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June 16, 1943

Mr. Ellison S. Myer, Director  
War Relocation Authority  
Barr Building  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Myer:

Enclosed you will find a copy of the endorsement of government policies which we are sending out today. There are 4000 in the present printing, and we are expecting at least that more to be sent out to complete our distribution program.

You will also find a copy of a resolution which we feel is sound, and which we are seeking to have adopted by as many groups and organizations as possible. The first records of adoption are coming in, and I shall send you the results as they are compiled.

Wergreinot endorsing the third enclosure!

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman

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WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY

WASHINGTON

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

JUN 22 1943

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

Dear Mrs. Kingman:

Thank you for your letter of June 16 and  
the accompanying material.

I feel that your pamphlet endorsing certain  
of the policies of the government, and the suggested  
resolution will be extremely helpful.

Sincerely yours,

*D. P. Myers*  
Director



June 16, 1943

Rev. Robert Inglis  
3805 Piedmont Ave.  
Oakland, California

Dear BOB Inglis:

It was good of you to take on that resolution yesterday. I am going to Los Angeles tonight, without having heard the results, which I trust were good.

I am also sending you another copy or two of the same resolution, hoping that you can put it before other groups and organizations, or see that it gets into the proper hands for such consideration.

Under separate cover, I am sending you 250 copies of our endorsement sheet, hoping that you can see that they are sent out into the state.

If you can use more, will you kindly let me know, as well as how they are to be used? the latter so that we can avoid duplication.

Very sincerely yours,



June 18, 1943

Rev. Wilfred Orr  
First Congregational Church  
Santa Barbara, California

Dear Mr. Orr:

Because Dr. McGiffert assures me of your interest, I am sending this letter, with a request.

With the upsurge of feeling so strong at this time, it has been thought to be of primary importance to release some statement such as the one enclosed. I am sending you several hundred more under separate cover, hoping that you will be able to see that they are distributed where they will prove most effective.

Enclosed you will also find copies of a resolution which we feel to be sound and which we would like to have presented for consideration and adoption by as many groups and organizations as possible. We will appreciate it if you do what you can in that direction.

If you can use more of either, please let me know.

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman

June 16, 1943

Prof. Claude N. Settles  
San Jose Teachers College  
San Jose, California

Dear Mr. Settles:

With the upsurge of feeling so strong at this time, it has been thought to be of primary importance to release some such statement as the one enclosed. I am sending you several hundred more under separate cover, hoping that you will be able to see that they are distributed where they will will prove most effective.

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If you can use more of either, please let me know.

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman

June 16, 1943

Dr. Alfred Tonness  
208 YMCA Bldg.  
Sacramento, Calif.

Dear Dr. Tonness;

With the upsurge of feeling so strong at this time, it has been thought to be of primary importance to release some statement such as the one enclosed. I am sending you several hundred more under separate cover, hoping that you will be able to see that they are distributed where they will prove most effective.

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If you can use more of either, please let me know.

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ruth Kingman

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June 18, 1943

Prof. Hubert Phillips  
Fresno State College  
Fresno , California

Dear Dr. Phillips:

We've been much interested to hear of your meetings following the statements of Mr. Burns. I should like very much to have your own reaction to them. It looks as though there will be a lot more of that sort of thing to face before people who do not wish to do so will have to recognize our group as a patriotic, highminded organization, not at all extreme in attitudes.

With the upsurge of feeling so strong at this time, it has been thought to be of primary importance to release some statement such as the one enclosed. I am sending you several hundred more under separate cover, hoping that your group will be able to see that they are distributed where they will prove most effective.

Enclosed you will also find copies of a resolution which we feel to be sound and which we would like to have presented for consideration and adoption by as many groups and organizations as possible. We will appreciate it if you do what you can in that direction.

If you can use more of either, please let me know, and let

the local press and our office know of any endorsements.



June 16, 1943

Mrs. Maynard F. Thayer  
486 E. California  
Pasadena, California;

Dear Mrs. Thayer:

These are certainly difficult times. Your letters are always welcomed. I do hope that you are successful before long, in getting a satisfactory chairman.

With the upsurge of feeling so strong at this time, it has been thought to be of primary importance to release some statement such as the one enclosed. I am sending you several hundred more under separate cover, hoping that your group will be able to see that they are distributed where they will prove most effective.

Enclosed you will also find copies of a resolution which we feel to be so sound and which we would like to have presented for consideration and adoption by as many groups and organizations as possible. We will appreciate it if you do what you can in that direction.

If you can use more of either, please let me know.

If you can get a copy of Rabbi Magnin's endorsement of the resolution to which you referred, I shall be more than glad to ask him about his position on it.

Very sincerely yours,

June 17, 1943

Mr. Carey McWilliams  
902 Spring Arcade Bldg.  
541 So. Spring St.  
Los Angeles 13, Calif.

Dear Mr. McWilliams:

In answer to your recent letter to Mr. Scott, your name has been placed on our mailing list, and I am enclosing a statement of the Committee on American Principles and Fair Play designating the Committee's position on the return of the persons of Japanese ancestry to the Pacific Coast.

Mrs. Kingman is now in Los Angeles, and may be reached at the Clark Hotel. She will be able to give you such additional information as you may desire.

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary



June 17, 1943

Dr. Monroe S. Deutsch  
El Eganto Hotel  
Santa Barbara, Calif.

Dear Dr. Deutsch:

In acknowledgement of your letter of June 12, Mrs. Kingman has requested me to tell you that she has gone to Los Angeles for a week, and consequently had no time to reply herself before her departure.

Mrs. Kingman had a one hour conference with Mrs. Elkus of the Columbia Foundation, at Mrs. Elkus' request, before she left. Mrs. Kingman felt it to be very profitable, and is eager to hear of the final decision of the Board.

Very sincerely yours

Secretary T. Kingman

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SPECIAL DELIVERY

June 17, 1943

My dear Governor Warren:

I am concerned by the publication of a newspaper called THE HOME FRONT COMMANDO under date of March 1943 and a statement that there is to be a picnic and mass meeting on June 20th in a Sacramento park, at which State Treasurer Johnson is announced as the speaker. This has to do with the handling of the Japanese question.

Organizations of this type have many elements of danger in a country such as ours, particularly when we are dealing with one of the most delicate problems possible: the racial one in time of war. There is bound to be a good deal of cupidity in this field since the property of the Japanese is desired by other citizens. Somebody must be putting up funds for the agitation of the question.

This note is just to express the hope that no state government official will participate in any enterprise of this sort and that the Attorney General of the State will at least keep his attention on this type of activity. It is apt to give California very much of a black eye if it should go to extremes.

With every good wish and much appreciation of the service you are rendering to the State, I am,

Faithfully yours,

Hon. Earl Warren  
Governor of California  
Sacramento, California

R.L. Wilbur/CR

P.S. You may be interested in the enclosed copy of a telegram from Secretary Stimson which has just come to hand.

b - CC to Mr. Galen M. Fisher, IPR, 260 California St., San Francisco ✓





EARL WARREN  
GOVERNOR

State of California  
GOVERNOR'S OFFICE  
SACRAMENTO

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June 19, 1943

The Honorable Ray Lyman Wilbur  
Chancellor, Stanford University  
Stanford University, California

Dear Dr. Wilbur:

Your special delivery letter to Governor Warren was, I am sorry to say, received just after he had taken the plane for Columbus, Ohio, and I therefore had no opportunity to show it to him. In accordance with your suggestion, I am forwarding the correspondence to Attorney General Kenny. I know both Governor Warren and Mr. Kenny will appreciate your thoughtfulness in presenting your viewpoint.

