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

ASSOCIATED PRESS ACCOUNT OF LEVI MULTANEN SUSPENDED SENTENCE BY JUSTICE OF PEACE L.B. CROSBY IN PARLIER, CALIFORNIA FOR SHOTGUN SHOOTING INTO NISEI HOME REPORTS CROSBY SAYING TWO ARMY INTELLIGENCE OFFICERS PRESENT OFFERED NO OBJECTION TO GENERAL PROCEEDURE INCLUDING COURTROOM DISCUSSION CONDEMNING WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY FOR RETURNING EVACUEES TO CALIFORNIA. WE SUGGEST IT PROPER AND DESIRABLE THAT ARMY SPOKESMEN IN SUCH CASES BE INSTRUCTED TO STATE CLEARLY THAT RESPONSIBILITY FOR EVACUEES RETURN LIES SOLELY WITH ARMY. MAJORITY OF CALIFORNIANS DESIROUS OF COOPERATING WITH ARMY IF TOLD DIRECTLY WHAT ARMY EXPECTS AND WHY BUT ARE CONFUSED BY SEEMING RELUCTANCE OF ARMY OFFICIALS TO TAKE CLEAR CUT STAND. FAIR PLAY COMMITTEE WILL APPRECIATE PUBLIC CLARIFICATION OF ARMY POSITION IN THIS WHOLE MATTER. AM SENDING COPY TO GENERAL SHEDD 9th SERVICE COMMAND.

Ruth W. Kingman
Executive Secretary
Pacific Coast Committee on American
Principles and Fair Play

Same wire sent:
Major General W. E. Shedd
9th Service Command
Fort Douglas, Utah

(with last sentence changed to read): Sending original
this wire to Assistance Secretary of War John J. McCloy.

Night letter
6/1/45

The Honorable Tom Clark
Acting U. S. Attorney General
Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

FAIR PLAY COMMITTEE HAS CONFIDENCE YOU WILL MAKE ALL POSSIBLE
EFFORT WITHIN YOUR JURISDICTION TO CLARIFY DEPLORABLE SITUATION
IN PARLIER, CALIFORNIA MAGISTRATES COURT CASE LEVI MULTANEN
IN WHICH JUSTICE OF PEACE L. B. CROSBY IS REPORTED TO HAVE
DELIVERED DECISION ONLY AFTER DETERMING IN COURT ROOM DISCUSSION
WHAT DECISION DESIRED BY TOWNSPEOPLE PRESENT. WE QUESTION
PROPRIETY AND LEGALITY OF CROSBY'S PROCEDURE AND REQUEST YOUR
OPINION RE: SAME. AM SENDING SAME REQUEST TO ATTORNEY GENERAL
ROBERT W. KENNY.

Ruth W. Kingman
Executive Secretary
Pacific Coast Committee on American
Principles and Fair Play

same wire sent:

Attorney General Robert W. Kenny
Capitol Building
Sacramento, California

Last sentence changed to read: Am sending same request to
The Honorable Tom Clark, Acting U. S. Attorney General.

Japanese American Citizens League

An All American Organization of American Citizens

National Headquarters

413-415 BEASON BLDG.

TELEPHONE 5-6501

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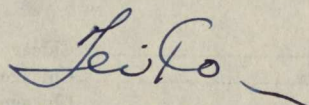
June 1, 1945

Dear Ruth:

Enclosed is a copy of my letter to Mr. John McCloy reporting the result of S/Sgt. Paul Sakai's appearance before the Assembly Ways & Means Committee and recommending the transfer of our veterans from the European front to be stationed on the west coast. As previously discussed with you, will you please follow this up with a further recommendation from your Committee.

Many thanks, and best wishes always,

Cordially,



Teiko Ishida
Acting National Secretary

Mrs. Ruth Kingman, Executive Secretary
Committee on American Principles & Fair Play
2287 Telegraph Ave.
Berkeley, California

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WASHINGTON, D. C.

DR. WILL W. ALEXANDER
 RAYMOND GRAM SWING

NISEI SERGEANT SUPPORTS BILL ON FAIR EMPLOYMENT

An American Japanese in a United States army uniform told the assembly ways and means committee last night the enactment of a California fair employment practices act would be his only protection against employment prejudice when he returns to civilian life.

The soldier, Sergeant Paul Sakai, a verteran of the North Africa and Tunisia campaigns, addressed the committee during a hearing on AB 3, Hawkins, under special permission by the war department.

Under Submission

The bill, which would prohibit discrimination in employment because of race, creed, nationality or ancestry, was taken under submission by the committee after two hours of testimony.

"All we ask," he said, "is a fair chance to seek an inalienable right to economic security."

Also under submission by the committee was AB 1399, Sam Collins, which would create a commission appointed by the governor to conduct a study of racial discrimination in industry and report its recommendations to the 1947 legislature.

Calls Law Necessary

Assemblyman Augustus Hawkins, Los Angeles County, author of AB 3, declared such a law is necessary to prevent a repetition of racial disturbances which followed World War I.

The bill was opposed by Gil Roland of the San Francisco Employers Council and S. H. Strathmore of the Associated Farmers on the grounds the measure would "create racial difficulties and cause more trouble than it would cure."

