be in its actual form rather than as if addressed to the Editor.

Sincerely,


John J. McCloy

333 Congleman St

Vallejo Jan. 25 - 1944

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Dear Mrs. Kingman,

Mr. Sears and I have been much disturbed over this Martinez incident of the little Japanese mother married to the Caucasian who has received such cruel treatment there. I was so much concerned that I took my own car and my precious gas and went to Martinez yesterday to try to find Mrs. Perry and to find out just how wide spread this unkindly and disloyal feeling is in Martinez. I will not try to tell you in detail of my interesting trip but I feel sure all this sort of publicity is backed by sinister forces that are systematically working to arouse race prejudice in Calif. and to increase that spirit of intolerance. I contacted for the most part the ministers in Martinez and ^{found} them most sympathetic. I believe the trouble could be traced back to the animosity of one neighbor and to the editor of the paper who is a "Jap hater". Mrs. Walters, the wife of the former ^{minister of the} Congregational church in Martinez told me, when I talked with her, she would be glad to offer Mrs. Perry a room

2 if she needed a refuge and I hoped to get this word to the latter but I learned through Mr. T. P. Giffen the present minister of this church that he had been out twice to try to contact Mrs. Terry but could get no response and he thought they must have already left Martinez.

I am concerned about where the Terrys went and how they are situated. I contacted Mr. Nielsen, the Chief of Police but he said the place where the Terrys lived was not in his jurisdiction and he didn't know where or if they had gone. I found him also a "jap later".

I believe if Martinez could have an inter-church group allied to your committee such incidents could be prevented or, at least, help could be given when needed.

Could your committee find out where the Terrys have gone? Several Valley people are writing them and Mr. Giffen has written a letter of protest to the paper there.

Will you please send me a few more copies of your committee leaflets telling the purpose etc.

Cordially yours

Mrs. Ruth W. Sears
(over)

P.S. Have you any constructive suggestions
as to practical work for our Valley Inter-racial
Committee. I was ill all fall and unable to
take part and several of the most dynamic
leaders left town so now interest and attendance
have decreased & something must be done to
keep the Committee going if there is real
need it should go on.

R. W. S.

Horton Terry
2, 211 Montebello Ave.
June Ave. Manting

February 1, 1944

Mrs. Ruth W. Sears
333 Coughlan St.
Vallejo, Calif.

Dear Mrs. Sears:

In Mrs. Kingman's absence on a month's vacation, I am writing to thank you for your letter of January 25, regarding your trip to Martinez to find Mrs. Terry.

You may have discovered by now where the Terrys have gone. I am unable to trace anything here. I do know that Mrs. Terry appeared on the radio over KPO on Sunday afternoon; perhaps they might know where to contact her.

The suggestion for a group in Martinez is very welcome. Our chairman, Dr. McGiffert has written to Mr. T.T. Giffen; perhaps you might know of other names in this area that are sympathetic. I shall of course be very glad to send any organizational material this group might need, should the plan seem feasible. A small group of like minded people might well work in with the central Committee.

Mrs. Kingman is due back in the office February 21st, and I will then refer your question about "constructive suggestions" to her. There is certainly a real need for an active group in Vallejo. I am enclosing, in addition to the pamphlets you requested, some material which you may not have yet seen, which your group may use to some advantage.

Sincerely,

Secretary

1/27/44
ACM

453 Kensington Pl.
Pasadena 3, Calif.
Jan. 25, 1944

Mrs. Ruth Kingman
2234 Telegraph Ave.
Berkeley 4, Calif.
Dear Madam:

As a member of the Pasadena branch of the Pacific Coast Committee on American Principles and Fair Play, I wish to protest the recent insult to our branch and to one of our most valuable members. I refer to the fact that an officer of the Pacific Coast Committee recently requested that Mr. William C. Carr resign from the committee. It seems that some of the members of the group objected to the fact that Mr. Carr stated that American Citizens of Japanese ancestry should be permitted to return to California if they wish. Many of us agree with him. However, as a committee, neither he nor the rest of us are agitating for this because of the prejudice which has been aggravated by deliberate fake propaganda of selfish interest pressure groups.

If this committee is so unAmerican as to object to a man stating an opinion consistent with our Constitution, and so undemocratic as to ask a man to resign for such a reason, it is of no value

to the cause it professes to promote.
All the opposition has to do is to make
a loud noise, and the Committee
does not dare oppose them. I voted
for affiliating with the Pacific Coast
Committee, but I should not have
done so if I had anticipated such
tactics. Mr. Carr has worked harder and
put more time and money into constructive
work for this cause than any other
member ^{in Pasadena}. I trust this petty injustice
will be corrected.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. Gertrude Klame

January 26, 1944

Mr. Alfred J. Lundberg
P.O. Box 58
Oakland 4, Calif.

Dear Alfred:

May I express my own personal appreciation?
This is an awfully tough job and I need every bit
of help and advice I can get. I shall try not to
turn to you too often as I know that you are
cruelly overburdened with your own work.

