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Mr. William P. Rich,
Marysville, Calif.

My dear Mr. Rich,

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Sacramento, California

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Mrs. Mary Farquharson
2126 E. Forty-seventh St.
Seattle, Washington

Dear Mrs. Farquharson:

I have notified Mr. Scott according to your suggestion in your letter of September 24, regarding Mrs. Siegley's salary, and I don't expect any further delay. I believe she will receive \$50.00 for the month of September.

Mrs. Kingman arrives in Berkeley, if everything goes according to schedule, on October 24, and I am sure she would be delighted if Mrs. Siegley could visit here after that date. I am sure a great deal could be accomplished.

The immediate work for the Seattle branch will consist of establishing an Executive Committee, an Advisory Board, and soliciting memberships. I would appreciate it very much if you would let me know of such names as they are added to the roster. Dean Robert O'Brien has a packet of membership cards, that would probably allow you to get a start.

Mr. Fisher suggested that if you could keep a line on any state legislation on committee hearings that would be relevant to the work of the Committee, it would be very helpful to have that information both in your Branch, and in this office here.

Please feel free to call on me for further information or material.

Sincerely,

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Secretary

October 1, 1943

Mr. Donald C. Peattie
940 Mission Canyon Rd.
Santa Barbara, Calif.

Dear Mr. Peattie:

The Committee here is working on the possibilities of having one or two of our local Advisory Board members, or Executive Board members, act as a speaker for a large meeting in Santa Barbara.

Mrs. Kingman is, at present, in Washington, however plans are going ahead for supplying a speaker, probably Mr. Fisher, or Mr. Lundberg, or possibly both. Both are out of town now, but we will let you know as soon as anything definite is set.

Sincerely,

Secretary

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Cathedral House
615 South Figueroa St.
Los Angeles 14, California

October 1, 1943

Dr. Arthur C. McGiffert,
San Francisco, California

Dear Dr. McGiffert:

May I acknowledge your letter of September 30th to Bishop Stevens as member of the Advisory Board, Pacific Coast Committee on American Principles and Fair Play.

The Bishop is in the east and will not return until the third week in October at which time your communication will be brought to his attention.

Yours truly,

Catherine E. Davis

WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY

WASHINGTON

October 1, 1943

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

Dear Mrs. Kingman:

Under separate cover we have already sent you 150 copies of a brief multilith statement on segregation intended as a supplement to the pamphlet "Relocation of Japanese Americans." The supplement is the same page size as the original document and can be easily inserted among the blank pages at the end. Or, if you prefer, it can be sent along simply as an accompanying document whenever you are filling requests for the pamphlet.

Sincerely yours

John C. Baker
John C. Baker
Chief, Office of Reports



October 7, 1942

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

Dear Mr. Baker:

We are in receipt of the brief statement on segregation, and shall use it as a supplement to the pamphlet "Relocation of Japanese Americans". However, the number of segregation statements far exceeds the number of pamphlets we have in our possession, so would it be possible to obtain about 100 copies of the pamphlet?

Thank you very much for the statements.

Sincerely,

Secretary

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OCT 1 1943

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

Dear Mrs. Kingman:

As requested, we are sending you under separate cover 500 copies each of "Minority Report of the 'Dies' Committee" and "Remarks of Representative Herman P. Eberharter (Of The Dies Committee)". In addition, we are sending you several copies of other information which we have and can supply you additional copies if you so desire.

Very truly yours,

Philip J. Webster

Philip J. Webster
Acting Field Assistant Director



October 7, 1943

Mr. Philip J. Webster
Whitcomb Hotel Building
San Francisco 3, Calif.

Dear Mr. Webster:

Thank you very much for the copies of the
"Minority Report of the Dies Committee" and the
Remarks of Representative Herman P. Eberharter".

We have already used these to send to our
membership, along with other WRA releases on the
testimonies and press statements of the Dies
Committee hearings. I am enclosing a copy of the
covering letter that was sent with each of the
kits.

Thank you again.

Sincerely,

Secretary

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Oct. 1, 1943.

Ans. "4" J.

Dr. Galen Fisher
Orinda, California.

Dear Dr. Fisher:

Enclosed is a check for \$15.00 from the Church to be used for the Air-Play Committee. Somehow, I have misplaced your letter and do not know the treasurer's name. I saw your brother, Dr. Miles, at a meeting and he said you would see the treasurer for me.

I have enjoyed your articles in the Christian Century and am helping wherever I can to spread the facts you wrote in it. It is surprising the number of people one meets (church people, too!) who still repeat the falsehoods regarding fifth-column activity of the Japanese in Hawaii and California. One of my particular peeves is to see these broken-down jalopies with windshield stickers reading "No Japs in California". I wonder ~~who~~ finances the printing and distribution of these stickers.

Thanks again for your efforts in behalf of these, our brethren, and with kindest personal greetings,

Sincerely,

Alfred F. Schroeder

Please return to Miss Mary Jefferts, 2234 Telegraph Av.,
Akron

Oct. 2, 1943

Dear Galen:

Do excuse this paper and my bad typing—the former because it is all that I have other than my cherished letter heads of the F.P. Committee, the latter because I don't like to ask the WRA secretary to type these letters to the 'family' so to speak.