Mervyn Rathborne and Revels Cayton of the California Council of the Congress of Industrial Organizations joined Sergeant Sakai in urging favorable consideration of the measure.

May 31, 1945

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

Dear Mr. McCloy:

I wish to thank you for your action in response to a telegram dispatched on May 14 over the signature of Mr. Saburo Kido, JACL National President, with respect to a clearance for S/Sgt. Paul J. Sakai, 32002988, Presidio of Monterey, California, to appear as a witness before the Ways and Means Committee of the California State Legislature at Sacramento, hearing the State Fair Employment Practices Bill. Since that time Mr. Kido has returned to Salt Lake City and I believe you will be interested in the result of Sgt. Sakai's appearance at the hearing.

For your information I am enclosing herewith a copy of the news article published by the "Sacramento Bee" under date of May 18, 1945. Assemblyman Gammon of Sacramento commenced a line of questioning which undoubtedly would have led to a vicious race baiting session directed against persons of Japanese ancestry. However, the effective presentation made by Sgt. Sakai quelled these tactics completely. Although the committee finally voted to resubmit AB3 on language technicalities, which means that the bill may not have time to pass the legislature, there is no doubt that the proponents of the bill won a moral victory. Furthermore, if Assemblyman Gammon's original tactics had been allowed to proceed, there would have been untold harm done to the resettlement program.

In view of the effectiveness of Sgt. Sakai's appearance, we wish to submit to you for consideration a program which we are convinced will help considerably to ameliorate the shameful situation existing on the West Coast incident to the return of loyal Japanese Americans and their families.

The brilliant battle records of the Japanese American Combat Team and the performance of other Japanese Americans in the Pacific area have been motivated by the hope that their accomplishments would win for those they left behind a greater tolerance and acceptability. Despite their sacrifices, however, a series of terroristic acts against Japanese Americans on the West Coast has gone unchecked and unabated.

Secretary Ickes of the Department of Interior has vehemently condemned this "Storm-trooper . . . hoodlumism". More than 25 cases of violence or open intimidation have been recorded by the War Relocation Authority, and Secretary Ickes charges that in not one of the shooting cases has a suspect been put on trial. Yet there have been 17 such cases, in addition to three arson cases, five threatening visits and one attempt at dynamiting.

Families of Nisei soldiers have been jeopardized. Secretary Stimson was so wrought over this outlawry that he angrily denounced these "dastardly outrages".

Public opinion on the West Coast is not aware of the price paid by Nisei troops in their effort to gain recognition of their loyalty. Should Japanese American veterans be stationed on the West Coast their actual presence would serve as exhibits to impress upon a public conscience the wartime contributions of Japanese Americans. Additionally, we would respectfully propose that Nisei veterans be attached to serve at West Coast posts and be available, upon local clearance, for public relations affairs in connection with promoting acceptance for Japanese Americans.

Intolerance and bigotry can be lessened here at home, we believe, if the Army can institute this program of rotating into West Coast posts, Japanese American veterans who will be permitted to make public appearances.

It would seem as though the government has a reciprocal responsibility toward its Japanese Americans veterans, particularly in the maintenance of law and order toward their families. The Army can aid in the arousing of a decent public opinion by enabling use of its Nisei personnel for public relations efforts by public minded service organizations.

Sincerely yours,

Teiko Ishida
Acting National Secretary

AMERICAN FRIENDS SERVICE COMMITTEE
NORTHERN CALIFORNIA BRANCH
1830 Sutter Street
San Francisco 15, California



Vol Post

Dear Ruth Kingman -

At the last meeting of
Jap. Am. Resettlement Com. of Council
Civic Unit we had Dr. Tyler from
the Sacramento Council with us
We decided on a meeting in
Sacramento around June 20-27
at which representatives from the

various Council all over state
would come together - purpose
co-ordination & also pressure
on Government agents of law
enforcement. A special
committee was named to work
with Sacramento files on this. You
are chairman please - Joe James
Fred Ross, Joe Marshall, Bob Fikson
are your committee. Hastle
Indivine week

RICHARD J. WELCH
5TH DIST. CALIFORNIA

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C.

June 4, 1945

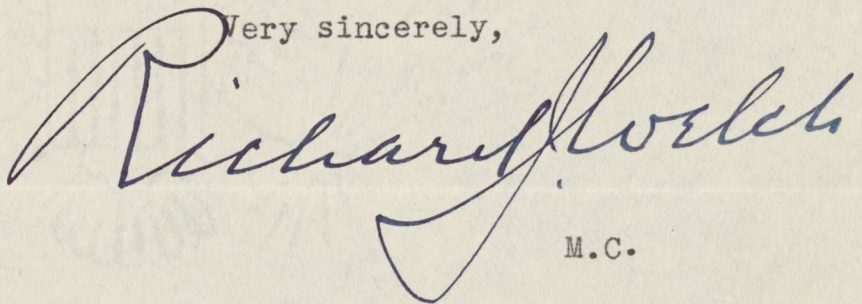
Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman, Executive Secretary
Pacific Coast Committee on American Principles
and Fair Play
Room 203 - 465 California Street
San Francisco 4, Cal.