Sincerely,

(Miss) Helen R. MacGregor  
Private Secretary

M:M

June 17, 1948

Dear

Enclosed you will find a copy of an endorsement of Government policies which has been made by the Committee on American Principles and Fair Play. We hope that it will prove provocative of thought and will meet some of the inflammatory charges and halt the thoughtless action of many of our people on the West Coast.

We are also enclosing a copy of a proposed resolution which we feel is sound and which is meeting the approval of many groups throughout California. We hope that you will find the opportunity to present it for adoption to as many groups and organizations as possible, and that you will inform us and your local press of any such adoption.

Very sincerely yours

Ruth W. Kingman

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman

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Copies sent to:

Mrs. Cecil Lawrence  
Mrs. Charles E. Hewes  
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Dr. Edgar A. Lowther  
Mr. George Burcham  
Professor Glenn E. Hoover  
Dr. S. A. Hunter  
Dr. Robert F. Leavens  
Mrs. Carroll T. Kellogg  
Miss Eleanor D. Breed  
Mrs. Eva M. Rohrer  
Mr. Wesley G. Nicholson  
Mr. Gale Seaman  
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Mr. Lawrence Norrie  
Miss Barbara C. Jones  
Mr. M. D. Woodbury  
Mr. James W. McCandless  
Mr. Graham Hunter  
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Mrs. Helen S. Ranney

Miss Ruth Haines  
Mrs. John P. Buwalda  
Rev. Lawton D. Harris  
Professor George P. Hedley  
Rev. Theodore C. Hume  
Professor Jesse F. Steiner  
Mr. Bruce B. Maguire  
Mrs. Afton D. Nance



June 17, 1943

Mr. Miller Freeman  
71 Columbia St.  
Seattle, Washington

Dear Mr. Freeman:

I have received your letter of June 8th,  
along with the statements of Homer Bone and  
Henry M. Jackson.

Mrs. Kingman is out of town at the present,  
but I have mailed copies of each speech to every  
member of the Fair Play Committee for their con-  
sideration.

Very sincerely yours

Secretary

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June 17, 1943

Dr. F. Herron Smith  
2816 Hillegass Ave.  
Berkeley, Calif.

Dear Dr. Smith:

I am writing in apology for the second finance letter sent you on May 13th. Due to a lack of experienced secretarial help, there was a duplication in the files.

Your contribution of May 1 3rd is very much appreciated.

Very sincerely yours,

secretary

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Please send 12 copies of <sup>small</sup> 4-page pamphlet  
of "principles", & Blige.

(Rev) Graham Hunter  
First Presbyterian Church  
Berkeley, Calif.  
Fullerton

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6/23/43  
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THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS



Mrs Ruth W Kingman Rm 203  
465 Calif. St.  
S. Francisco

Plymouth Congregational Church  
3805 Piedmont Avenue  
Oakland, California

Robert Inglis, Minister

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Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman  
The Pacific Coast Com-  
mittee on American Prin-  
ciples and Fair Play  
465 California St.  
San Francisco, Calif.

June 17, 1943

Dear Mrs. Kingman:

At the request of the East Bay Minister's Fellowship I am sending you a copy of the enclosed resolution passed unanimously at their regular meeting held at the Coit Hotel June 15th.

Very Truly

*Robert Inglis*



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Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman, Executive Secy  
Committee on American Principles & Fair  
Room 203, 465 California St., Play  
San Francisco, California

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~~530 SOUTH HOPE STREET~~

Dear Mrs. Kingman:

Many thanks for your response to my appeal for material. Everything you send is being handed about among members of our small forum, & the June 15 leaflet shall be read at our next meeting. It is much needed, judging from the curiously vindictive stand many people are taking. . .

Our address is 1005 West 64th Street--your last letter had it 54th & almost missed us, until P.O. found me at my home address.

Thank you again.

June 29, 1943.

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(Mrs.) Ione Rider  
Branch Librarian.

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777 Alden Rd  
Claremont  
June 18 1943

Dear Ruth:

I am greatly interested in what you are doing. Have you a representative here? I'm sure one could be found to carry the work forward. Probably Harry's sister could suggest the most capable person.

Some one has sent me a copy of the folder dated June 15. I should like more. Can you supply me with twenty to thirty?



Have they been sent out widely  
to this part of California?

You may be interested in a  
brief paragraph from Mr Hume's  
Memorial Day sermon bearing on  
the subject. A delegation from the  
American Legion was present.

With best regards to you  
and Harry.

Cordially yours  
Hollis

June 23, 1943

777 Mr. Hollis A. Wilbur  
44 Allen Rd.  
Claremont, Calif.

Dear Hollis:

In Ruth's absence in the South I am taking it upon myself to acknowledge your letter of June 18th. Possible you have seen her yourself since she has been in Los Angeles and vicinity for several days and I know she was intending to visit Claremont if possible.

Some weeks ago she met with a considerable group including college and town people, but no formal organization along the lines of our Committee has been effected so far as I have heard. When Ruth returns, she will correct me if I am wrong and write your herself.

I am sending you 30 copies of the folder as you requested. They have not been distributed widely in Southern California, except as they were sent to about 40 of the Fair Play Committee members in Pasadena. Ruth doubtless took ~~supply~~ with her to Los Angeles, but your suggestion as to a wider and systematic distribution is very valid.

I may add that yesterday I arranged for the A.F. of L. and C.I.O. members of the Executive Committee to distribute 700 copies to labor leaders with a covering letter signed by themselves.

I hope this finds you and Mary well and I know it will find you busy and very useful.

Sincerely yours,

Galen Fisher

GF:mj

Encl: 30 folders

Fowler, Calif.  
June 18, 1943.

*reply RWK  
7/3/43*

Mr. Arthur C. McGiffert,  
Room 203, 465 California St.  
San Francisco, Calif.

Dear Sir,

Would be it be possible for member of the Fair-Play Committee everywhere in the state to be provided with several mimeographed copies of Mr. Rowell's editorial in the Chronicle of this date, June 18? It is the most telling and concise statement of the membership and purposes of this committee that I have seen. Since we are being labeled as sob-sisters, ignoramuses, Jap-lovers, anti-Americans and whatnot by the "Public Thanks" correspondents of the Fresno Bee, without much chance to refute the charges, it would be a very good weapon to carry in one's purse or to mail to friend, foe or evacuee.

Also, please see if some one high in the American Legion, or at least a highly respected member of the same, perhaps Dr. Barrows, can be persuaded to answer the outrageous article in the latest number of the national Legion Magazine. The author is one Dr. Murray, who is trying to scare the wits out of Nevada, Wyoming and Arkansas, and who also seems to believe that "we are suffering loss of life and property; they should suffer too".

My intentions are better than my typing, but I think you can decipher this, and if you can find time to do something about these two matters, I for one, will be very much gratified.