If only this world had more Alfred Lundbergs!

Very cordially,

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman

RWK:mj

January 26, 1944

Mr. Alfred J. Lundberg
P.O. Box 58
Oakland 4, Calif.

Dear Mr. Lundberg:

At the meeting of the Executive Committee of the Committee on American Principles and Fair Play on January 20th, your letter requesting that your membership on the Executive Committee be changed to a place on Advisory Board was read and accepted with great regret.

The Executive Secretary was instructed to assure you that the Committee is deeply appreciative of the fine help you have given us in the past, and we are glad to be able to look forward to continued association.

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman
Executive Secretary

RWK:mj

January 26, 1944

Citizens for Victory
68 Post St., Room 325
San Francisco, Calif.

Dear sirs:

I am sorry this was delayed due to misinformation about the address. I hope you will still be able to use it in answering requests.

Sincerely,

Secretary

mj

January 26, 1944

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

Dear Mr. McCloy:

I am writing for Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman to ask if it would be possible for you to send us a full copy of the final report made by Liet. Gen. John L. Dewitt on the evacuation of Japanese from the Pacific coast.

We would appreciate it very much, and could use it to great advantage. If there is any expense involved, please let me know, and I shall be happy to cover it promptly.

Thank you very much.

Sincerely yours,

Miss Mary Jefferds
Secretary

mj

January 26, 1944

Mrs. Rob Wagner
"Script"
Beverly Hills, Calif.

Dear Mrs. Wagner:

We are informed that you have made some particularly good editorial comment in "Script" on the so called "Gannon Hearings" in Los Angeles.

May we express appreciation, and if there is an available copy, may we have one?

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman

RWK:mj

January 26, 1944

Mr. Joe Masaoka
c/o Tustomu Ikeda
Rt. 1, Box 288
Mesa, Arizona

Dear Mr. Masaoka:

Mrs. Kingman is, at present, away on an enforced vacation for a month, but before she left, she requested my to write you and send the enclosed list as prospects for a possible Arizona Fair Play Committee.

You may have seen Mr. Fisher by this time, and he has a duplicate of this list, but you might like to have one for yourself.

Mrs. Kingman is very anxious that you keep us informed of any developments along this line that may come to your attention.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary
Mr

mj

January 26, 1944

Mrs. Josephine Duveneck
1830 Sutter St.
San Francisco, Calif.

Dear Mrs. Duveneck:

Thank you very much for the Information Bulletin No. 12. I think that I can make excellent use of 100 copies, if you can let us have them.

You have probably read in the local press that Sgt. Sen Kuroki, air hero, is to address the Commonwealth Club in San Francisco on February 4th. I'm sure that you will be pleased to know that our office arranged for his appearance through the War Department. Naturally, this should not be publicly announced.

I'm off on an enforced vacation. Two years of uninterrupted work in this field has been a bit too much, and the doctor orders a rest.

Thank you again for everything you are doing.

Cordially yours,

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman

RWK:mj

January 26, 1944

Dr. Arthur C. McGiffert
1798 Scenic Ave.
Berkeley, Calif.

Dear Dr. McGiffert:

Mrs. Kingman thought you might be interested to see the enclosed copy of the script of an interview she gave over KSFO last Sunday.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary

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January 26, 1944

Mr. Maurice E. Harrison
111 Sutter St.
San Francisco, Calif.

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Sincerely yours,

Secretary

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January 26, 1944

Dr. Robert Gordon Sproul
Administration Building
University of California
Berkeley, Calif.

Dear Dr. Sproul:

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to see the enclosed copy of the script of an in-
terview she gave over KSFO last Sunday.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary

mj

January 26, 1944

Mrs. Clara Siegley
2712 10th Ave. No.
Seattle, Washington

Dear Mrs. Siegley:

Mrs. Kingman thought you might be interested to see the enclosed copy of the script of an interview she gave over KSPQ last Sunday.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary

mj

January 26, 1944

~~Mr.~~
Pfc. Yori Wada 39010526
Co. E., Barracks 13
Camp Savage, Minnesota

Dear Pvt. Wada:

Mrs. Kingman is away at present on an enforced vacation of a month's duration, but she thought you would appreciate having the copies of the two letters enclosed.

You may also be interested to know that both Dr. Sproul and Dr. Deutsch have seen the articles and were delighted with it.

We are having the article reprinted in pamphlet form (including the photographs), and will, of course, send a copy of this as soon as it is available.

Mrs. Kingman has also written to Mr. McCloy, to ask his permission to reprint his letter in the California Monthly, but no word has yet been received.

Everyone thinks the article superior!

Sincerely yours,

Secretary

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

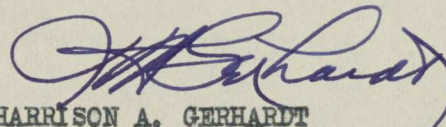
26 January 1944

Dear Mr. Fisher:

Thank you for your letter of January 24, 1944.
I greatly appreciated the cordial and clarifying conversation which we had when you were in Washington.