Dear Mrs. Kingman:

This will acknowledge your letter of May 24 with attached copies of reprints from articles which appeared in the Daily Arizona Star and the Daily Californian, Berkeley, Cal. regarding the return of Americans of Japanese ancestry to the Pacific Coast.

Thank you for sending me this information which will receive my careful attention.

Very sincerely,

A large, stylized handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Richard J. Welch". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "R" and a long, sweeping underline.

M.C.

June 5, 1945

Mr. Larry Tajiri, Editor
Pacific Citizen
415 Beason Building
Salt Lake City, Utah

Dear Larry:

Joe Masaoka has just left my office
after a good gab-fest. He thought you
might be interested in the enclosed clip-
pings.

Cordially,

June 5, 1945

Miss A. R. Robb
Secretary to the President
University of California
Berkeley, California

Dear Miss Robb:

I am returning Mr. Osgood's letter, a copy of which has been sent to Dr. Grodzins, along with Major Hopkins's letter.

Morton will let us know by wire whether he can or cannot do the job, and we'll let you know immediately, so that you can tell Mr. Osgood that we are at work on the thing for Dr. Sproul.

Cordially yours,

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman
Executive Secretary

RWK:ech
Enclosure

June 5, 1945

Dr. Morton Grodzins
Council of State Governments
1313 East 60th Street
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Morton:

What with President Sproul hiding himself off to Moscow (perish the thought) Miss Robb thinks that the enclosed letters should be answered by someone "well informed". We feel that you are elected, so c'mon and give. I'm sure that Bob Sproul will be most appreciative of your continuing interest.

Along with the letters involved, I'm sending a couple of clippings from the Bremerton Daily News, written by Major Hopkins.

Please wire me collect that you will take this on, and Miss Robb will tell Mr. Osgood that you are writing in the President's absence and at his request.

All goes well on the Western Front, what with Bridges et al getting on the bandwagon.

We're having another conference (20 local Councils of Civic Unity from California communities) in Sacramento in three or four weeks- Bob Kenny is cooperating and wants to sit in on our deliberations. We think we can get Warren in too, what with a few political shot-guns waving in the breeze!

Will send you a report of same.

Cordially,

June 5, 1945

Dr. Henry Tyler
Rt. 5, Box 8205
Sacramento, California

Dear Henry:

I haven't been able to reach Bob Kenny in San Francisco to ask him about meeting in the Capitol. As I am leaving town for the rest of the week, perhaps you'd better try to reach him.

Will see you Monday. Will you please drop me a card at 535 San Luis Road, Berkeley to let me know if I have a hotel reservation?

Thanks.

BULL, BIART & BIEBERSTEIN

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June 5, 1945

General David Prescott Barrows
85 Parkside Drive
Berkeley, 5, California

Dear General Barrows:

Thank you very much, for your letter
of May 31st.

The American boys of Japanese ancestry
have done a fine job. Our Post here at Wisconsin
entertained the 100th Infantry and we have written
to the Secretary of War to have them come through
Madison again if that can be worked out.

You gentlemen on the west coast in
the middle of the battle are to be congratulated
for taking the stand for American principles so early.
Keep up the good work because after all the fact
that these people are of Japanese ancestry is only
incidental. The thing that we are concerned about
is that this America of ours does not become the
victim of Hitlerism and super-racists of the orient.
We have the opportunity to show the world that
the principles of Thomas Jefferson mean exactly
what he said today as well as then.

Very truly yours,



Benjamin H. Bull

BHB:HSG

June 6, 1945

Mr. August Vollmer
923 Euclid Avenue
Berkeley, California

Dear Mr. Vollmer:

Enclosed you will find copies of three recent editorials. Copies of the two in printed form have been sent to all of our State Legislators, to the West Coast Congressional Delegation, and to a selected group of newspaper editors and radio commentators. (Walter Winchell's excellent statement on treatment of Nisei in California followed receipt of material sent from this office and from our members in Southern California.

The typed extract from the New York Post is characteristic of many recent columns and editorials throughout the country.

An increasing number of such editorials are referring (see last paragraph, marked) to Governor Warren's failure to assume responsibility.

I hope that you will write the Governor a personal letter, immediately, expressing your own concern, using your own good judgement as to emphasis.

This is most important, at this particular time, and we hope that you will feel free to make your letter as strong and pointed as possible.

Very cordially yours,

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman
Executive Secretary

RWK:coh

June 6, 1945

Mr. Chester H. Rowell
149 Tamalpais Road
Berkeley, California

Dear Mr. Rowell:

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3575 Clay Street
San Francisco, California

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

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Mr. Ralph T. Fisher
American Trust Co.
Oakland, California

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Executive Secretary

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Mr. Gerald Hagar
245 Stonewall Road
Berkeley, California

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Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman
Executive Secretary

RWK:cch

Mrs. Kingman
COPY

June 6, 1945

Dr. E.C. Farnham
Church Federation
3330 West Adams Blvd.
Los Angeles 15, Calif.