Yours very truly,

*Paul Cassia-Kellogg  
(Mrs. Frank C. Kellogg)  
Fowler, Calif.*

*Member of Fresno Fair Play Committee.*



WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY

SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA, OFFICE  
WHITCOMB HOTEL BUILDING

In reply, please refer to:

JUN 19 1943

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

Dear Mrs. Kingman:

As requested, I am sending you the statement regarding dual citizenship. I am also enclosing the following:

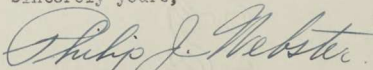
A Statement of Policy of the War Relocation Authority in Providing Food for Relocation Centers

Policy of the Government as to Resident Japanese - Resolution Adopted by the California Delegation, Washington, D. C., June 14.

Comments by the War Relocation Authority on Newspaper Statements Attributed to Representatives of the House Committee on Un-American Activities

Editorial by Washington Post, Washington, D. C.

Sincerely yours,



Philip J. Webster  
Assistant Field Director

Enclosure #10924



Reply 6/30/43

J. A. MURDY, Jr.  
R. D. 1, Box 459  
HUNTINGTON BEACH, CALIFORNIA

June 20, 1943

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

Dear Mrs. Kingman

Early this spring I attended the Y.M.C.A. conference in Hollywood, and while there attended one of the sessions at which the Japanese problem in the relocation centers was discussed. As I recall, you presented the problem in the absence of Professor Kingman.

Following that conference, when I returned home, I have repeated many of the statements made at Hollywood about the Japanese conditions. One statement referred to investigations conducted by the F.B.I. Now through the press comes the statement that the F.B.I. have made no investigations of Japanese, as a whole, in the relocation centers. It was my understanding that the F.B.I. had representatives in the relocation centers constantly and that all of the Japanese there came directly under the scrutiny of the F.B.I. Subsequent to the Hollywood conference, I have made that statement several times. Now it appears I am wrong and if I have been dispensing mis-information, I would like to correct my error. Therefore, in order to get the correct information I am writing to you to ask just what is the activity of the F.B.I. in the relocation centers, if any at all. I know you can give the correct answer, devoid of political flavor or personal bias.

Yours very truly

*J. A. Murdy Jr.*

JAM:dm

June 30, 1943

Mr. J.A. Murdy, Jr.  
R.D. 1, Box 459  
Huntington Beach, Calif.

Dear Mr. Murdy:

It was good to get your letter this morning and to know that you are sufficiently interested in getting the truth about this American Japanese thing before our more thinking public.

You were quite right in your understanding that the FBI is constantly on the job in all Relocation Centers. This morning, to make sure, I telephoned the San Francisco office of the War Relocation Authority, and talked personally to Mr. R.B. Cozzens, the Field Assistant Director, to check with him. He has authorized me to tell you that representatives of the FBI are in and out of all of the centers constantly, that many dangerous aliens have been picked up by them and moved to internment, that the FBI come and go with no notice either to administration or residents, and that any person applying for relocation has to go through a 'sifting' process during which his record is checked against the WRA records, those of the Military Intelligence, and the FBI. This does not imply an individual investigation, but merely a check against the records. This has been deemed sufficient in the eyes of the War Department and of the Department of Justice, and has been agreed upon by both as a proper means of determining the eligibility of an evacuee's return to normal civil life outside the Western Defense Area.

RWK



reply 7/14/43  
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June 21, 1943

Miss Ruth Kingman, Secretary,  
Committee On Fair Play,  
2207 Union St.  
Berkley, California

My dear Miss Kingman:

It is my understanding that your organization is actively interested in giving to the cause of worthy Japanese citizens the benefit of group action on the basis of American freedom.

After attending the meeting advertized in the enclosed clipping I would like to unite with a group that intends to work for "fair play" for all citizens regardless of race, color, or creed.

Remarks with regard to our congressmen at Washington, and our President's wife are sufficient to render this movement detrimental to sound Americanism.

Will you please send me literature published by your committee, also state what the membership fee is. Is there a "Committee" in Sacramento?

Very truly yours,

*Elmer S. Andersen*  
Elmer S. Andersen

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*Dr. Alfred Tomness  
not ymc  
J. St. Aalto*

July 1, 1943

Mr. Elmer S. Andersen  
1116 Sixth St.  
Sacramento, Calif.

Dear Mr. Andersen:

In acknowledgement of your letter of June 21st, I am sending some of the material released by the Committee, which may be of interest to you. You will note that there is enclosed a form for application for membership.

A branch of the Committee is being developed in Sacramento, and for further information along this line I suggest you get in touch with Dr. Alfred Tonness, at 208 YMCA Building, in Sacramento.

If this office can be of any further assistance, please feel free to call upon us.

Very sincerely yours,

Mary Jeffords, Secretary

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June 21, 1943

Dr. Alfred Tonness  
208 YMCA Building  
Sacramento, Calif.

Dear Dr. Tonness:

I believe this news release was overlooked in the material mailed last week at Mrs. Kingman's request.

Very Sincerely yours,

Secretary



June 23, 1943

Mr. George Wilson  
150 Golden Gate Ave.  
San Francisco, Calif.

Dear Mr. Wilson:

I have sent under separate cover 200 envelopes and 200 printed folders.

Mr. Galen Fisher has suggested that in your personal note that is sent out with each folder, you include the information about membership and membership fees, which is marked on the enclosed mimeographed statement.

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary

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Encl: Fair Play Comm.

COPY to Alton Hall

June 23, 1943

President Anderson  
Redlands University  
California

Dear President Anderson:

Mr. Alton Hall has written us saying that a recent address of yours concerning the Japanese problem was "wonderful, witty, captivating, convincing". I have no doubt that his estimation is correct and am writing to ask you to kindly send us a copy of the address so we may give it such publicity as seems feasible. Of course this should no hinder any plans you may have for getting it on the air, or having it published.

I am enclosing two copies of a recent folder by the Committee and invite you cordially to become a member and supporter. The classes of membership are General, \$3; Contributing, \$8; and Sustaining, \$10.

In responding, we would appreciate it if you would mention names of other friends who would welcome an opportunity to join. In approaching them we will not use your name without your expressed permission.

Sincerely yours

Galen Fisher

GF:ej

Encl: 2 fold.



June 23, 1943

Mrs. Alfred McLaughlin  
Box 348  
Saratoga, Calif.

Dear Mrs. McLaughlin:

Mrs. Kingman is out of town at present,  
so I am enclosing the material requested in your  
letter received today.

If these are not the forms you had in  
mind, Mrs. Kingman will be back by the end of the  
week and will be able to straighten the matter out.

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary

mj

Encl: 3 Dual Citizen.  
3 Stimson statements



June 23, 1943

Mr. Gerald H. Hagar  
1421 Central Bank Bldg.  
Oakland, Calif.

Dear Mr. Hagar:

In Mrs. Kingman's absence in Southern California, I am replying to your letter of June 19th.

I am glad to know you are opposed to our Committee giving any support to Congressman Jackson's proposal for a Congressional investigation of the problem of the Japanese in America. At the meeting of the the Executive Committee this was the unanimous feeling of the members who expressed their views.

In order to relieve you of any anxiety on the question let me add that it was only out of courtesy to Mr. Freeman that the matter was considered at all. Mr. Freeman has been thought of as a bitter anti-Japanese propagandist, but I believe he is an honest man and on the matter of maintaining the Bill of Rights in reference to the Japanese-American Citizen he is as firm as any of us.

Mr. Freeman owns and edits several influential magazines and we are anxious to use his influence for sound policies such as our Committee stands for. You will therefore understand I trust that there is no possibility of our Committee approving the bill which Mr. Freeman is working for.