I also appreciate your suggestion that the Japanese Americans be utilized in non-segregated units. The question of the utilization of Japanese Americans has been given careful consideration. Whatever decision results as to their ultimate employment, you may be sure that the guiding influence has been the desire to utilize this group in its best employment in the war effort. There are many considerations which must enter into decisions of this sort. Should employment be made in segregated units, it would not be from any desire on the part of the War Department to discriminate against this group. Your appreciation for the position of this office is a source of great satisfaction to us.

Sincerely,



HARRISON A. GERHARDT
Lt. Colonel, General Staff Corps
Executive to Ass't Secretary of War

Mr. Galen M. Fisher
Committee on American Principles
and Fair Play
465 California Street, Rm. 203
San Francisco, California



Washington Merry-Go-Round

By DREW PEARSON

WASHINGTON, Jan. 14—The most potent, backstage big-business lobby in Washington now plugging for lower taxes happens to be financed by the gracious exemptions of the United States Treasury.

The lobbying job is done by members of such organizations as the United States Chamber of Commerce and the committee for economic development, and they operate so successfully because the contributions which maintain them are tax exempt. Any corporation which has profits in the 90 per cent excess profits class can make contributions to United States Chamber of Commerce or committee for economic development practically without sacrifice. Since the donations are deductible, 90 per cent of their donations are paid, indirectly, by Uncle Sam to lobby against his future tax take.

On the other side of the ledger is the unfortunate fact that a fund for liberal causes is not tax exempt. Federal tax courts have just ruled that the endowment created by Robert Marshall to advance the cause of labor unions and civil liberties is interested in "promoting legislation" and therefore not deductible.

But if you are promoting legislation for lower taxes, it's another matter. That can come out of your income tax.

Everybody is aware of the butcher shortage, but not many are aware of the fact that dairy herds are being depleted by State and Federal slaughter at the rate of 10,000 head a month in order to wipe out Bang's disease.

This is now the worst and most widespread disease among all U. S. cattle. Department of Agriculture officials claim they have reduced Bang's disease 50 per cent in the past 10 years, yet it still stands at the top of an unhealthy list, with mastitis next, and tuberculosis way down the line.

Ten thousand killed a month is

a lot of cows, yet officials defend the slaughter campaign. They say most of the cows are "old cast-off animals" no longer profitable for dairy production. Also, they point out that owners are given the privilege of keeping any animals which may be productive even though diseased.

The disease produces undulant fever in humans, which caused the death of Edsel Ford.

Even more difficult to combat is mastitis, an infection of the udder. Officials of the Agriculture Department have ample opportunity to observe mastitis close at hand, for the herds of the Soldiers' Home and St. Elizabeth's Hospital are both infected. These herds have the best care, and are not pushed for utmost production, as are commercial herds, yet the disease is persistent.

In fact, the combination of Bang's disease and mastitis is making a serious situation on a Nation-wide scale.

White-maned Leo Crowley, head of FEA, has so many jobs and so many people working for him that he can't keep up with them.

Some time ago, he received a telephone call from Secretary of the Interior Ickes, who wanted to take away one of Crowley's top men, Fowler Harper, to be solicitor of the Department of the Interior. (Harper, formerly dean of law at Indiana University, was brought to Washington by Paul McNutt.)

But Crowley mistook Fowler Harper for Fowler Hamilton, who also works for FEA. Hamilton had just been to London on a mission of economic warfare analysis, and Crowley had talked with him about the trip. So this Fowler was in his mind.

"He's a good man," said Crowley to Ickes, "but he's just back from London and I'm not sure we can spare him. I'll look into it."

However, Crowley later got the right man and told Fowler Harper that Ickes wanted him in Interior.

But the next time he saw Fowler Hamilton, he slipped back

into his old error. "I hate to lose you," he said, "but I know you will do a good job for Ickes."

High executives of the War Department are proud of the way in which Japanese-American soldiers have responded to the call of American patriotism and done a good job in the Army.

Enlisting American-born Japanese in the U. S. Army was frankly an experiment and many old-line officers were very skeptical. However, Undersecretary of War Patterson and Assistant Secretary Jack McCloy insisted that they be given a chance. The performance of Japanese-American troops in battle has more than justified this confidence in them.

Reports from Italy pay tribute to the bravery of one Jap-American battalion which was under heavy fire. Most of its men were recruited from Hawaii. They fought with great heroism and the casualty lists were very heavy.

When Undersecretary of War Patterson was in the Southwest Pacific not long ago, General Oscar Griswold asked him to meet his intelligence unit. Patterson stepped into the intelligence tent and there met five grinning Japs. They were not prisoners, but Hawaiian-born, and were entrusted with the vitally important job of translating intelligence information picked up from the enemy.

The Japanese-Americans are all carefully investigated before they enter the Army, but in no case has one of them, after entering the Army, betrayed trust.