Dear Dr. Farnham:

According to your request, you will find enclosed a copy of the governor's reply to Mr. Crotty's first letter of an earlier date as well as Mr. Crotty's latest answer.

Regarding the matter of sponsoring parolees, I think your suggestion of including a statement in the bulletin to the pastors is probably the best way to pass out this information. I am still waiting for copies of the necessary forms to be filled out, from the WRA office. Just as soon as they come, I will send them on to you. For further information regarding these people of whom are Japanese born as well as American born, I would suggest that you contact Paul Robertson directly. I can say that they are not political prisoners but persons who have been detained temporarily in special camps while being investigated, and when they are released or paroled they may join their families in a regular relocation camp, or if proper sponsorship is secured, they may relocate outside, the same as any other person. A great many of these interned people have been held on no more serious charge than that of having been a teacher in a Japanese language school, and as you already know, perhaps the majority of such teachers were ministers as well.

Last week I talked with Ludwig Shiff and with Mr. Karf head of the Jewish Welfare Agencies, both of whom have been active through their organizations in securing sponsors for refugees. They are most anxious to cooperate in this work of sponsoring parolees. The Catholic groups are also deeply interested. I will keep you informed as to developments in the non-Protestant religious groups.

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Dr. Farnham

June 6, 1945

In accordance with your suggestion, I am calling together as soon as possible persons working in the field of Japanese American problems. I will let you know about it in plenty of time for we surely want you to be present.

Thank you very much for your helpful letter and cooperation. Please feel free to make suggestions and advise me at any time both in regard to the Fair Play Committee work and that of the Congregational Committee.

By the way, you will probably be interested in knowing that Raymond and I attended the Fair Play Executive Committee meeting at Mrs. Thayer's home last evening. I was asked to report on my work for the last two months and my plans for the future. After giving them a summary of the survey I have been making of the whole Southern California area and laying before them possibilities and plans of organizing civic unity councils, citizen's committees, or "what have you" in all of the communities where Japanese may be expected to return, I found them quite enthusiastic and more than eager to help.

We will keep you posted as to the organization of committees in outlying communities as the work progresses and results become apparent. If progress seems rather slow, it is because I sincerely believe that the desire for organization must come from the community itself (even though we quietly lead them on up to that point some times). In other words, each new citizen's committee stands a far greater chance of being a permanent working group if they think of it as their very own baby rather than an orphan deposited on their doorstep by the Fair Play Committee.

I so want a real conference with you in the near future, but knowing how busy you are I hesitate to ask for your time. However, if you are free to see me and will ring this office, I shall be happy to arrange my time to suit your convenience.

Sincerely,

GDB
rnr

Gracia D. Booth
Executive Secretary

June 6, 1945

Mr. Earl Minton
Council for Civic Unity
793 Bailey Street
Mountain View, California

Dear Mr. Minton:

Please excuse the form of the enclosed memorandum. Lack of office help precludes writing it personally.

May this serve, instead, and may we urge that you will give the enclosed memo the careful attention you would give to a personal letter?

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman
Executive Secretary

RWK:cch
Enclosure

June 6, 1945

Mr. L. H. Fisher
International Longshoremen's and
Warehousemen's Union
604 Montgomery Street
San Francisco, California

Dear Mr. Fisher:

Enclosed you will find the names and addresses of the various Councils on Civic Unity and other organizations whose representatives will be invited to confer with Attorney General Kenny in Sacramento on June 25.

Most of the organizations have good labor representation. Where that representation is weak, or lacking, I am sure that it is largely because the members are not familiar with the local labor pictures.

I will greatly appreciate it if you can give me the names of representative C.I.O. and/or A.F. of L. members in the communities listed. These names will be sent on, through our office, to the local Civic Unity groups, with the suggestion that such labor cooperation is available.

Thank you very much.

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman
Executive Secretary

RWK:ech

June 6, 1945

Mr. Lawrence I. Hewes, Jr.
American Council on Race Relations
988 Market Street, Room 202
San Francisco, California

Dear Mr. Hewes:

Enclosed you will find a copy of
Mr. G. D. Goodwin's letter which Mrs.
Kingman spoke to you about in tele-
phone conversation, yesterday.

We have sent Mr. Goodwin informative
material and have told him of the forth-
coming Conference of Councils for Civic
Unity. We also suggested to Mr. Goodwin,
that you would send him material from
your office.

Thank you.

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary

ADDRESS REPLY TO
"THE ATTORNEY GENERAL"
AND REFER TO
INITIALS AND NUMBER

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

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June 6, 1945.

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman
Executive Secretary
Committee on American Principles
and Fair Play
465 California Street
San Francisco 4, California.

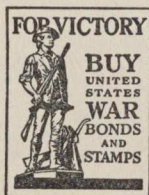
Dear Mrs. Kingman:

This will acknowledge the receipt, by reference from the White House, of your letter of May 25, enclosing clippings from certain California papers concerning anti-Japanese activities on the West Coast. Complaints with relation to such activities have been received by the Department and have been given careful consideration. In most instances, the activities involved are beyond the jurisdiction of the Federal Government.