I received your letter yesterday, just before going into a two hour conference with Mr. Myer. It came at a most auspicious time, as I was able to get an answer to most of your questions, and opinions on others.

1) According to Mr. Myer's interpretation, the project directors have no little discretionary powers in decisions relating to assignments to Tule Lake. There is, according to him, no "freeze" of Kibei who were in Japan over 10 years, or who returned after 1925. Those persons automatically fall in Group III, i.e., those who are given hearings before going to Tule. He told me that there have been only a negligible number of such Kibei who have received unfavorable verdicts over the project directors' decision, and those only because the Board felt that insufficient data was available to make up a satisfactory docket—satisfactory not only to the Board but to any Dies-minded individuals who might come upon any person cleared without sufficient examination. When the entire segregation of those who fall into the categories slated for Tule Lake, it is not difficult to see why more than ordinary precautions must be taken at this time. I may not understand the thing clearly, but if I do, (and I think I do) it would seem that there are a satisfactory number of appeals open to any person who feels that he is being unjustly sent to Tule. I have had a long conference with Roger Baldwin alone, and one with Roger and Mr. Myer and the ACLU and the WRA lawyers, and Mr. Baldwin seems to feel that under a segregation policy, the safeguards appear to be adequate. However, it will not be long, I think (off the record) before cases will be brought up before the Supreme Court covering the entire segregation program. I shall talk with you at length about that, upon my return.

2) From your question, I gather that you are under the impression that if one member of a family asks for repatriation, that the entire family is doomed to Tule. That is not ~~##~~ at all correct. No person is so obligated, other than children under 17. Even those, all or any, can go out if the parents know of any satisfactory home for them on the outside. Should the entire family go in, any person who would ordinarily be eligible for indefinite leave from any other center, will still be eligible.

3) There will be an extra heavy guard at Tule, and a double breasted wire fence. As to the possible Gen. Grant Tanks, Mr. Myer knows nothing, but would not be surprised if the Army would take advantage of the possibility of using that territory for actual practice in maneuvers. There will be very little else to keep them busy! Because of the recognition of the undoubted loyalty of a large number of the people there, particularly of the citizen youth, the usual Americanism programs will go on—Scouts, Clubs, churches, Y etc, and I am assured that compulsory school attendance will be maintained through the high school level, with standard American requirements. If the evacuees wish to have available Japanese language and culture education, that will be permitted, but the American schools will be "as usual". Mr. Myer has said time and again that the government is taking it for granted that the great majority of these people will remain here, after the war.

4) The idea of pressing for relocation of whole families is being thoroughly explored and pursued as well as possible. Not enough has been done, surely, but apparently the WRA and FSA is making a real effort; I am urging continued emphasis.

Mr. McCloy

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5) re non-resident fees: The entire matter is being gone into very thoroughly now, and it is hoped that in Idaho there is to be sufficient pressure to have the rule removed. If it is not, and in other cases, if it is necessary, it will be taken to the Supreme Court, and soon, for an opinion which will undoubtedly prove favorable.

6)---Legality of the Segregation policy.--- I would rather talk to you and the rest of Committee at length on this, as the developments seem to be both in my mind and in the mind of Roger Baldwin, definitely in the right direction.

7) Centralization of the authority of WRA in Washington. So far as I can see, and I have conferred with Mr. Myer for something like five hours this week, as well as with Mr. Glick and others, this strong centralization is the result, not of any distrust of or lack of confidence in the project directors, but in a well based realization that the "Wolves are Out" and that no possible slip can afford to be made in any of the program, particularly at this time. As to the impression that the Committee has not much first hand knowledge, that is true, but I have seen Mr. Glick and Mr. Myer in action, and they have a most amazing awareness of not only many of the persons involved in each of these cases, but the family problems and burdens which might have extenuating effects upon the persons in question. This may not always be so, it cannot always be so, Undoubtedly there is some confusion, for the entire program is so unprecedented (Thank God) that mistakes are inevitable. But it seems to me that the whole thing is certainly being planned and carried out with the greatest good for the greatest number in mind. The injustices will be many, and some could and should be avoided. But if the segregation program, in any form is to be executed anything like as expeditiously as it must be if the resettlement program is to advance and the bulk of the group returned to normal life, some more or less inflexible rules must hold. So long as there are checks and appeals open to the persons involved, and many such possibilities do exist, I don't know what more we can urge, other than a scrupulous observation of a just attitude, on the part of Examining Personnel. That, I am sure, we can count on.

So much for your questions. I hope that I have answered them more or less adequately, tho perhaps not entirely satisfactorily.

To report a bit --- I have had a fine, and I trust, profitable time, thus far. My first two interviews were with California Congressmen whose attitudes were known to be sympathetic, Jerry Voorhies and Mr. Holofield. I got their ideas as to what the general feeling of the West Coast Delegation is, and which members should be approached as sympathetic and which as antagonistic. There seems, California like, to be no middle ground! Next week, I shall start on the opposition, then I fear that the chips will fly.