Frances Flannagan, wife of hard-working Representative Flannagan of Virginia, is on her husband's pay roll at \$1400 a year . . .

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It's hard to tell
From some of Congress' drivel
What war we're in—
The present or the Civil.

—edb

tracts.

Three Meat Markets Close Due to Draft

Three neighborhood meat markets are closing tonight because of the draft, adding to dozens in the last few weeks that have quit operation because of the lack of manpower, according to Milton Maxwell, secretary of the Butchers' Union.

Maxwell said he would start a survey Monday on the number of meat cutters in the Bay Area that have donned uniforms and the number of closed markets. These facts would be presented to draft officials "to prevent a disintegration of the entire retail meat business."

By Lichty

rector for the WLB.

East Bay Machinists Are Back at Work

East Bay machinists in the Moore Drydock Company went to work yesterday afternoon on a navy transport following a series of discussions earlier in the week over payment of "repair" pay.

The machinists, who on December 22 would not work on a navy vessel because of a disagreement over the wage bracket, were understood to have reached an agreement to accept "new construction" pay pending a settlement.

In South San Francisco the Bethlehem steel plant was still shut down late yesterday for the third consecutive day in a dispute between the United Steel Workers (CIO) and management involving nine grievances.

Ration Calendar

Gasoline

A, B and C coupons each good for three gallons. A No. 9 coupons valid until January 21, B-2 and C-2 coupons each good for five gallons. D (motorcycle) coupons valid to November 11, 1944.

Green Stamps (Book 4)

(Processed fruits and vegetables) Stamps D, E and F valid through January 20. Stamps G, H and J valid through February 20.

Brown Stamps (Book 3)

(Meat, butter, fish, cheese, edible fats and oils, canned milk) Stamps R, S and T valid through January 29.

Pork Dividend

Book Four, spare stamp No. 2 good for five points of fresh pork and sausage through today.

Sugar (Book 4)

Stamp No. 29 expires today. Stamp 30 valid for five pounds January 16.

Shoes (Book 1 and 3)

Stamp No. 18 in Book 1 and airplane stamp No. 1 in Book 3 are valid indefinitely.

Tire Inspection

Deadline for inspection of tires for B and C book holders, February 29; for A book holders, March 31.

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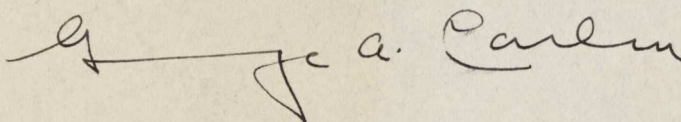
January 26, 1944

Dear Mrs. Kingman:

In answer to your request of January 18, we are glad to authorize reproduction of the WASHINGTON MERRY-GO-ROUND column of January 14, 1944 on United States soldiers of Japanese ancestry for one-time publication. The credit line should read:

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Sincerely,



Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman,
Executive Secretary
COMMITTEE ON AMERICAN PRINCIPLES AND FAIR PLAY
#2234 Telegraph Avenue
Berkeley
Calif.

January 27, 1944

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

My dear Mrs. Klause:

Mrs. Ruth Kingman, our executive secretary to whom you addressed your letter of January 15th, is taking a brief vacation for reasons of health. In her behalf I acknowledge your letter.

I and the other members of the Executive Committee of the Pacific Coast Committee on American Principles and Fair Play agree with you in your high estimate of Mr. Carr. He is doing valiant service for the cause which you and he and we hold dear. Some of the things he is doing and methods he is using coincide with the policies adopted by the Fair Play Committee; some, however, do not. It has been our purpose to attack no one. We have also held that releases sent out with the Committee's name on them should be cleared with the Executive Committee. We feel that our job is one of spreading information, interpreting facts, stimulating public opinion, giving a voice to inarticulate sentiment in behalf of fair play for Japanese Americans, and offering a common ground for like minded people; rather than attacking people.

The Committee has taken no stand on the question of the return of the Japanese-Americans to California. Our opinion, so far as I can ascertain it, is that for the present at any rate, this is a question for the War Department, who took the responsibility for evacuation. I judge from what you say in your letter about "not agitating for this at the present time", that you agree with the Committee's decision to take no public stand now.

I deeply regret that the action of the Executive Committee has been misinterpreted. There are so few of us working at this important task of extending American Principles and Fair Play toward Japanese American citizens and residents that whether we work under the Committee or outside the Committee, we need each other's sympathy, respect, and cooperation.

I am,

Cordially yours,

DDr. Arthur Cushman McGiffert

ACM:mj

I shall be glad to present your letter to the Executive Committee at the next meeting.

January 27, 1944

Mr. Ward Waddell, Jr.
1432 Montecito Way
San Diego 3, Calif.

Dear Mr. Waddell:

Mrs. Ruth Kingman, our Executive Secretary is away at present for a month's vacation under doctor's orders, but she requested me to express her appreciation for your recent contribution.