Respectfully,

For the Attorney General

TOM C. CLARK
Assistant Attorney General



reply
OK
7/18/45

PROTESTANT CHURCH COMMISSION FOR JAPANESE SERVICE
Gordon K. Chapman - Executive Secretary
228 McAllister Street, San Francisco 2, California

June 6, 1945

Committee on American Principles and Fair Play
2287 Telegraph Avenue
Berkeley, California

Dear Friends:

For some time I have been receiving requests from church people in different parts of the country for material on the Japanese problem in the United States. Most of these ask for "free illustrated folders," and for material suitable for use with children in Vacation Bible Schools. I realize that there is no literature available which is intended especially for use with children, but I wonder whether you have some material which might help to answer this need?

I am sending^{to} the following people copies of the WRA pamphlet "Nisei in Uniform" and the leaflet entitled "Homeward Bound," published by the Committee on Fair Play. Will you please send them any other helpful literature which you may have on hand? Most of these women are connected with church school groups:

Mrs. Ovis P. Cornett, Rt 2, Box 231, Galax, Virginia
Miss Edith Swing, R. R. 1, Westfield, Indiana
Mrs. J. M. Bond, 322 No. Riverside, Fort Worth 3, Texas
Mrs. B. E. Kelley, 901 - 11th Avenue, Huntington 1, W. Va.
Mrs. W. M. Robinson, Box 81, Toledo, Illinois
Mrs. Carl Womble, Senatobia, Miss.
Mrs. Carroll Sanders, 115 Washington Place, Marshall, Texas
Miss Mildred A. Scott, 515 S. Galena Avenue, Freeport, Illinois
Mrs. Beatrice Bradshaw, Central Congregational Church,
Cor. Huntoon and Buchanan, Topeka, Kansas

I will appreciate it if this material can go out as soon as possible, as some of these requests are of rather long standing.

Gratefully yours,

Gordon K. Chapman

by A. Larson

Secretary to Mr. Chapman

Recd June 22, 1945

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

7 June 1945

Miss Ruth Kingman, Executive Secretary
Pacific Coast Committee on American
Principals of Fair Play
2234 Telegraph Avenue
Berkeley 1, California

Dear Miss Kingman:

I have your telegram of June 1, 1945, referring to the shotgun shooting into a Nisei home in Parlier.

I am somewhat at a loss to know why you think the War Department has failed to make its position clear. Mass evacuation of Japanese Americans was ordered purely as a matter of military necessity, without any intention of reflecting on the loyalty or good citizenship of thousands of the evacuees. When military necessity permitted, the mass evacuation was rescinded and all those who were not individually excluded were permitted to return to the West Coast areas. This action was taken by the military purely on their own responsibility, and without regard to social or economic considerations with which the military should not, and may not, be concerned. All this was clearly set forth in the public statement released at the time of the rescission of mass exclusion. The War Department also said, in substance, that it was confident that the returning Japanese Americans would be given all the consideration to which they were entitled as good citizens and law-abiding residents.

This statement has been referred to since on a number of occasions by representatives of the War Department in connection with incidents arising out of the return of the Japanese Americans. In addition, the Secretary of War, at a press conference, expressed in most emphatic terms his views on the use of violence against the returning evacuees.

The War Department has good reason to know, particularly because of the extraordinary records made by the Nisei combat units, that the great majority of the Japanese Americans are loyal and law-abiding, and are entitled to be treated as such. The War Department deploras acts of violence against them and the Secretary has said so unmistakably. I do not see how there can be any misunderstanding on that score.

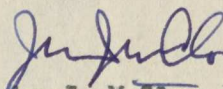
I do not believe, however, that the Army should be expected to



solve the social and economic problems involved in the return of the evacuees, as these are matters with which the Army is not either authorized or particularly fitted to deal. I am sure you will agree that the Army should not, except where the most urgent military considerations require, enter the fields in which civilian authorities have traditionally borne primary responsibility.

If, as you indicate, Army intelligence officers were present during the court proceedings, they would have no authority to object to any of the proceedings in the court or to interject themselves into such proceedings in any way.

Sincerely,


John J. McCloy

June 22, 1945

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

Dear Mr. McCloy:

Thank you very much for your letter of June 7, 1945 which was in reply to my telegram of June 1, 1945.

As telegrams usually prove to be, mine seems to have been an inadequate means of expressing our idea. We recognize the proper reluctance of the War Department in the matter of projecting itself into a purely non-military situation. We agree that "the Army should not, except where the most urgent military considerations require, enter the fields in which civilian authorities have traditionally borne primary responsibility."

We have always recognized the right of the War Department to order the evacuation of persons of Japanese ancestry from the Pacific Coast. We have always felt that the evacuation was a War Department responsibility, but we also feel that that responsibility is not discharged with the rescission of the exclusion order, the issuing of an excellent statement by the Secretary of War, and a War Department assumption "that it was confident that the returning Japanese-Americans would be given all the consideration to which they were entitled as good citizens and law-abiding residents."

It seems rather a difficult thing to determine at what point a situation created by military necessity becomes purely social and economic. Perhaps it would not be beyond the scope of Military propriety to assume the responsibility for creation of a public recognition of that point. Army Public Relations has been known to expend considerable effort in the establishment of understanding of its policies.