The first conference I had was with Dillon Myer, and the WRA lawyer Mr. Philip Glick, Mr. Roger Baldwin and the ACLU lawyer from New York. They invited me to sit in during their conference. I shall, as I indicated before, report that in person.

My next conference was with Mr. Francis Biddle, Attorney General. I was both amazed and delighted with his attitude and pronouncements. I still do not feel free to write some of the things which he said, tho I am sure that he did not consider them confidential. That, too, will take a personal reporting. I am enclosing a copy of the letter I am sending him today, thanking him, and reminding him that he has promised us further "ammunition" from time to time. I am giving Mr. Myer a copy too, at his request, as he wants it as a reminder to Mr. Biddle should it be necessary.

Yesterday I had an hour with Mr. McCloy of the War Department. There seems to be no opinion as to his feeling about the return of certain categories of persons to the

categories of persons to the Coast (Few words lacking)

these interviews, but one hesitates to put much of it in writing. At any rate, I can say that the interview was highly successful, and most encouraging. As a result, I am going to write to General Marshall, whom I knew personally in China, or even get an appointment with him (via McCloy) and urge selective service plus a lot of other things which, if put up in the right way might well go far toward the whole problem of public acceptance, even on the Pacific Coast. I shall let you know as soon as any arrangements are made, or if we decide upon different strategy. Skoal!

I shall continue my report on Monday. Harry came into town yesterday, for a conference with his President's Committee on Fair Employment Practices. It was fun to see him, and good to get his fine counsel again. He is really pretty good!

Next day--

I was glad ### to get your letter in which you told me that you had been reassured about the teaching of English in the centers. I have a feeling that you were probably reassured on many other things, too, as your general picture, as received in Manzanar seems to have been pretty black. I wish that I could report that the tank story about Tulelake was wrong. Mr. Myer has just checked it, and it is right. However, there is no reason why it should stay that way it seems to me, with a slight change in emphasis, and we may expect that.

I shall write again soon. Kindly share this with Cush Mc Giffert.

Very sincerely yours,

October 2, 1943

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

Dear Mr. Biddle:

It was good of you to give me so much time when we talked together in your office on Thursday. In our conversation concerning some of the problems involved in any rightful consideration of the future of persons of Japanese ancestry here in the United States, it was highly gratifying to find that your attitude is so clearly directed toward a just and fair solution.

As I told you, the purpose of our Committee is the dissemination of authentic information about this particular minority, and about the policies of the agencies responsible for the government's program involved by Executive Order 9102. Such activity seems to be necessary on the Pacific Coast, due to the obvious antagonism of the greater part of the Press, and the resulting lack of full or accurate presentation of any information which has been available.

Our chief source of reference has been to statements released by persons whose unquestioned authority has made it possible, even in this difficult area of controversy, to present some of the high thinking of our leaders to a public which gravely needs to be reminded of the principles and ideals upon which our country is firmly based, and in the protection of which we find ourselves most bitterly at war.

We look forward to more and repeated reminders from you, as our Attorney General, of the rights of all of our people and of the obligations of all of our people, at all times, but particularly now in the heat of war.

It was indeed gratifying to hear you say that from time to time you will issue such reminders. The country as a whole needs them. The Pacific Coast particularly seems to need to be brought up-to-date in its consideration of a problem which is of national, rather than sectional import.

We count upon you for aid in attaining clarity of thought.

Very sincerely yours,

Ruth W. Kingman

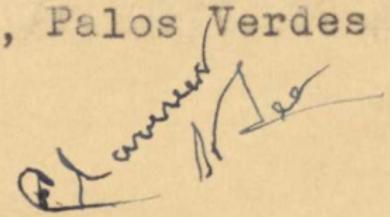
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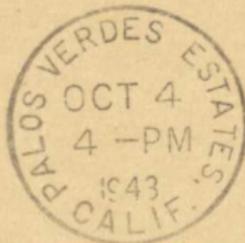
Oct. 2, 1943.

Card dated Sep. 7, signed by Secretary said
the material would be sent us within a few
days. Has it gone astray? We have not seen it.

Expectantly,

Clarence H. Lee,
Box 174, Palos Verdes Estates, Cal





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October 3, 1943

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

Dear Mrs Kingman

Enclosed is my check for ten dollars to assist in the work you are doing for the American born Japanese and the other Japanese who are loyal to the United States.

I have lived in Los Angeles most of my life and have known many Japanese , both alien and American-born. I have always found them to be trustworthy, law-abiding and loyal to the United States. Am sorry that I am unable to contribute more for your good work.

Very truly yours

Emma C Smith

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Mr. Thomas M. Erwin,
El Monte, Calif.

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Yours truly,

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Chairman Publicity Committee

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October 5, 1943

Miss Jo Allyn Clark
Marysville
California

Dear Miss Clark:

We have no record of your contribution in this office, but I have referred your card to the Fresno Branch of the Committee, since they are the local Branch that would handle you membership. I am very sorry that you have received no recognition of your contribution, but I am sure that a recheck of the records will clear the matter up. A rapid turnover of office personnel probably explains our oversight.