Some informative material released by the Committee is being sent to you under separate cover. The Los Angeles area is now in the process of being organized, and you will doubtless hear from them in the near future as they go into San Diego.

Thank you again on behalf of the Committee.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary

mj

HEADQUARTERS WESTERN DEFENSE COMMAND
PRESIDIO OF SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA
OFFICE OF THE AIDE-DE-CAMP

27 January 1944

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

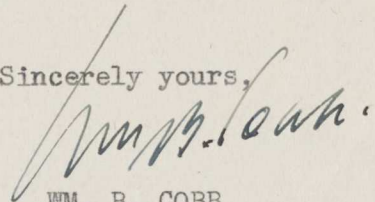
My dear Mrs. Kingman:

General Emmons has today received and read with interest and pleasure the script which you were kind enough to send him and which was presented in the "Citizens for Victory" program in San Francisco on 23 January over Station KSFO.

The General has instructed me to thank you for your thoughtfulness in sending him the script and to express his appreciation to you.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,



WM. B. COBB
Colonel, FA

Secretary of the General Staff

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Rob

Wagner's
Script

January 27, 1944

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

My dear Mrs. Kingman:

Under separate cover we are sending
you a copy of the January 8 issue of
Script, which contains the comment
on the Gannon Hearings.

Thank you for your interest in the
magazine.

Sincerely,

ROB WAGNER'S SCRIPT

Mrs. Rob Wagner
Mrs. Rob Wagner
by Secretary

January 28, 1944

Mr. Alexander Meiklejohn
2900 Connecticut Ave.
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Meiklejohn:

Mrs. Kingman is, at present, away from the job on a month's vacation under doctor's orders. The enclosed clipping is from yesterday's San Francisco Chronicle, and I am sure she would wish that you see it. It may be of some interest to the War Department.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary

mj

January 28, 1944

Text of Telegram sent to:

General Delos Emmons
Ft. Douglas
Salt Lake City, Utah

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

National Broadcasting Company
Radio City
Hollywood, Calif.

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

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

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

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

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman
Executive Secretary

Pacific Coast Committee on American Principles and Fair Play

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Dear Mrs. Kingsman:

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Your letter came about the same time that Paul Taylor's ~~letter~~ reached here. I would like to come very much, but I can't. About a week ago I saw Florence Horn and told her about your letter and Taylor's. She was just about to start for California to do a job on this theme for Fortune. She told me they were going to try to lay it on the line and I said fine, and urged her to see Taylor. If I remember rightly, she said that she knew about you and, of course, would see you. I would be interested to know how the project gets along.

George Heynton

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingsman
2234 Telegraph Avenue
Berkeley
California

GRL:bc

January 29, 1944

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

Dear Sirs:

I am enclosing ten cents in stamps, for which will you please send to the address below as many copies of the Chronicle of January 27th, as this amount covers.

Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

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

mj

January 29, 1944

American Legion Post
Northfield
Minnesota

Dear Sir:

We thought you might find the two enclosures
of some interest.

Sincerely,

Secretary

mj

January 29, 1944

American Legion Post
Madison
Wisconsin

Dear Sirs:

We thought you might find the two enclosures
of some interest.

Sincerely,

Secretary

mj

January 29, 1944

Manager
KPO
420 Taylor
San Francisco, Calif.

Dear Sir:

Would it be possible to get a transcript of the Richfield's Reporter's broadcast over this station at 10 p.m. for the evening of January 28th? If there is any expense involved please notify us, and we will promptly cover the cost. Please let me know at your earliest convenience, as we are very anxious to have it as-
mediately.

Thank you very much.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary

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YOUR TELEGRAM RECEIVED ASKING FOR OUR VERSION OF NEWSPAPER
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ENTIRE MATTER TO ARMY HEADQUARTERS WASHINGTON AND WERE
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PACIFIC COAST COMMITTEE ON AMERICAN PRINCIPLES AND FAIRPLAY
CARE OF PRESIDENT ROBERT G. SPROUL

INTERESTED IN FURTHER CONSTRUCTIVE MEASURES IN JAPANESE-AMERICAN RESETTLEMENT
PROGRAM. SUMMARY OF YOUR PROGRAM AND ACTIVITIES WOULD BE MOST HELPFUL.

REPLY AIR MAIL SPECIAL DELIVERY.

REV. SHUNJI FORREST NISHI
FIELD COUNSELOR
CLEVELAND CHURCH FEDERATION

January 31, 1944

Mr. and Mrs. Lee B. Cox
70 Grandview Dr.
Eugene, Oregon

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Cox:

Thank you very much for your kind letter and enclosed contribution of January 27th. It is heartening to receive such contributions from out of the state.

You will receive in the near future, a packet of material that you may find informative and useful.

Thank you very much.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary

mj

January 31, 1944

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

Dear Mr. Baker:

Mrs. Kingman is, at present, away on an enforced vacation, so I am writing for her to thank you for sending the copies of the "Supplementary Information on Events at Tule Lake Center".