In ordering the evacuation, the War Department was responsible, though unintentionally so, for crystalizing civilian attitudes which now present a potentially explosive situation on the West Coast. This situation will not become less critical until the public recognizes that the War Department really supports the return of the law-abiding evacuees.

As a Native Daughter of California (if not of the Golden West) I have to admit that we Californians are probably peculiarly head strong as well as slightly vigilante minded. We have to be told over and over again, not from Washington, but on the spot. The sort of thing that Colonel Watson is doing is excellent, and is one of the means by which the War Department can be very helpful.

Frequent statements from Headquarters of the Western Defense Command, particularly those indicating the War Department's responsibility for the rescission of the evacuation order would effectively deter the over zealous of our organized anti-Japanese-Americans.

An increase in War Department releases as to activity of Nisei in the Southwest Pacific and China-Burma Theaters would not be out of order, would it?

Mr. McCloy

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We know the fine feeling the War Department has for the men in the Nisei combat units and for their families. What we need in California is more on the spot declaration of that feeling.

We understand that your conference with Mr. Alexander Liveright, Mr. Charles H. Houston, and Mr. John Anson Ford brought out the very points we wish to make. Their report of the conference was most encouraging.

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman
Executive Secretary

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June 8, 1945

Dr. George E. Haynes
Federal Council of Churches
297 Fourth Avenue
New York 10, New York

Dear George:

I will send you and Quinter a memorandum of my general activities in southern California in the past month. I stopped at Fresno June 2nd and on the 6th I met with Mr. Schurer of the Council of Churches and the Reverend Chakmakjian, who is the head of the Race Relations Committee of the Council. You undoubtedly will be hearing from them. I believe that the first Fall meeting of the Fresno Council is held on the 12th of September. They have expressed a wish to have you as the principal speaker. I spoke about expenses and they will take care of that.

I am leaving tomorrow for Seattle and can be addressed c/o Gertrude Apel, Seattle and Washington Council of Churches for the next month.

Sincerely,

George E. Rundquist

Mrs. Kingman

COPY

June 8, 1945

Mrs. Clark Spencer
16024 South Main St.
Gardena, California

Dear Mrs. Spencer:

Raymond Booth and I certainly did enjoy our evening in Gardena, especially the getting-acquainted time after the services.

Whether or not a citizen's committee is organized in your community, I feel increasingly confident of the backing of many people of good will in any effort on the part of the Japanese Americans to return to Gardena.

As I promised, I am sending to your address quite a sizeable packet of literature, and you will know to whom to distribute it.

Do call upon me please if there is anything I can do to assist your Gardena group further.

Very sincerely,

GDB
rnr

Gracia D. Booth
Executive Secretary

June 8, 1945

Dr. J. Quinter Miller
Federal Council of Churches of Christ
in America
297 Fourth Avenue
New York 10, New York

Dear Quinter:

I spent from May 7 to June 2, working in and around Los Angeles and on the 2nd of June went on to Fresno. I expect to leave tomorrow for Seattle and can be reached through Gertrude Apel's office, Seattle and Washington Council of Churches.

I hope to get you a memorandum within the near future, concerning my activities and impressions.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

George E. Rundquist

June 8, 1945

Mr. Gilbert Jertberg
Pacific Southwest Building
Fresno, California

Dear Gilbert:

I stopped in at the Fair Play Committee office in Berkeley to see Mrs. Kingman, and learned that she had sent out the following letter to members of the Advisory Board. I think it will interest you and you may want to take the action she suggests.

Thanks again for the last time. I think you are familiar with that old Swedish expression of greeting to the host. It was good to see you and Mrs. Jertberg again and I hope that there will be many more opportunities to visit with you not only on this coast but on "my" coast to the East.

With best regards.

Sincerely,

George E. Rundquist

GER:cch

June 8, 1945

Mr. Dillon S. Myer, Director
War Relocation Authority
Sarr Building
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Dillon:

I think you'd be interested in some of the impressions of what I've been seeing and hearing since I returned to the Coast on the 3rd of May.

I think I'd better start first with the W.R.A. relocation staff and services. I don't believe that you have enough men out here who really know the relocation program and that you are badly handicapped by having to educate new men who may be indifferent to your program, but have entered the employment of the agency because they could not obtain a job elsewhere or hope to use the W.R.A. as an introduction to another Federal agency. These men frequently do not have sufficient information to discuss what the W.R.A. is endeavoring to do with prospective employers, private agencies, local officers, or labor organizations. Also, because they do not have sufficient background, they are unable to answer intelligently the questions which are frequently asked them. Some make the mistake of accepting invitations to speak before public gatherings when they are not qualified to do so.

An indifferent relocation officer will always leave a bad impression. The frequent shifting and change of personnel also disturbs the relation of W.R.A. with the local community. For instance, John Wones of the W.R.A. staff may make a few contacts

in the community and have learned the confidence of some of the people who, when they phone to give him some news, learn that John Jones has been transferred or left and the fellow speaking is Tom Brown whom they have never seen. Most of us do not give our confidence to strangers over the telephone.