In regard to our Committee having a tendency to go beyond its original purposes, I think a fresh examination of our principles would probably relieve your mind on that matter also. A recent illustration of the Committee refusing to undertake a perfectly legitimate application of its own principles in order to focus attention for the present on the Japanese problem, was its ~~refusing to~~ <sup>refusing to</sup> endorse the proposal now before Congress to repeal the Chinese exclusion law. If, however, you think of any instances where the Committee is overstepping its proper functions, I am sure the Executive Committee would welcome a word from you.

Sincerely yours,

Galen Fisher

GF:mj

June 23, 1943

Professor Hubert Phillips  
Fresno State College  
Fresno, Calif.

Dear Professor Phillips:

Mr. Galen Fisher suggested that I refer the enclosed application to you. There was no monetary enclosure with the form as we received it here. You will probably have available there the 'letterheads' and requests at the top of the application.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary

mj

Reply  
6/28/43

THE CLAREMONT CHURCH  
CLAREMONT, CALIFORNIA

THEODORE CARSWELL HUME  
MINISTER

June 23, 1943

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

Dear Ruth:

I was expecting something from you  
on the poison press campaign.

We have posted both of your enclo-  
sures on the bulletin board. Our Social  
Action Committee had already drafted the  
enclosed statement, which was read publicly  
at the church service June 20 and posted. I  
hope you will feel it is constructive in  
spirit. We avoided mentioning names.

We also have a student committee  
which is drafting a statement of its own,  
copies of which will go to Dillon Mayer and  
Jerry Voorhis, with a copy to you.

Let us know what to do next.

Cordially yours,

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# WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY

In reply, please refer to:

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SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA, OFFICE  
WHITCOMB HOTEL BUILDING

JUN 23 1943

Mrs. Ruby Kingman  
2207 Union Street  
Berkeley, California

Dear Mrs. Kingman:

I have received some very encouraging letters recently and thought that you might like to have their names.

Mr. Owen L. Mahn,

224 Alexander Street,  
San Fernando, California  
First Presbyterian Church,  
Office and Berverdor Streets,  
Tracy, California  
Committee on Evacuees  
Route 5, Box 8205,  
Sacramento, California

Rev. James D. Otter

Mr. H. T. Tyler

(Mr. Tyler is with the Fellowship of Reconciliation)

Also received was a letter from Mr. Franklin Zohn which included the names of the following: (All of San Diego)

Mr. Franklin Zohn

2434 - 6th Avenue,  
San Diego, California  
1505 W. Lewis St.  
" " " "

Etta Mae Wallace

Alice Sue Hardin

Viola McKern

J. W. Cummings

Winifred R. Heath

Venita S. White

3062 - 1st Ave.

4047 Bayview Court

4121 Normal St.

If you desire copies of these letters, kindly advise and we can furnish them.

Very truly yours,

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



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June 23, 1943

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

Dear Mrs. Kingman:

Thanks for your letter with the enclosed copy of the statements which have been published by the Pacific Coast Committee on American Principles and Fair Play. I am glad to have them and to know just exactly what the wording of the statement is.

I am sorry to have bothered you with a telegram, but those of us who feel that all American citizens should be judged by their own character and actions feel that Japanese-American citizens should be accorded the same privileges as are accorded to other citizens, which would include freedom to live in all sections of the United States.

We therefore did not wish to see this committee go on record as approving exclusion from the West Coast. I can see how it may be inadvisable to push actively for their return at this moment; nevertheless, we do not have to work against their return, but should probably hold a neutral course.

You certainly have a splendid committee lined up. Our group here in the south has had some interesting discussions in various committees. The program moves slowly but it is an important part of our American democracy that sub-committees keep plodding along.

Sincerely,

*Esther B. Rhoads*  
Esther B. Rhoads

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## The Oak Park Methodist Church

THIRTY-SIXTH STREET AND FOURTH AVENUE  
SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA

June 23, 1943

Gentlemen:

6/29/43  
I want to express my gratitude for the unusually fine leaflet you enclosed along with your letter. If it is possible I would like to have between two hundred and two hundred and fifty to be used in my own Church, in the committee on Social Action and Education of the Sacramento Council of Churches and to be used in connection with a pamphlet being drawn up by the Social Action Group of the California Annual Conference of The Methodist Church.

I would suggest the following names that might be interested:

6/29/43  
Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Dehority  
" " Howard Free  
" " C. E. Frost  
Mrs. Fred Howard  
Mr. and Mrs. W. L. McGhee  
Mr. Roland McKern  
Mr. and Mrs. Floyd L. Tarr  
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3841 Sherman Way  
3948 4th Ave.,  
3760 4th Ave.,  
1533 34 St.  
3333 10 Ave.,  
4040 14 Ave.,  
1369 Vallejo Way,  
2784 Portola Way,

You will find two dollars enclosed for a general membership.

Also, you will find enclosed a piece of literature from the Home Front Commandos, an organization which from all appearances seems to doing just the reverse of your program and whose press releases and organizational meetings you might be able to counteract by getting speakers and literature into local communities before or during the time of their meetings.

When I get your answer on the pamphlets I will make my announcement throughout our Church and local organizations.

Sincerely,

*B. E. Weeks*



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7/1/43 RWR*

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June 25, 1943

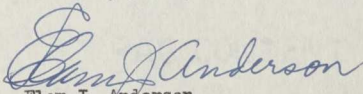
Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman  
Executive Secretary  
465 California Street  
San Francisco, California

Dear Mrs. Kingman:

Count on me for anything that I can do to further the fine program planned by the Pacific Coast Committee on American Principles and Fair Play. Is there any plan to organize local committees? It happens that I am at present doing considerable speaking to promote the objectives of the committee.

I am so glad Dr. Sproul has consented to serve as honorary chairman.

Sincerely yours,

  
Elam J. Anderson  
President

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July 1, 1943

Dr. Elam J. Anderson  
University of Redlands  
Redlands, Calif.

Dear Dr. Anderson:

We were delighted to hear from you this morning and to know that you are in sympathy with the work we are trying to do.

There is now a Fair Play Committee in the process of organization in Los Angeles. Temporarily, it is the hands of Professor Joseph Power of Los Angeles City College, who lives at 1313 Maltman Ave., Los Angeles. Together with Dr. Bird, he is drawing together representative members of the educational, labor, employer and religious groups in the community. I know that Mr. Power expects to call upon you for assistance and cooperation.

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman

RWK:mj

reply  
6/28/43

Seaside, California  
June 25, 1943

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

Dear Mrs. Kingman:

Thank you for sending the last small printed pamphlet on the Japanese.

The Social Action Committee of the California Conference of Methodist Churches has asked me to edit a similar one. It will contain one or two illustrations and as many graphs plus a third more written material. Its purpose will be essentially the same as indicated in the pamphlet you sent me.

No doubt you had to leave out more material than you were able to include in the pamphlet you sent. If that is the case, perhaps you could loan me some helpful source material for a couple of weeks. I would appreciate it greatly.

Thank you for whatever assistance you may be able to give.

Sincerely,

Rev. Bernard Watson



June 28, 1943

Rev. Bernard Watson  
Seaside  
California

Dear Mr. Watson:

In reply to your letter of June 25th,  
I have enclosed all available material that  
may be of use to you in your writing.