I shall refer the material to her on her return, February 21st. I am sure we will be able to use it to great advantage.

Thank you again.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary

mj

January 31, 1944

Mr. L. J. Meillette
Honolulu YMCA
P.O. Box 459
Honolulu, 9, Hawaii

Dear Mr. Meillette:

Since Mrs. Kingman is, at present, away on vacation, I writing for her to thank you for sending us the copy of "Young Americans In Hawaii".

I will refer the brochure to her immediately on her return on February 21st. I am sure she will find it of great help, particularly for use in the forthcoming pamphlet now being planned.

Thank you again.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary

mj

January 31, 1944

Mr. Grover S. Jacoby, Jr.
645 S. McCadden Pl.
Los Angeles, Calif.

Dear Mr. Jacoby:

You have no doubt already received a packet of documented informative material from the Committee. I hope you will find it of some interest and aid.

Mrs. Kingman has been away on an enforced vacation, so I am writing particularly to thank you for your contribution sent to Mrs. Thayer of last month. It is very heartening to receive unsolicited contributions, and know that there are like minded people of good will.

A Los Angeles branch of the Committee is now in the process of being organized, and we will of course keep you in touch as the chapter is developed.

Thank you again for your kind letter, and contribution.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary

mj

January 31, 1944

Mr. J. Bernard Watson
P.O. Box 201
Seaside, Calif.

Dear Mr. Watson:

I am very sorry that we have no extra copies of the pamphlet "Outcasts", by Caleb Foote that we distribute from this office, as you requested in your letter of January 28th.

I have mailed 5 copies of Mr. Fisher's pamphlet to you, and in addition, some well documented material that you may find of some interest and aid. Some of this material we can supply in quantities, should you so desire. Please let us know if we can be of any further assistance.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary

mj

January 31, 1944

Mrs. Grace McDonald
740 Hilmar Ave.
Santa Clara, Calif.

Dear Mrs. McDonald:

We understand that on January 17, 1944, the State Board of Agriculture passed the following resolution:

WHEREAS this board believes that questions of policy such as expressed the resolution adopted at the previous meeting of this board relative to the return of Japanese evacuees not be passed upon by less than a majority of the whole board, and

WHEREAS, there is serious doubt that the said resolution would have been passed had a majority of the board been present to vote, and

WHEREAS, it is the sense of this meeting of the Board that said previous resolution was untimely and susceptible of misinterpretation of the views of California Agriculture in relation to a problem that is both military and national in character:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that said action is hereby rescinded.

On January 19, 1944 we wrote to Mr. W.C. Jacobsen, Assistant Secretary, requesting that he send us "a copy of the resolution re persons of Japanese ancestry, that was passed by the Board of Agriculture on Monday, January 17, 1944". In reply we received the following information:

"It was regularly moved by W.L. Smith, seconded by D.C. Bull, that the resolution of the California State Board of Agriculture relative to "Lawful Participation of Persons of Japanese Ancestry in the Agricultural Life and Industry of California", passed at the December 20, 1943 meeting of the California State Board of Agriculture be rescinded at this the regular meeting of said Board on January 17, 1944, and that vote by roll call be taken.
"Carried.

"Roll Call revealed the following members voting for rescission: James E. Armstrong, Donald C. Bull, A.J. McFadden, W.L. Smith, John S. Watson, and Mrs. Grace McDonald voting against rescission. Members C.B. Hutchison, Stewart Meigs, and W.B. Parker were absent.

"The Chairman declared the resolution rescinded."

The Berkeley Daily Gazette of January 18, 1944, under a United Press date line declared:

"The new resolution declared the question of return of Japanese should not have been passed on by less than a majority of the board and expressed "serious doubt" that it would have been adopted had a majority been present.

"The original resolution also was "untimely and susceptible of misinterpretation of the views of California agriculture in relation to a problem that is both military and national in character," the new measure declared."

The United Press report appears to confirm the first version of the official rescission made by the Board on January 17th. As we are somewhat puzzled by the discrepancies in the account of the official record, we shall appreciate receiving the full and complete record from the permanent minutes.

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman

RWK:mj

c.c. Stewart Meigs

CALIFORNIA FARM RESEARCH AND LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

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740 HILMAR AVENUE, SANTA CLARA, CALIFORNIA
Phone Santa Clara 159

GRACE McDONALD
Executive Secretary

February 3, 1944

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

Dear Mrs. Kingman:

We acknowledge receipt of your letter of January 31st inquiring about the resolutions as regards persons of Japanese ancestry passed by the Board of Agriculture on Monday, January 17, 1944. For your information may we advise that those resolutions that appear on the first page of your letter are correct.

As regards the minutes, we shall be very glad to send you a copy of same as soon as we receive them from Sacramento.

Very truly yours

Grace McDonald
Grace McDonald
Executive Secretary

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FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Plymouth Avenue, corner Spring Street
ROCHESTER 8, NEW YORK



January 31, 1944

Committee on American Principles
and Fair Play,
2234 Telegraph Avenue,
Berkeley, California.