It seems to me that W.R.A. public relations are most vital to the success of your program on this Coast. Only a very small number of your staff have the faintest idea about how to go about the business of making friends and gaining their support. Most of your staff does not circulate enough and they do not have the faintest idea of how to use the good will and resources of the community, and because there isn't sufficient staff to render service to evacuees and do an outside job, most of the men get too involved in evacuee problems and neglect the general community. I was surprised to learn that very few prints of the film "A Challenge to Democracy" with the added newreel shots were available when needed. It seems to me that films which are no longer needed in the East and Midwest should be sent out to the West Coast where the most important job of public relations is needed.

I would also like to suggest that the W.R.A. staff workers may be excellent in doing certain parts of the job, many of them are not good public speakers or propagandists. In fact some of them are doing a great deal more harm than good. You need men out here who can tell the story and answer questions. I believe that someone with responsibility and authority in W.R.A. should call upon every sheriff and District Attorney to back up the local relocation officer and to help point out their responsibility to maintain law and order and also to develop a working relationship with these officials wherever it is possible to do so.

I have no doubt that you are sick of hearing about the housing problem. Like the poor, it is always with us. But the people of good-will and the returning evacuees can not do the job and neither can the local relocation officer. Unless special housing can be developed by the Federal

Government in cooperation with State and city authorities,, there is just not going to be any place in San Francisco or Los Angeles and many of the other West Coast cities for people to live. It seems to me that you are asking the relocation officer to do the impossible when many of them are living in Motels, Hotels, and other places that they would not ordinarily live in themselves. If they can't obtain decent housing, how can they be expected to find housing for evacuees?

Finally, I am concerned with the difficulties of the aged or handicapped evacuees who need not only temporary assistance to relocate, but will continue to require aid either until they die or some member of their family is able to care for them. Have you been able to give any reassurance to these people that after W.R.A. liquidates, they will continue to be helped? The difficulty of giving this assistance in a manner that will permit the evacuees to maintain his self respect and dignity should be carefully considered and these people do not want to and I don't believe should be forced to go to County welfare offices where they are treated as charity cases. They are not reliefers. 98% and probably higher, never received assistance from public welfare agencies prior to evacuation and it is pretty hard for them to learn how to accept charity now. This group of people is going to be troublesome to relocate. Frankly, I would be inclined to advise these in this group to sit tight and remain in the centers until they have received assurance that they will not be forgotten and pushed around.

I understand that you are coming to the Coast for a conference. I should like very much to have a visit with you, but I am leaving for Seattle and expect to spend the next six or seven weeks in the states of Washington and Oregon and unless you get up that way, there isn't much likelihood that we can get together.

My headquarters for the next month will be

My headquarters
c/o Gertrude Apel, Seattle and Washington Council of

Mr. Myer

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Churches, Old Times Building, Seattle 1, Washington.

Sincerely,

George E. Rundquist

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June 8, 1945

Mr. W. R. Matthews
Editor,
Arizona Daily Star
Tucson, Arizona

Dear Bill:

We are making good use of your writings. Just saw reference to an editorial of yours dated May 22nd, on subject of Governor Warren's responsibility to maintain order. Would you be good enough to send me a copy of that and of any other editorials pertaining to the subject of Japanese-Americans that you may write in the future.

We may not be able to build up much of a paying circulation in California, but we can certainly spread your good word.

Greetings to Betty and you.

Sincerely yours,

Paul S. Taylor

PST:coh

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3209 W. Highland Blvd.,
Milwaukee 8, Wisconsin
June 8, 1945

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman
Committee on American Principles
and Fair Play
2234 Telegraph Ave.,
Berkeley 4, Calif.

Dear Mrs. Kingman;

A letter from Topaz explains the cancellation of the proposed youth conference as due to the general unsettled conditions brought about by resettlement and the closing of the schools. The committee in charge felt that not too good a turnout resulted at our YMCA-YWCA Institute a year ago even with good promotion and that things would be even more difficult this time. One would think that these matters would have been taken into consideration before the request for an Institute was sent in, but I suspect that Topaz was high pressured into making the request by Washington.

I was quite disappointed that the Institute was not held, especially with prospects of having a good team with Miss Watson and Dwight Welch and others. From all I gather, Topaz is especially in need of the good influences from the outside, more than any other Center.

Although I have not kept in direct touch with you, I am constantly hearing of your fine work and that of the Committee. I have made it a point to tell the groups in the Centers of the work of the Fair Play Committee and some of the things you told us at Salt Lake last December.

The National YMCA has decided that I should make a visit to the west coast. I am planning for the latter part of July and the month of August. Dwight Welch will handle arrangements. I am keenly aware that all of us need to be aware of what is happening on the west coast, and part of my job has been to call this to the attention of the resettlers who have come east and midwest.

Would appreciate your views upon what assistance I could render on the coast. The arrangement by which I am employed by the YMCA necessitates most of my work in the Centers, so I have not been too free to do much on the outside. This also means that my job terminates with the closing of the Centers.

Best wishes to Mr. Kingman and to all my friends out there.

Sincerely,

Masao W. Satow

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440 W. 11th St.,
Claremont, Calif.
June 8, 1945

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman,
Room 203,
465 California St.,
San Francisco 4, Calif.