I am enclosing some material which you may find of interest, and am sending under separate cover the latest release to our membership.

Please let us know if there is any further misunderstanding, or if there is any further information that we can provide.

Sincerely,

Secretary

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, is Miss Margaret Cosgrave, 1644 Van Ness,
Fresno, Calif.
p.s. the member of the Fresno Branch that could probably
aid you

October 5, 1943

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

Dear Miss Cosgrave:

I am sending under separate cover the WRA comments on the testimonies and the press statements resulting from the Dies Committee investigation. I am including only two copies of each, but will be glad to send more if you will indicate whether you want 10 copies of the entire set or only certain parts of it.

Enclosed is a communication from Miss Jo Clark. Isn't this the same person who made out that application that we referred to your Fresno Branch of the Committee sometime last July? I have written the woman, telling her I have referred the letter to you, and have sent her some literature. Would you please check on this and communicate with her if possible, and at any rate, let me know if anything about her turns up at all?

I would certainly appreciate some list of the individual contributions of the members of the Fresno branch, if such a list is available. If you could send me the half of the membership card that is retained by the Committee, I could make up the information from these.

Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

Secretary

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SWARTHMORE COLLEGE
Swarthmore, Pa.
President's Office

October 5, 1943.

Dear Dr. Deutsch:

For some reason your letter of September 27 was delayed and did not reach me until yesterday. I am sorry that I did not have it at the time of our Council meeting on September 29. It is good of you to write as you have. I hope you understand that I always welcome your advice and suggestions.

Your point of view was well expressed at the Council meeting. There are some of the old dislocated students on our roster who deserve placement and whom we want to help. There is also the new group of high school graduates and there is also the "morale building" function. Tom Bodine, Marion Reith, and others who have visited the Relocation Projects feel strongly the importance of this side of our work.

On the other hand we have now relocated virtually as many students as were in colleges and universities on the West Coast at the time of Pearl Harbor. The number of active cases remaining in our files is quite small. Relocation by the WRA is increasing; John Provinse reported at the meeting that it is now up to 700 per week. Our operations so far have been on the whole economical. I am proud of a figure for administrative costs of between \$32 and \$33 per student. Our expenses per student from now on will go up very sharply and would not be justified merely by our help in relocation. They would have to be justified by our contribution to morale. This is not the function for which the Council was originally created, but it might be viewed as a legitimate additional function which we might perform.

One of our difficulties is a lack of funds. We have enough money to carry on until March 1, with I hope a little left over for emergencies. In spite of all our efforts we have not received any cordial or generous support from the Church Boards for our administrative overhead. Let me make it clear that certain of the Church Boards have been most generous to the students themselves in granting scholarships. Last February, however, the Council was in a difficult situation, and the Church Boards assumed the responsibility of seeing it through its job. If it had not been for the very generous help from the Columbia Foundation, we could not have continued to function. We have received from various foundations \$35,000, from the Church Boards only \$10,000. I am frankly disappointed both at the past performance of the Boards and at the present prospects of any future support from them. While representatives will not commit themselves, my own impression is that Church Board interest is dwindling. Consequently there is a very practical question whether we shall be able to continue beyond the point made possible by our present funds. I would prefer to end at a time when we have done one part of our job and done it I think reasonably well than to continue in a lingering fashion and ultimately die of inanition. It is always difficult for an organization to know when to stop, and very few have the courage voluntarily to eliminate themselves when they have passed their period of maximum usefulness.

These are some of the pros and cons in a little more detail

than you will find in the minutes of the Council meeting, which you will shortly receive. I hope you will let me have your help and advice.

With warm personal regards, I am

Yours sincerely,

(Signed) JOHN W. NASON

Provost Monroe E. Deutsch
University of California
Berkeley, California

CC to Mr. Hibbard

Copy for Mrs. Kingman ✓

Thank
11/8/43
my

WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY

Manzanar, California

In reply, please refer to:

Project Reports
Officer

October 5, 1943

Mrs. Harry Kingman
2207 Union Street
Berkeley, California

Dear Madam:

A complimentary copy of the Manzanar Free Press Pictorial Edition with the Japanese section is enclosed.

The content of this edition describes pictorially the representative phases of the evacuees' daily life in this project operated by the War Relocation Authority.

Sincerely yours,

Ralph P. Merritt
Project Director

By

Robert L. Brown
Robert L. Brown
Assistant Project Director

Enclosure



November 8, 1943

Mr. Robert L. Brown
Assistant Project Director
Manzanar, Calif.

Dear Mr. Brown:

In acknowledgement of the complimentary copy of the Manzanar Free Press Pictorial Edition which you sent to us on October 5.

Mrs. Kingman was in Washington when the edition arrived, but since she has seen it upon her return, she is very anxious to express her thanks for the very fine presentation of the daily life of the evacuees in the relocation center.