If you had any particular statements in  
mind that are not included in the printed and  
mimeographed sheets, we ~~might be able~~<sup>may be able</sup> to supply  
the source information on request.

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary

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*Ans July 2, 43*

June 25, 1943

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

Dear Mrs. Kingman:

Thank you for the note which you sent me, apparently just before you left for the North.

I am quite distressed that you did not see Mr. Hughes. I telephoned his office, as you suggested. As a result, within a few hours he called me. This was Monday afternoon. He said at that time that he would phone you and try to arrange for an appointment. It is a disappointment to me that you did not see him, because I should be very much interested to know how far you two came to an agreement.

When you are next in Los Angeles, I hope you will do more than give me a ring. I should have been happy to call upon you if you had cared to make an appointment.

Have you learned that the Federal Council of Churches at last has started a campaign to help put through Congress a bill to accomplish three purposes:

- (1) To repeal Chinese exclusion.
- (2) To put Chinese immigration on a quota basis.
- (3) To permit Chinese residents to become American citizens.

It seems to me that each one who believes in any kind of fair-play would like to support this bill. The method of doing it is to write Honorable Samuel Dickstein, Chairman of the House Immigration Committee in Washington, as well as to one's own Congressmen and Senators. Can't you help on this campaign?

Cordially yours,

*George Gleason*  
GEORGE GLEASON



Margaret please note & return  
Gale

June 26, 1943

President Robert Gordon Sproul  
University of California  
Berkeley, Cal.

Dear Dr. Sproul:

You have been very good about backing up the Fair Play Committee, but there are two important men who need just the touch you can give. They are Mr. Knowland of the TRIBUNE and Governor Warren. Both of them have seemed to wobble strangely on applying constitutional and far-sighted procedures to the Japanese-American citizens.

The pressure on both of them from such powerful political groups as the Legion, the NSGW and the Eagles must have been formidable. But I am surprised and disappointed that both of them have not seen fit to stand firm for the enlightened policies now being followed by the War Department and the Department of Justice and the Manpower Commission, both as to releasing and ~~releasing~~ resettling the nisei, and as to treating the nisei in the armed forces just like any other enlisted men.

The Governor's speech at the Governor's Conference at Columbus, you may have noted, reverted to his testimony before the Tolson Committee, maintaining that "Lack of sabotage since thousands of them have been released is no proof at all that they don't intend to commit sabotage when the time has arrived." He therefore asserted that "No more dangerous step could be taken than to release them at the present time".

I am really astounded that any lawyer could adopt such logic, in face of the really positive evidence that no sabotage was committed by any person of Japanese race either before, during or after Pearl Harbor, either in Hawaii or on the mainland, and further, that no charges of either sabotage or any other suspicious conduct have been made against the thousands of the evacuees released during the last eight or nine months, according to Dillon Myer.

I need not say more, but will simply leave the matter to your own good judgment and tact. Let me add that I am writing as an individual, although several members of our Committee have said how they wished you might do something of this sort.

Sincerely yours

Galen M. Fisher



June 26, 1943

Prof. Hubert Phillips

Fresno State College  
Fresno, Calif.

Dear Professor Phillips:

Mrs. Kingman has requested me to ask you to send at your earliest convenience, a list of the members of the Fresno branch of the committee and an account of the individual contributions.

Thank you very much.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary

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Committee on American Principles - Fair Play.

San Francisco Calif.

Mrs. Ruth Kingman Sisy.

Dear Mrs. Kingman,

Mr. Sears and I wish to take out a joint membership in your committee but like to take separate ones but don't feel able to just now.

We will be glad to aid in the educational program in any way we can.

We are both members of the Valljo Committee on Inter-racial affairs and I am a member of the N. A. A. C. P.

We would like to have twenty five or thirty of the little leaflets a copy of which you recently sent us outlining the policies of the Committee in endorsing the government policies on the Japanese Evacuees. I enclose twenty five cents for same.

Very cordially yours

Mr. & Mrs. F. B. Sears



June 28, 1943

Mrs. Alice Hoiem  
Fowler  
California

Dear Mrs. Hoiem:

You have probably received the extra copies  
of the pamphlet, by now.

We are arranging a conference with Governor  
Warren as soon as he returns from the East, and  
will send you any material we develop following  
that interview.

Very sincerely yours

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman

RWK:mj



~~card~~ 7/1/43 June 25, '43  
~~Gentlemen~~

Please note my  
change of address from  
4333 Appian Way, Richmond,  
Calif.

to  
Earlimart, Calif.

I want to continue my  
relationship with our  
Committee's very important  
work —

Anton Nelson

Anton Nelson  
Earlimart, Calif



THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

Comm. on American Principles  
of Fair Play  
Room 203, 465 California St.  
San Francisco  
Calif.

July 1, 1943

Mrs. Alice Helen  
Fowler  
California

Dear Mrs. Fowler:

The questions you raised in a recent letter have been referred to the State Department. (note enclosed carbon of letter).

You will be notified of the information as soon as we are provided with the authentic material.

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary

mj



June 28, 1943

Mr. R. C. Hoiles  
Santa Ana  
California

Dear Mr. Hoiles:

Thank you very much for your communication to Mr. Alton L. Hall of June 15th, regarding his letter in the Register. He has sent us several copies.

Your enclosed editorial of May 7th, under the heading "Cool Heads Needed" is excellent. Thank you for sending a copy to us.

Very sincerely yours,

Ruth W. Kingman

RWK:mj

June 28, 1943

Rev. Theodore C Hume  
The Claremont Church  
Claremont, Calif.

Dear Ted:

A good statement.

We are really waiting for a reprint of Chester Rowell's column of last week, which is a honey. We shall send out 5,000 or so.

Professor Joseph Power of City College, Los Angeles, is taking on the organization of Southern California, picking up where I left off. I asked him to get in touch with Professor Sanders in Claremont.

We are finally settling down into the groove and will be sending out an increasing number of releases.

How is the new job shaping up?

Very sincerely yours,

Ruth W. Kingman

RWK:mj



June 28, 1943

Mr. Henry F. Grady  
311 California St.  
San Francisco, Calif.

Dear Harry:

There seems to be no doubt but that the  
consensus of opinion of the Committee will co-  
incide with yours as to the advisability of  
a Congressional Investigation.

Thank you for your letter. How do you  
like our "pamphlet"?

Very sincerely yours,

Ruth W. Kingman

RWK:mj



COPY OF  
THIS LETTER SENT ALSO TO:

Mr. Frank S. Bayley, Y.M.C.A., Seattle, Wash.  
Mr. George C. Hjelte, Playground and Recreation Dept., City Hall, L.A.  
Dr. Tully C. Knoles, College of the Pacific, Stockton, Calif.  
Rabbi Edgar F. Magnin, 636 S. Hoover St., L.A.  
Dr. William B. Munro, California Institute of Technology, Pasadena  
Mr. A. B. Ruddock, 1150 Oak Grove, San Marino,  
Dr. Donald H. Tippet, First Methodist Church, 8th and Hope Sts.  
Bishop W. Bertrand Stevens, St. Paul's Cathedral, 615 S. Figueroa.

June 28, 1943

Bishop James C. Baker,  
Methodist Office,  
125 East Sunset Blvd.,  
Los Angeles, California.

Dear Bishop Baker:

Your name is printed as one of 60 prominent Californians who are supporting a printed document of pocket size, circulated by the Pacific Coast Committee on American Principles and Fair Play, 465 California Street, San Francisco. Most of the policies mentioned are quite sound.