Dear Sir:

Please send me one copy of the
leaflet-

Untruths about Japanese-Americans

Enclosed find stamps to cover cost
of same.

Yours sincerely,

(Min) Jean B. Nagle

(Signature)

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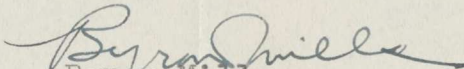
Miss Mary Jefferds
Committee on American Principles and Fair Play
Room 203, 465 California Street
San Francisco, California

Dear Miss Jefferds:

Thank you for your letter of January 29, requesting a copy of the Richfield Reporter broadcast of January 28.

We have referred your request to the Hollywood office of NBC where the program originates, and you should be hearing from them directly within a few days.

Sincerely yours,


Byron Mills
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THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF WAR
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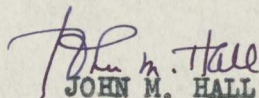
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Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman
Committee on American Principles
and Fair Play
Room 203, 465 California Street
San Francisco, California

Dear Mrs. Kingman:

Mr. McCloy has asked me to thank you for forwarding the radioscript used in the recent "Citizens for Victory" program in San Francisco on the subject of the future for American citizens of Japanese descent in the United States.

Sincerely,


JOHN M. HALL
Captain, F.A.
Assistant Executive

Thanks -
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UNITED STATES ARMY

JANUARY 31, 1944

DEAR MRS. KINGMAN,

I'M AFRAID THAT THE RECENT ATROCITY STORIES FROM JAPANESE PRISON CAMPS WILL MAKE THE JOB OF OUR COMMITTEE JUST THAT MUCH HARDER IN GETTING A FAIR BREAK FOR JAPANESE-AMERICANS. SO I'M SENDING YOU THIS MONEY, ^(8.15) FIGURING THAT YOU CAN MAKE BETTER USE OF IT THAN I WOULD BE ABLE TO. I CERTAINLY HOPE THE WORK OF THE COMMITTEE IS COMING ALONG WELL. PLEASE GIVE MY REGARDS TO HARRY AND TELL HIM I WILL WRITE HIM ONE OF THESE DAYS.

WITH BEST WISHES,

Ken Coates.

Joe Masaoka
Mrs. Kingman

WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY

WASHINGTON

Dr. Galen Fisher
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Washington, D. C.

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Dear Dr. Fisher:

I have discussed Joe Masaoka's comments on the Arizona situation with Mr. Baker, head of our Reports Division, and Mr. Hoffman, who as you know has been until very recently at the project in Rivers, and with two or three other people who have some knowledge of the situation. We all agree that while the situation in Arizona is undesirable it is fairly stable at the present time. It is also agreed that any action which would seem like going on the offensive now might stir up the elements of ill will. It is our collective judgment that whatever we do should be done quietly in preparation for possible future developments rather than to stir things up by going on an active campaign at the moment. Certainly the idea of scheduling Mr. Grew in Arizona is a good one.

Mr. Baker recently spent some time there interviewing editors and radio announcers, as suggested by Masaoka, and we have laid out some special plans for publicity. There is some question about organizing a Fair Play Committee there at the present time. However, I think it might be done if it were done as a future safeguard rather than emerging as an active, aggressive force at the moment. In case this seems desirable the following people would be worth contacting: Harold Safford, Manager, Station KOY, Phoenix; Bishop Mitchell, Episcopal Diocese, Phoenix; Rives Matthews, Publisher, Tucson Star.

Several weeks ago the Arizona situation was very bad. A great deal of effective work has been done since then and if the situation is handled with care we can keep down the furor. Just recently they tried to drum up a very large mass meeting to hear Dr. Lechner and even though the radio carried paid announcements for two or three days before the meeting the attendance was only about 200. Of course, many of those were our own WRA representatives and others who went simply to hear what Lechner had to say.



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We do not want you to feel that we are depreciating in any way the problem in Arizona. There is a problem there but it must be handled carefully. Many of the people in Arizona, including the Governor, do not like the Californians any better than they like the Japanese. Because of this fact the danger of coalition is not so great.

Sincerely,

D. J. Myer

Director

For Mrs. Rundquest -

*To help keep list of all interracial
organizations on Pacific Coast? J*

Copy to Helen M. Fisher

Feb. 1, 1944

Dr. Charles S. Johnson,
Fisk University,
Nashville, Tenn.

Dear Dr. Johnson:

Thank you for continuing to send me your very valuable publication, A Monthly Summary. I think you may be interested in knowing of the four interracial groups which are now functioning in Los Angeles. I recently wrote this information to Mr. Alan Cranston, of the Office of War Information. I am now handing on to you the facts which I reported to him:

1. LEADERSHIP ROUND TABLE, promoted by Floyd Covington, of the Urban League. This provides an outlet for all who have problems which they wish to bring out into the open and discuss. Thus far, it has not resulted in much action, but it has made a hundred or more community leaders more intelligent. At the last meeting on January 19, there were about eighty people present.