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary

mj

Comm. Principles
of Labor Law

FILE:

Master
Crossfile
Student

October 7, 1943

Mr. Maurice B. Harrison
Brobeck, Phleger & Harrison
111 Sutter Street
San Francisco 4, California

My dear Mr. Harrison:

The question you raise about the proposed policy of our Committee favoring the placing of Chinese upon a quota basis seems so important that I hope it will be possible for Galen Fisher and me to consult you about it personally before the next meeting of the Executive Committee which is scheduled, I believe, for the end of next week. Mr. Fisher and I could meet you on Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday.

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May I also raise with you the question of the advisability of incorporating our Committee. A Mr. Crothy in the South believes incorporation desirable and would be glad to become a member of our Los Angeles Committee on this condition. He is an able and influential man. Is incorporating worth-while?

I am,

Cordially yours,

ACW:dp

C O P Y

Committee on American Principles and Fair Play

October 7, 1943

Mr. A. B. Ruddock
1000 Quinby Building
Los Angeles, California.

My dear Mr. Ruddock:

Mr. Scott has turned over your correspondence to me as Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Pacific Coast Committee on American Principles and Fair Play. Your readiness to work with us in behalf of the minority groups if mutually satisfactory policies can be worked out is heartening. There are plenty of allies at work or ready to work for this cause, but it is not always easy for us to find each other or to reinforce each other's efforts.

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

However, when we formulated our purpose we foresaw that other Oriental people might sometime come within the scope of our concern. (~~see By-Laws Paragraph 2~~) We also recognized that attempts to discriminate against one group of minorities tends to undermine the rights of other minorities, as well as of the majority.

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

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UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA

EVACUATION AND RESETTLEMENT STUDY
207 GIANNINI HALL
BERKELEY, CALIFORNIA

Oct. 7, 1943

Committee on American Principles and Fair Play,
2234 Telegraph Avenue,
Berkeley 4, California.

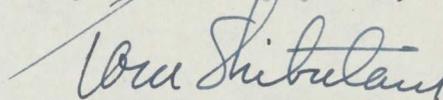
Gentlemen:

It was with great pleasure indeed that I received in the mail today, three copies of the Daily Californian of August 25th with a front page story concerning the American Legion resolution. It is indeed heartening to see that there are Californians who are vitally interested in fighting for and perpetuating a democratic tradition.

In spite of the fact that we are evacuees, many of us are concerned, not so much over the welfare of 100,000 people but rather with a danger of setting up a system based on intolerance and prejudice which may have devastating effects to numerous other groups after the war. The fine work that you are doing is a step in the direction that I am sure that the vast majority of thoughtful citizens wish to go.

Thank you for your thoughtfulness. We certainly appreciate it. Trusting you will continue your very fine work, I remain,

Very sincerely yours,



Tom Shibutani
Research Assistant

Room 11, Social Science Building,
University of Chicago,
Chicago, Illinois.

October 9, 1943

Dean Mary Baker
Fresno State College
Fresno, Calif.

Dear Miss Baker:

I believe the writer of the enclosed card made out an application which was originally sent to this office and which I forwarded to you on July 6th.

I would appreciate it very much if you could track this down, and let me know if anything definite turns up.

I have already sent Miss Clark the last kit of material that was mailed to all of our membership, and in a letter to her referred her to Miss Cosgrave of your Fresno branch.

Sincerely,

Secretary

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October 9, 1943

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

Dear Mr. McCloy:

It was good of you to give me so much of your time last Thursday morning when we discussed some of the questions pertaining to Japanese Americans. It is reassuring to us on the Pacific Coast to know that what has been too often considered a peculiarly sectional problem is receiving the considered attention of our federal government.

Your personal recognition of the responsibility of the War Department in any equitable solution of the problems confronted by our Americans of Japanese ancestry gives us deep satisfaction. To many thinking Californians, it appears self-evident that the responsibility for evacuation of such persons from the Western Defense Command having been accepted by the War Department, any final solution or resolution of the problems created by the evacuation order rests as a continued responsibility with that same body.

We who are deeply concerned that the outgrowth of military necessity shall not prove a permanent denial of the principles for which we find ourselves so bitterly at war, are satisfied that the War Department is determined that no such deplorable result shall be considered acceptable.

If a truly decent and even relatively fair deal is to be given our loyal Americans of Japanese ancestry, it is obvious that such fairness will have to be initiated by the War Department. To meet the long prevalent attitude on the West Coast, inculcated and developed by the natural bitterness aroused by war as well as by the less legitimate hate barrages of the Chronic Campaigners such as ~~Heart Mountain et al~~, a strong position by your Department will be the only possible avenue through which public opinion can be properly changed.

May I take this opportunity to summarize some of the steps which might be taken with sound support from large numbers of influential Californians, a support which will increase with the gradual recognition that the return of certain categories of the evacuees has the strong

Mr. Hearst, etc. etc.

support, as well as the approval of the War Department.