But on page 3, after saying: "The Committee has taken no position on any suggestion that persons of Japanese ancestry be returned to the Pacific Coast at this time," certain principles are stated which, if applied, would bring Japanese-American citizens back to this Coast at this time.

Statements such as this are a fiery red banner waved before the militant opponents of the Orientals. The circulation of such a statement fans the flames of hatred, and, it seems to me, will make it more difficult to settle the "Japanese Question" amicably when the shooting ceases.

Are you aware that your name is being used to support this document?

Sincerely,  
G. G.

GEORGE GLEASON

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

M.  
Mr. Galen/Fisher,  
11 El Sueno,  
Orinda, California.

*Because I feel deeply the  
mistake in circulating this  
document I have written  
this letter to my friends.  
G. G.*

July 3, 1943

Dr. George Gleason  
139 North Broadway  
Los Angeles, Calif.

Dear Dr. Gleason:

It is always good to hear from you. We were most interested in receiving a copy of the letter you were sending to several of our Board members. However, I am not just clear as to which group of persons will consider our statement a "fiery red banner" - whether it be persons who are opposed to an eventual return of the American Japanese, (and I see no reason for placating them) or whether it be those who feel that we are too conservative in our present support of government policies.

In reply to your letter, I will say that after full discussion by our Executive Committee, it was decided that as a Committee, we should take no official part in the move to repeal Chinese exclusion. However, I know of no member of the Committee who doesn't favor it. In fact, many have gone on the Board of the Committee actively pressing the measure, and are lending every effort on the campaign.

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman

RWK:mj



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580 NORTH LAKE AVENUE  
PASADENA, CALIFORNIA

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6/28/43

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

Dear Mrs. Kingman,

I am a member of the -  
Pasadena Committee for American  
Principles & Their Play. Today I received  
the platform issued by the State Com-  
mittee. Some extra copies of it would  
be most valuable to me. Could you  
kindly mail me eight or ten

Yours very truly  
(Mrs.) Nina C. Saunders.



7/1/43  
Sunday, June 28.

Fair Play Committee,  
San Francisco, Calif.

"This morning the editor of the Fresno Bee went off at the deep end, as per enclosed clipping. Is there some one, more skilled in diction than I, in your office who would write an answer to the Public Thinker editor of the Bee? This paper is almost alone in the newspaper field in this valley, and is also widely read at Gila and Jerome Centers. If there is a scientist who would refute some of these erroneous notions it might make a little impression.

Shall we condemn the Americanized Irish because the Irish peasant believes in "the little people"; shall we be "embarrassed to learn" that the dances in Cabin in the Sky are of voodoo origin; shall we put American Germans in concentration camps because the worship of Hitler identifies him with Siegfried; shall we send Mme. Chiang home because Chinese of a generation ago threw baby girls into the river; shall we forget that George Washington Carver had nothing much left of his African heritage, in the course of two or three generations? Some anthropologist, historian or psychologist please answer this silly, worse than silly, editorial.

Yours very truly,

Pearl C. Kellogg  
Fowler, Calif.

P.S. What about our own vices??

Paul Leake

July 1, 1943

Miss Pearl C. Kellogg  
Fowler  
California

Dear Miss Kellogg:

Thank you very much for your letter and the clipping from the Bee. Incidentally, the points you make about the "littlepeople" of the Irish, etc. are most delightful, and should and will be used in our material.

I shall try to get someone at the University to make a sound statement which can be used in refutation of the editorial, but those "maunderings" are of such a general nature that it is difficult to get persons not trained in "muck-raking" to take on the task.

However, we shall try, and do write again, it is good to hear from you.

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman

RWK:mj



reply 7/5/43  
RWK

"Faith is the Victory"

## Memorial Methodist Church

CLOVIS, CALIFORNIA

Ralph Mason Dreger, Pastor

June 28, 1943

Mr. Harry S. Scott, Treasurer  
Fair Play Committee  
465 California Street  
San Francisco, California

Dear Mr. Schtt:

Our Clovis Fair Play Committee which has not had any meetings since last summer when we helped the evacuees at the time of their removal held a meeting yesterday and decided to affiliate with the statewide Committee.

One of our members, Mrs. Herbert Johnson, already has a sustaining membership. I believe the others have not yet paid their membership fee. In this letter I am enclosing my two dollars for a general membership. We shall have to contact others in the community, but before we do so in regards to affiliating with your group we would like to know if there are any steps other than paying membership fees in order to join our local group with your Committee.

Money Order  
for \$2.00  
received and  
deposited.

Our Chamber of Commerce and Defense Council passed the general resolution that has been going the rounds under propagandistic pressure, so we drew up a statement of our position as a Committee for publication, avoiding as much as we could a controversial tone. No doubt you have statements of principle which will help us in our future course of action. We would appreciate receiving any literature you have.

Just this morning I have been thinking of one point we did not bring out in our discussion yesterday, though we did cover most of the field. The propagandists are clever in one of their requests, the deportation matter. They probably don't expect to get such a drastic action; but on the principle of asking for more than you expect to get they no doubt hope to achieve exclusion of persons of Japanese ancestry from California.

We shall be glad to hear from you.

Sincerely

Ralph Mason Dreger

July 5, 1943

Mr. Ralph Mason Dreger  
Memorial Methodist Church  
Clovis, Calif.

Dear Mr. Dreger:

It was good to hear from you that there is a Clovis Fair Paly Committee. I had not known of its existence, as such, or I would have written to you sooner.

I am sending you a copy of several pieces of material which will inform you as to our organization procedure. If you have a group of 25 or more it will be good to have a Clovis branch. Otherwise, it might be well to hold membership in the general West Coast organization. We certainly hope for the former.

You will notice that there is a quota (financial) to be decided upon for each group, dependent upon the size of the community, etc. There is no set figure. For instance, Fresno operates with a \$300 budget, Pasadena the same, and we are asking Santa Barbara to undertake \$250. This includes any membership already in our Treasury from the community, as such should most certainly be included in local financial credits. For instance, your \$2 and Miss Johnson's sustaining membership would be credited to the Clovis Branch's quota.

I hope you will be quite astute about this. Keep the valiant lunatic fringe out of the picture as much as possible. Get in representatives of labor, service clubs, banks, teachers' associations, Catholics, Protestants, Country Clubs, business, etc., with a good predominance of economic conservatives who have

a strong prejudice in favor of civil rights and fair play. We have an immediate and emergency job on our hands. The op-

position has been sweeping up the coast with their newspaper releases, radio addresses, speakers, and so on, and have quite intimidated a lot of inarticulate liberal opinion. This is not a time for education; it is the time for the mobilization of

opinion of our kind.



Our committee believes that the present policy of the War Department and the WRA toward the Japanese descended Americans is valid. These agencies, however, are extremely sensitive to the pressure of public opinion. They very much need to have their hands upheld. Every letter, every resolution we can send them, particularly from significant people in the country, will help hold them to their present line of action. Our committee tries to provide factual material and reinforcement for the point of view expressed in our statement of policy.

Very Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman

RWK:mj

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June 28, 1943

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman  
Committee on American Principles  
and Fair Play  
room 203 - 465 California St.  
San Francisco, Calif

Dear Mrs. Kingman:

I have your little leaflet concerning the Committee and note that your No. 1 position provides for segregation of all disloyal persons of Japanese ancestry.