2. COUNCIL FOR CIVIC UNITY, started in November by a little group called the Hollywood Democratic Committee, has blossomed out into an influential city-wide organization. Although most of the people who started the movement were either Jewish or labor leaders, the Council is now a stable representative organization. Dr. E. C. Farnham, secretary of the Church Federation, is the present chairman. The treasurer is James Wallace, former chairman of the Protestant Church Federation. Several prominent Jewish friends are giving the movement cordial support. This activity has had an influence in the appointment of the two committees mentioned in the following:

3. COMMITTEE FOR HOME FRONT UNITY, appointed by Mayor Bowron on January 10, is made up of six Negroes, two Jewish people, one Mexican, one businessman, and one Protestant and one Catholic clergyman. The very able secretary to the Mayor, Mr. Edmund Cooke, is the executive secretary of this committee. He is doing an excellent piece of research and quiet study of the problems within the city.

4. JOINT COMMITTEE FOR INTERRACIAL PROGRESS, now being appointed by the Board of Supervisors. This committee will be made up of eight heads of County departments (County employees) together with not more than twenty citizens,

to be selected by various organizations in the community. The Board of Supervisors selected the organizations and instructed the chairman, John Anson Ford, to ask each organization to appoint a member to this committee. We hope that this committee will begin to function early in February.

The special function of the Mayor's Committee will be, I think, primarily to deal definitely and specifically with transportation, housing, police relations, and youth activities. The function of the County committee will be, I think, to deal with similar problems in the forty-four cities and twelve unorganized communities outside of the City of Los Angeles. The function of the Council for Civic Unity will be to create public opinion, to support the City and County committees and their activities. There is the finest spirit of cooperation thus far between these three committees and the Leadership Round Table.

If you have any questions regarding these groups, please be free to write me at any time.

Cordially yours,

GEORGE GLEASON

February 1, 1944

Mr. George E. Rundquist
297 Fourth Ave.
New York, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Rundquist:

Mrs. Kingman is, at present, away on a month's vacation, so I am writing for her to thank you for the 200 copies of the January 21st issue of PM which arrived today.

I am not sure just what use will be made of the copies, but am sure we can distribute them to great advantage.

Thank you again.

Sincerely,

Secretary

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January 1, 1944

Mr. Henry Tyler
Sacramento Junior College
Sacramento, Calif.

Dear Mr. Tyler:

Thank you very much for sending us the clipping from the Sacramento Bee. Mrs. Kingman is away, at present, on an enforced vacation, so I shall refer your suggestion regarding Mr. Stone to Dr. Taylor, or Dr. McGiffert. We will keep you informed of any future developments.

Thank you again.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary

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February 1, 1944

Miss Lillie L. Osborne
Box 250
Palm Springs, Calif.

Dear Miss Osborne:

In Mrs. Kingman's absence on a month's vacation I am writing to thank you for sending the clippings from the Santa Ana Register, and the story re Dr. Lechner. We are always very grateful for any clippings we receive from our members.

I am glad you were able to use the material we sent. I am enclosing some additional material that came into the office recently, that you may find of some interest.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary

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February 1, 1944

Miss Jean Backus
Editor, California Monthly
Stephens Union
UC Campus
Berkeley, Calif.

Dear Editor:

Here are the enclosed I promised you. The rain scared me out of my visit in person. Note letter from McCloy dated January 25th....you might be interested. We made no similar request of Mr. Myer.

When do you want the stuff re class of '43?

RAH!

RAH!

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Sincerely yours,

Secretary

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3/10/44
453 Kensington Pl.
Pasadena 3, Calif.
Feb. 1, 1944

Dr. A.C. McEffer,
Berkeley, Calif.,

Dear Sir:

I received your answer to my letter concerning Mr. Kari's relations to the Committee on American Principles and Fair Play, and note its contents with interest. I should like to suggest that I believe that if the Committee is to be an effective democratic unit its executive committee should be representative of its active chapters. Thus far, the Pasadena chapter is not represented.

I heard a quotation from a leading Anti-Nazi of Europe to the effect that if the good, Christian, freedom-loving people of Germany had not been so polite and un-aggressive, Hitler could have never risen to power. The evacuation of the Japanese-Americans from the west coast was the result of pressure from some fascist-minded organizations with ulterior motives. The army was the means of carrying it out, but not the instigator. Are we justified in being too polite to "attack" them? It seems to me that since the Government has gone to great pains to segregate the disloyal, the loyal ones would be no more of a menace here than in Kansas or Illinois.

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I suggest that a Conference representing
sympathetic persons from all the
branches of the committee, might be
worth while, in considering the work
of the committee from this point
on. The situation has changed since
evacuation. We no longer have a
black-out on the west coast. Why
tolerate the further persecution of
a helpless minority?

Yours truly,
Mrs. Gertrude Klaus