1. The continuation of the policy permitting Nisei soldiers to move ~~were~~ freely in all parts of the United States.

2. Added emphasis on enlistment of WACS and their assignment to duty on the Pacific Coast.

3. The return to the Pacific Coast of veterans of World War I, with full responsibility for their safety and well being squarely in the hands of the American Legion.

4. The return of the wives and children of Nisei in the service, to the homes for which their husbands and fathers have the right to feel that they are fighting.

5. The gradual return of law-abiding parents of these same service men and their wives.

6. Most particularly, the reinstatement of Selective Service, with a positive approach to the administrative problems involved. With the excellent precedent of the second generation Sicilians in Sicily, the same highly successful procedures might well be followed in the South Pacific, particularly as the move northward into the Japanese islands is effected.

7. It is our profound hope that it will be deemed advisable to assign an officer to General Emons' staff whose duty it will be to see that full and proper use is made of all news dispatches and all announcements of policy which can be used on the West Coast to reassure our people. We are confident that the great majority will willingly accept the judgment of our military leadership in this as in other areas.

May we look forward to our War Department for that leadership?

Very sincerely,

Ruth W. Kingman
Executive Secretary

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October 9, 1943

Rev. Stephen Peabody
Third & San Antonio Sts.
San Jose, Calif.

Dear Mr. Peabody:

We have gained eight replies from the list of people in San Jose who were contacted. Only one person wrote a negative reply. Mr. Fred Oehler pleaded lack of time, and felt that the American Trust Company was already represented in the person of Mr. Ralph Fisher on our Advisory Board.

The names below all indicated a willingness to cooperate, though Miss Fitinghoff said that she would probably be out of town at a time of meeting.

Mr. John D. Crumney
Mr. Irving L. Langendorf
Mr. Mannice Howard
Mr. Frederic T. Shipp
Mr. Paul M. Pitman
Miss Laura Z. Fitinghoff
Rabbi Iser L. Freund

Mr. Fisher may have received other replies since I last communicated with him, and I shall certainly notify you of the answers as they come in.

Sincerely,

Secretary

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October 9, 1943

Mrs. J. V. Hobart
1368 E. 57th St.
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Mrs. Hobart:

Mrs. McLaughlin referred your name to this office, indicating that you had evidenced an interest in the problem of the American-Japanese evacuees.

I think you will find the enclosed material of considerable interest.

If you wish to have any further information, please do not hesitate to call upon us. We shall be happy to promptly satisfy any requests.

Sincerely,

Secretary

mj

October 9, 1943

Mrs. John K. Hoiem
Rt. 1, Box 171
Fowler, Calif.

Dear Mrs. Hoiem:

Mr. Fisher requested me to answer your letter of October 3, directed to him, since several questions were included that were concerned with the work of this office.

First, may I apologize for the delayed answer to the questions asked in your previous letters. I have sent some material under separate cover that I think will supplement the information you have unearthed. By this time, you have also probably received the Dies Committee comments by the WRA that were sent to all our membership. This was the material that I had referred to in a previous letter, that I had expected to be mailed much earlier, but the mailing was delayed due to a lack of certain reports that had to be supplied by the San Francisco office of the WRA. The office was rather rushed following Mrs. Kingman's departure to Washington and your letter apparently got misplaced in the shuffle. May I say again that I regret any inconvenience that was caused you.

Of the material that I have mailed under separate cover, may I ask the return of the the reports sent to us by Mr. J.W. Pehle? We have other copies of the other material but we would like to have the reports he includes, with his letter, returned for our files.

You may be interested to know that we are having Mr. Fisher's articles reprinted in a pamphlet form, that will be available for sale and distribution in the near future.

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary

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My 10/13/43

503 South Hobart Boulevard
Los Angeles 5, California

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman
Pacific Coast Committee
on American Principles & Fair Play
San Francisco, California

Dear Mr. Kingman:

As an indication
of my interest in the
purpose of your committee
I am enclosing my check
for one dollar.

Yours truly,
(Mrs) Rosalie Winkler

October 10, 1943

October 11, 1943

Mr. Lawrence Norrie
715 So. Hope St.
Los Angeles, Calif.

Dear Mr. Norrie:

Mr. William Davis, of Stiles Hall, relayed a request to this office for copies of the Lundberg-Warren correspondence to be used at a meeting of the National Staff.

Mrs. Kingman is now in Washington, and I am unable to check with Mr. Lundberg personally, but I am sure that the correspondence has not yet been approved for general public release, so I do not feel able to satisfy request.

Mrs. Kingman's Washington address is 3848 Calvert St., N.W., Washington, D.C., and you may be able to wire her there on the matter. She will be at that address until October 14.

I am very sorry I cannot be of more immediate help to you.

Sincerely,

Secretary

mj

Wm. 10/11/43 Oct. 9 '43

Dear Sirs, -

Mr. Galen Fisher writes me that I may get the four articles that he had in the Christian Century about the Japanese, through you - I want one copy of the four articles but am not quite sure of the price - Please send me the articles when you have them reprinted and let me know the price -

I am a Japan missionary and have worked among the Japanese here so am especially interested.