We would be interested to know your thought as to how this is to be done, particularly how persons are to be found "disloyal" without some court proceeding in which they have an opportunity for defense. Is an FBI report alone to be the basis, and if not - what? Do your lawyers maintain that such a suggestion is constitutional?

With regards,

Sincerely yours,

*Ruth W. Kingman*

RNB/sa

July 5, 1943

Mr. Roger N. Baldwin  
170 Fifth Ave.  
New York City 10, New York

Dear Mr. Baldwin:

In reply to your letter of June 28th, asking our opinion as to how segregation of disloyal persons of Japanese ancestry might be done, and if so, if it might be constitutional, may I answer as follows.

1.) In urging segregation, we do so because of a unanimous conviction that only by such a process can there be hope of reinstatement of the great majority of the evacuees to a normal life.

2.) We know that although the policy governing such segregation has not been announced as yet, it is in the process of formation. We know that the War Relocation Authority has been keenly sensitive to the constitutional rights of the people in the centers, and have confidence in their determination to maintain these rights. Should any part of the segregation policy prove to be unconstitutional, I feel sure that the lawyers on our committee will note it and protest to the proper authorities.

When the policy has been announced, we shall all be in a position to have specific opinions. Until then, I feel that in urging segregation, we are consistent with our determination to "protect the constitutional rights of law-abiding persons of Japanese ancestry", for until some such segregation is made, there can be no protection for any of them.

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman

RWK:mj

UNIVERSITY OF REDLANDS  
REDLANDS, CALIFORNIA  
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

June 28, 1943

Dr. Galen M. Fisher, Assistant Treasurer  
Committee on American Principles and Fair Play  
Room 203, 465 California Street  
San Francisco, California

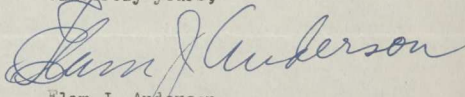
Dear Dr. Fisher:

I have already written to Mrs. Kingman, the secretary of your committee, regarding my keen interest in your project. The address to which Mr. Alton Hall referred was entitled, "The Pacific of Tomorrow." It is an address I gave first to ten groups of teachers under the auspices of the Washington Educational Association in the State of Washington during the month of October. I have since given it here in Southern California and it does emphasize the importance of preparing for the post-war problem of racial adjustment.

This has not yet been reduced to manuscript form but I intend to put it into this form in the next few weeks.

I am glad to enclose my check to cover a general membership.

Sincerely yours,

  
Elam J. Anderson  
President

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Encl.



June 29, 1943

President Robert Gordon Sproul  
Administration Building  
University of California  
Berkeley

Dear Dr. Sproul:

Enclosed you will find a pamphlet put out by the Southern California Produce Grower's Association. According to the list of sponsoring agencies listed on the last page, the Agricultural Extension Service of the University of California is backing a pressure movement which seems a bit abortive.

Is there anything you would care to do about it?

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman

RWK:mj

June 29, 1943

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

Dear Mr. Harrison:

May we send copies of the enclosed statement to all California State Legislators and California Congressmen and Senators, with this covering note to be signed (by multigraph) by you and President Robert Gordon Sproul, and my own personal signature?

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs Ruth W. Kingman

RWK:mj



June 30, 1943

President Robert Gordon Sproul  
Administration Building  
University of California

Dear President Sproul:

May we send copies of the enclosed statement to all California State Legislators and California Congressmen and Senators, with this covering note to be signed (by multigraph) by you and Maurice E. Harrison, and my own personal signature?

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman

RWK:mj



June 29, 1943

Mr. Morton Grodzins  
307 Giannini Hall  
University of California  
Berkeley, Calif.

Dear Mr. Grodzins:

I am sending the material I spoke of, including the student report of the Commando meeting of June 20th in Sacramento.

It may be of interest to you to know that when we heard that the meeting was scheduled, with State Treasurer Johnson as speaker, we immediately got in touch with WRA. Mr. Cozzens had the meeting covered, and is sending me a verbatim copy of Charles Johnson's speech. I shall send one on to you.

Preceding that meeting, we asked Dr. Wilbur to send a letter to the Governor questioning the propriety of the sponsoring of such a meeting by a state employee. I am enclosing a copy of his letter.

You will also find a copy of a telegram from Stimson sent in reply to our Committee member Mr. McNaughton of Portland. He had asked for Stimson's reaction to a proposed deportation of all persons of Japanese ancestry.

Don't you love this little green folder?

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman

RWK:mj



## HOTEL CALIFORNIAN

Northwest Corner Taylor and O'Farrell

SAN FRANCISCO, 2

[1943]?

Saturday, Jan 29.

My dear Ruth:

I am leaving in the morning for Fresno. I'll be at the Californian Hotel there until Jan 27. and will keep in touch with you and Galen.

The doctor wouldn't allow me to leave, was afraid the infection in my ears might spread to the mastoids. Altho my ears are still running and I'm as deaf as a post, I'm feeling better and I should be able to carry on.

Will you send me about 20 copies of the Fair Play Committee statement on arms, giving the list of the Advisory Committee. If

off  
with

you have a copy of the report  
of the Conference I'd like one  
to send on to my office.

Hope you enjoyed your stay  
in Los Angeles.

George E. Rundquist



*up to 7/5/43  
Amy*

WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY

Midland Savings Building  
Denver 2, Colorado

IN REPLY, PLEASE REFER TO:

EH:HSC

June 29, 1943

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

Dear Mrs. Kingman:

I was very interested in the pamphlet published by your Committee, dated June 15, 1943, which I recently received.

It is my belief that this pamphlet would be very helpful to the Relocation Officers in the field of the Denver territory. I would, therefore, appreciate your sending me 125 additional copies. This number of copies is desirable, as we have twelve Relocation Officers in the field, and they would need at least ten copies each.

Thank you for your courtesy and attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

*Harold S. Choate*

Harold S. Choate  
Relocation Supervisor

Please Include Zone Number  
in our Address: Denver, 2 Colo.



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H.W.K.

June 29, 1943

Secretary of the Committee on  
American Principles and Fair Play

Dear Sir:  
(or Madam)

As a member of the Committee vitally interested  
in the principles it stands for I want to do the right thing  
in acting efficiently when I do so.

The valley here has been flooded with sentiment  
against the persons of Japanese ancestry in the relocation  
centers. On top of this comes the beginning of the  
comic (so-called) strip, "Superman", dealing with a series  
of cartoons which it seems absolutely certain will promote  
further misunderstanding, injustice, and heighten the  
mass hysteria of the moment.

I write you asking your advice as to the best ways  
to protest this strip. .... By ~~writing~~ writing the authors  
of the strip, the publishing paper, the McClure Syndicate  
which releases it, the WRA headquarters, The Secretary of  
War, Congressmen, or who are the most effective ones to  
register my strong opposition to such a thing with?

*Columbo 19143*

Will you please ~~drop~~ <sup>send</sup> me a card with ~~some~~ sort  
of advice on the subject? Also what is the address to write  
Dillon Meyer of the WRA? Is there anything here in the lower  
San Joaquin valley I may be of any service in doing?

Yours sincerely,

*Anton Nelson*

Anton Nelson  
(Methodist church)  
Earlimart, Calif.