Yours sincerely
(Miss) Amy A. Crook

A. A. Geach
8949 Victoria Ave.
South Gate, Calif.



THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

Com. on Amer. Principles &
Fair Play
2234 Telegraph Ave.
Berkeley, Calif.

October 11, 1943

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman
3848 Calvert St., N.W.
Washington, D.C.

Hi Boss!

Sorry I don't think of all these things for
the same letter.

Received copies of your Washington Correspondence, and have referred same to Mr. Fisher, Dr. McGiffert, and Dr. Dorothy Thomas.

A 24 page, well printed reprint of Mr. Fisher's articles in the four consecutive issues of the Christian Century, has been decided upon. The pamphlet will include a blurb on the author, and a statement of the work of the Committee, along with a list of the Executive Committee and Advisory Board members. Prices are as follows:

\$.10 each, if purchased separately
\$ 1.00 for 12 copies
\$ 1.75 for 25 copies
\$ 6.00 per hundred.

(The blurb on the author, incidentally, carries an exoneration of the Committee on views expressed.) Mr. Fisher thought that various people in Washington might be interested in an order of a number of pamphlets. Have heard nothing more about possibility of a Readers' Digest condensation. Am including a set of the articles to let any prospective purchaser get the drift. ll in hand.

Have fun!
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Humbly,

Secretary

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PACIFIC COAST

Committee on American Principles and Fair Play

PASADENA CHAPTER

October 11, 1943

The Honorable Franklin Delano Roosevelt
President of the United States
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Roosevelt:

The Pasadena Chapter of the Pacific Coast Committee on American Principles and Fair Play wishes to express appreciation of your recent statement that "the large majority" of persons of Japanese ancestry in America "are loyal to the democratic institutions of the United States" and that "we shall restore to the loyal evacuees the right to return to the evacuated areas as soon as the military situation will make such a restoration feasible."

Throughout the Pacific Coast area there are many citizens who while they cooperated in all military decisions made in regard to the evacuation of Japanese Americans, deeply regretted the hysterical hostility shown against them. They now deplore efforts by certain groups to have laws passed which would prevent the return of all Japanese Americans even after the war.

We view with concern this attack on a minority group, for if rights and privileges guaranteed in the Bill of Rights and the Constitution can be set aside for any group of Americans, then citizenship in the United States loses its meaning and no minority group is safe from attack.

However, we are reassured by the clarity with which you envisage the underlying principles involved and we are confident that your leadership in the settlement of this problem will continue to be courageous.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Maynard F. Thayer
Acting Chairman

Mr. William C. Burton
Secretary

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Secretary & Treasurer
WM. C. BURTON
989 So. El Molino Ave.

Copy.

October 11, 1943

Mr. Richard Myers
Palos Verdes
California

Dear Mr. Myers:

I am enclosing several copies of our release of June 15, which I believe Mrs. Kingman promised to send.

If there is any further information or material that this office could supply, please do not hesitate to request it. We shall endeavor to be more prompt in the future.

Mr. William Davis asked that I include the address of Dr. Dorothy Thomas. This is,
Giannini Hall
University of California Campus
Berkeley, Calif.

You may also be interested in the articles of the Christian Century enclosed herein, with the accompanying letter stating the prices.

Sincerely,

Secretary

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October 11, 1943

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

Dear Gale:

Awhile ago you wrote expressing your approval of my articles in the Christian Century and to say that you thought the Pasadena Committee would wish to use about two or three thousand copies. Our office secretary, Miss Jefferds, has sent a sample to Mrs. Thayer, in case she hasn't yet seen them, with an inquiry as to how many reprints she wished.

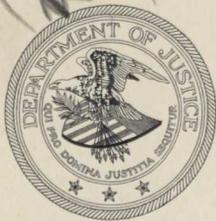
I am writing simply to let you know that the reprint is in the press, and I will leave it to your discretion as to whether or not you wish to discuss the matter with the chairman.

I had a good visit at Manzanar, although I found the Y.M.C.A. group sadly depleted, with no aggressive leadership.

Sincerely yours,

Mr. Galen Fisher

GMF:mj



Office of the Attorney General
Washington, D.C. 25

October 11, 1943

Dear Mrs. Kingman:

I spoke at the meeting of the West Virginia Bar Association last Saturday evening, and among other things spoke on the Japanese situation. I had in mind what you said to me and I thought you might like to have a copy of my remarks, which I was careful to read so there could be no possibility of misquotation. The press commented on them, and, of course, you are free to use them anyway you want.

Sincerely yours,

Francis Biddle
Attorney General

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman

Room 203, 465 California Street

San Francisco, California

File

October 14, 1943

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

Dear Mr. Biddle:

It was with gratification that I read the account of your statements made before the Virginia Bar Association, as reported in the Washington Post on Sunday, October 10. Frequent repetition of such statements concerning the rights of our American Japanese will prove most helpful in establishing a proper attitude on the West Coast.

If it is possible for me to have a copy of the full statement, I shall appreciate it very much.