*Also-can you send  
me any figures on escapes, etc,  
from any or all the relocation  
centers.*

July 9, 1943

Mr. Anton Nelson  
Earlimart  
California

Dear Mr. Nelson:

In answer to your letter of June 29th.

- 1.) "Superman" is most certainly to be protested against.  
We suggest that you write;

McClure Syndicate,  
Columbus, Ohio

Secretary of War Stimson

Elmer Davis, Director O.W.I.

- 2.) Mr. Dillon S. Myer is to be addressed at:

War Relocation Authority  
Barr Building  
Washington, D.C.

- 3.) I am trying to get escape figures, if they can be released. I do know that they are practically negligible.

- 4.) A very good Fair Play Committee is working in Fresno, under the chairmanship of Dr. Hubert Phillips of Teachers College. It might be well for you to affiliate with that group. At any rate, are you personally acquainted with your state and national representatives? We urge that, even if it is difficult. Also, is there a local paper that can be talked with, with the idea of presenting facts which we have, before the public, instead of "reports". Also, do you have interested persons in your church?

Very sincerely yours,

RWK:mj

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman



June 30, 1943

Mrs. Maynard Force Thayer  
466 East California Street  
Pasadena, California

Dear Mrs. Thayer:

First of all, let me congratulate you on your fine letterhead. I wish that ours could be as well balanced; however, with so many members of the advisory board, we can't possibly look so beautiful. Congratulations! And speaking of new board members, I would like to tell you of our newest addition. Just this morning I received word from Mr. Lundberg, telling of the acceptance of our invitation by Mr. A.J. McFadden of Southern California. I do not as yet have his full address, but I know that it is ordinarily given as Santa Ana. As you may know he is a past president of the State Chamber of Commerce, and is now the head of that organization's Agricultural Committee, as well as an official of the Fruit Grower's Exchange and of the Walnut Growers' Association. He is completely in sympathy with our program, and will help us in any way we might ask him to.

I shall try to answer your questions in order.

- 1) I believe we sent folders to all of your members. If not, it was inadvertent, and will be corrected. The mailing went over several days, so that some went out later than others.
- 2) I am enclosing more of the Fielder statements.
- 3) We have been in touch with the Hayes office on the question not only of Air Force, but in trying to be sure that the forthcoming production "Sunrise from Tokyo" shall be entirely factual, rather than irresponsibly documented.
- 4) There is a good group now being thoroughly organized in Los Angeles, under the able leadership of Prof. Joseph Power of 1318 Maltman Avenue, L.A. He is working in "partnership" with Dr. Bird, who is, of course, a tower of strength. If we were not already overloaded with "Education" we would, of course, put Dr. Bird on the Board. As it is, I've a feeling that he will just naturally be drawn onto it, anyway, as his fine assistance and spirit are invaluable.

As some of our board people in L.A. are among the Mayor's closest friends, something might possibly be done there, although I doubt it, as he seems to have somewhat of a mind block in that general direction.

That man Carr is too good to be true. Of course we shall be glad to provide the 10,000 copies of our pamphlet. In fact, we'll be glad to get out another for him anytime he gets a brainwave like that. More power to him, and would that we had more like him!

Speaking of labor representation in the south we are now in a position to include some of the good CIO and AFL leaders; give us a week or two more, and I am sure that Mr. Power will have accomplished all of the things that I would like to have done, could I have been there longer. Dr. Munro is being of great help, as is Mr. Hjelte.

We are in the midst of putting out another statement, more specific and pointed than the last, tho of course, on the same broad principles, and within our expressed purposes and policies. Naturally, we shall send you a quantity of them as they are printed.

We are also reproducing, in quantity, Chester Rowell's editorial "Much Hysteria about Japanese \*Americans". You will get them, too.  
Your Pasadena Mr. Blair is certainly courageous. Would you advise us to send directly to him releases we get from WRA which implement our position and the general government policies to date? If so, I shall do so.

Very sincerely yours,

Los Angeles City Junior College District

LOS ANGELES CITY COLLEGE

855 NORTH VERMONT AVENUE

LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

June 30, '43

ROSCO CHANDLER INGALLS  
Director

VIERLING KERSEY  
Superintendent of Schools

Mrs. Ruth Kingman  
465, California St.  
San Francisco

Dear Mrs. Kingman:

You will, I hope, pardon my long silence. At the present time my activities require my presence outside the city from eight-thirty in the morning to after six in the evening so it had been difficult to contact people- particularly difficult for those who rate only an "A" gas card.

George Hjelte thought that Mrs. Hineman would be favorable to the idea of becoming a member of the board. He assured me that he would definitely confirm his opinion this week and let me know. However, it seems to me, that if you should contact her directly by mail on this matter after the expiration of a week it would be quite safe.

Dr. J. Eugene Harley, University of Southern California, is definitely sympathetic but I get the idea that he would not like to be active on any "political" question for fear it might react detrimentally on the "long range" program of post-war reconstruction which is, of course, his meat and drink. He suggested that the Committee consider the possible usefulness of Dr. George Day of Occidental and Dr. Bogardus of the University of Southern California.

Mrs. Malbone Graham has just returned from Washington and I will see her on Tuesday. This will be the first call so it will probably serve only to lay a little ground work for future developments.

Mrs. Kingman this job, in my opinion, is of sufficient import to challenge one of the top-flight people in the organization. Of course, it should be a person who has his entire time to devote to it. It might not be a bad idea for you to talk the Committee into letting you change your residence to Southern California for the nonce. Perhaps Mr. Fisher could find the time. His reputation here is unexcelled.

In general the public opinion is not so outspoken as it was but that cannot continue for long in the face of statements as strong as that made by the Governor this evening. I am quite certain that he is being worked on by people from this section of the state largely.

It seems to me that there is a considerable amount of favorable opinion here, which, if it were marshalled by the proper person with plenty of time at his disposal, might withstand the storm most certainly impends.

Very sincerely yours

J. E. Power  
Mr. J. E. Power  
4318 Maltman Ave.



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June 30, 1943

Dr. Monroe E. Deutsch  
University of California  
Berkeley, California

My dear Dr. Deutsch:

I am sure you will be very happy to learn that the Board of Directors of the Columbia Foundation has approved your request for funds to support the Committee on American Principles and Fair Play for a one year period in the amount of \$3,900.00.

In granting funds for the support of the program for one year only, the Board had in mind that support for a second year would be dependent upon the progress of the Committee's work during the year for which support is granted, and also upon conditions prevailing at that time.

I assume that our check is to be forwarded Mr. Harry S. Scott, Treasurer of the Committee, and unless we hear from you to the contrary, it will be sent to him within the next week or ten days.

I hope you are enjoying a pleasant and restful vacation, and with kindest personal regards, I remain

Very truly yours,

(signed) Mrs. Marjorie Elkus  
Executive Director

July 1, 1943

State Department  
Washington, D.C.

Sirs:

One of the things which our committee is trying to do is to gather factual information concerning our Japanese American Population, and to make that material available to persons interested in obtaining such material. We are constantly in receipt of questions, some of which we are not prepared to answer without authentic information such as your Department can give.

We are now asked: "By whom is the \$1,200,000,000 impounded Japanese credits held? Has it belonged to the Japanese Government, to business firms of Japan, or whose is it? Where is it, and should it, or could it be used for the support of Relocation Centers?"

We will greatly appreciate any information you can give us on this matter.

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman

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pamphlet