Very sincerely yours,

Ruth W. Kingman

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FOR YOUR INFORMATION
A. J. LUNDBERG

MILLS COLLEGE
Office of the President
Oakland 13
12 October 1943

Dear Mr. Lundberg:

Not long ago Professor Glenn Hoover permitted me to read the copies of your correspondence with Governor Warren regarding the Japanese problem in this country. I share your admiration for Warren and also your disagreement with him. It seems to me that our treatment of Americans of Japanese ancestry during and after this war is a test case regarding the real meaning of so-called civil liberties. It would be a very great honor if I might be associated with the Pacific Coast Committee on American Principles and Fair Play. Could you put me in touch with it?

Very sincerely,

(Signed) Lynn White, jr.
President of the College

Mr. Alfred J. Lundberg
Key System
1106 Broadway
Oakland 12, California

*Referenced to
L. Magoffen who writes
Advisory Board*

F. J. G.

October 13, 1943

Dr. Lynn White, Jr.
President
Mills College
Oakland 13, Calif.

Dear Doctor White:

Thank you very much for your letter of the 12th. I am happy to transmit it to the Executive Committee, which is to meet shortly and I know will welcome you to the organization.

For your information, the staff office is at 2234 Telegraph Avenue, Berkeley 4, Ashberry 6214.

Sincerely yours,

Alfred J. Lundberg.

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cc-Monroe E. Deutsch
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October 11, 1943

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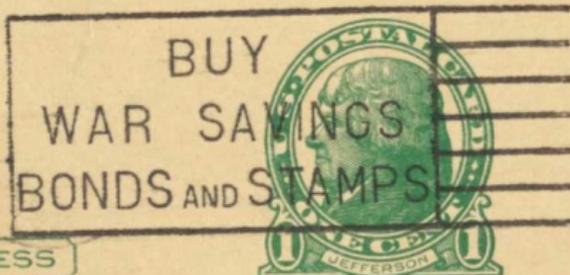
Gentlemen:

Saturday we received at this office a package from you addressed to Mr. Thomas Bodine who is connected with the National Student Relocation Office. As you know this office was formerly located at this address. However, it moved to 1201 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia, Pa., last spring and Mr. Bodine's office is at that address. I wonder if you would be good enough to correct your files? In the meantime we have forwarded the package to Philadelphia.

Sincerely yours,

Elizabeth Goodman
Elizabeth Goodman, Office Secretary

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



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Pacific Coast Committee on American
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2234 Telegraph Avenue
Berkeley 4, California

HARRY F. HENDERSON
1703 OAK STREET
SOUTH PASADENA, CALIF.

October 12, 1943.

Dr. Galen Fisher
Orinda, California.

*Billed
11/15/43*

Dear Dr. Fisher:

I recently addressed the Christian Century, urging them to reprint your articles about the Japanese situation in this country. I have a reply saying they are not planning to do so. I wish it were possible to have these. I would order at least 200 to start with, and would send them all over the country. I think I would put them into every letter I write for the next six months. Perhaps you have plans. If so I should be very happy to know about them.

May I say that I think your articles were by far the best contribution that has been made to the discussion of the subject.

Yours cordially,

Harry F. Henderson

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10/15/43

W. J.
Harden:

October 12, 1943

Kindly send me the
circular regarding the Luce
Committee, and also the
comments by the minority
group. Thank you very kindly,
Julia Sherman

ICHIRO FURUTA
323 - 13 - H
POSTON, ARIZONA

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GENTLEMEN;

OCT. 12, 1943
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PASTON, ARIZ.

IF YOU HAVE ANY
COPIES OF THE FOLLOWING
CIRCULARS, WILL YOU SEND
THEM TO THE ABOVE
ADDRESS, PLEASE:

1. MINORITY REPORT OF THE
"DIES" COMMITTEE
 2. REMARKS OF REPRESENTATIVE
H. P. EBERHARTER
 3. CORRESPONDENCE BETWEEN
THE W.R.A. AND THE
DIES COMMITTEE.
 4. COMMENTS ON
NEWSPAPER STATEMENT
BY W.R.A.
 5. TESTIMONY OF
HAROLD H. TOWNSEND
AND ANY OTHER AVAILABLE
~~PHOTO~~ CIRCULARS REGARDING
THE JAPANESE AMERICANS.
- THANK YOU VERY MUCH
FOR YOUR TROUBLES.

SINCERELY
YOURS
ICHIRO FURUTA

OK
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10/29/43

COLLEGE OF THE PACIFIC
STOCKTON, CALIFORNIA

Oct. 12, 1943.

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman,
San Francisco, Calif.

Dear Mrs. Kingman:

Thank you for the information concerning Mr. Fisher's invaluable articles on Evacuation. I am enclosing order for \$1.75 for which please send me twenty five copies.

The good work of the Committee is most heartening and is doing a service far beyond what the committee can fully appreciate. It is a bitter pill to some of us that Stockton has been such a laggard and a spot where the need is so great. Perhaps something can yet be done.

Very sincerely,

George
George C. Colliver

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held in
Mr. Scott's
office

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