Dear Mrs. Kingman,

Your letter of May 25 was forwarded to me here in Claremont, where I am enjoying a month's vacation. Mrs. Pratt, who is assisting our daughter in editing the Enterprise during my absence, telephoned me to ask whether they should run the cartoon. I advised against doing so, not because I am not entirely in sympathy with the sentiment expressed in it but because I have tried to avoid arousing hostile opinions at the same time expressing myself very positively when necessary. Since we do not run cartoons as a regular feature of our paper, I felt that we would be giving undue prominence to this particular issue.

It was very kind of you to think of us in this connection and I can assure you that we are in complete accord with the work which your committee is doing.

Since I have been in the south I have had the opportunity of talking with Supervisor John Anson Ford, who is now in Washington for a conference with Mr. Ickes and Army officials on this problem and I am hopeful that something constructive will come of these discussions. At Mr. Ford's suggestion, I had the pleasure of visiting the hostel in East Los Angeles with one of his secretaries. As you know, the problem in Los Angeles is principally one of housing whereas in our part of the state it is affording protection to those who return to their own homes.

Thanking you again for writing to me and sending the editorial material which I read with much interest, I remain,

Sincerely yours,

Lowell C. Pratt



EXTRA
COPY

June 9, 1945

Mr. Toru Matsumoto
Committee on Resettlement
of Japanese Americans
297 Fourth Avenue
New York 10, New York

Dear Toru:

Thank you very much for your most interesting and enlightening report on your visits to the relocation centers. I will treat it as confidential you may be sure. It will be of great help to me in my work with the evacuees.

Now in regard to your previous letter asking me to write a short story of George Rundquist and his work. George was here at the time your letter came, but I could not get him to tell me anything about himself or his "past" at all, and I am sorry not to be able to comply with your request. It looks as though you are going to have to write about him yourself, as I know so little excepting in connection with the resettlement committee.

Thank you again for the report.

Could our committee be placed on the mailing list for the Resettlement Bulletin. I have not seen one in a long time.

Sincerely,

GDB
rmm

Mrs. Gracia Booth
Executive Secretary

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COPY

June 9, 1945

Mrs. Cora R. Conklin
Box 812
Palos Verdes Estates
California

Dear Mrs. Conklin:

Thank you very much for your letter of June 6 in regard to the work in San Pedro and in Palos Verdes Estates.

After writing you, I communicated with Miss Mary Lewis whose name was given me by our local YWCA secretary and have had her reply.

I shall be anxious to hear from Mr. Lee of the Palos Verdes Estates Committee.

I am just as anxious to know whether there are already committees and where good will prevails as I am to hear of "incidents" and the need of organization.

Thank you very much for your prompt reply.

Sincerely yours,

GDB
rmp

Mrs. Gracia D. Booth
Executive Secretary

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June 9, 1945

Mr. Clarence Lee
Palos Verdes Estates
California

Dear Mr. Lee:

In a letter from Cora R. Conklin, the Committee on American Principles and Fair Play of your community was mentioned with your name as chairman.

Would it be possible for you to give me some specific and detailed information regarding attitudes toward the return of the evacuees in your community and also something of the organization and the work and plans of your Fair Play Committee.

f — My immediate responsibility is making the survey of all Southern California area and stimulating the organization of such committees or giving encouragement to those which already exist as the need may be.

Thanking you for an early reply,

Sincerely,

GDB
rnr

Mrs. Gracia D. Booth
Executive Secretary

reply by wire
6/12/45

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(Sotry --No Council Stationery at home)

EVACUATION AND RESETTLEMENT STUDY
207 GIANNINI HALL
BERKELEY 4, CALIFORNIA

June 10, 1945
1313 E. 60th Street
Chicago, 37, Illinois

Dear Mrs. Kingman:

Your good letter has come at a very bad time for me. I have been out of the office for several days, and have been forced to plunge into my first report for my new job. I am also in the midst of moving from temporary quarters to a new, semi-permanent apartment. As a result of the delay in finding our apartment, (and this is the most pertinent consideration, with respect to your request) I have absolutely none of ~~my~~ Japanese materials at hand. Dorothy has promised to ship me a large box of data (to arrive sometime "around the middle of the month") and another large batch will presumably be delivered ~~some time~~ during the coming week with our furniture.

Further, your instructions are not unambiguous. In the first paragraph, I am apparently to answer "letters" (plural) whereas in the third paragraph, it appears the only correspondence is to be with Mr. Osgood. I think that the latter is probably true. But Mr. Osgood obviously doesn't need a detailed refutation of the good Major's nonsense. Yet if my reply were intended to be sent to the Major -- it would seem very awkward to explain the passage of his letter to Mr. Osgood to Mr. Sproul to me.

I am, finally, somewhat puzzled as to how I can interject myself into the exchange of letters. Under the terms of my agreement with Dorothy, I am, of course, prohibited from writing as a former member of the Evacuation and Resettlement Study. In my present job, I obviously cannot write in any official capacity regarding the Japanese. At most, my letter could only come from ~~Mr.~~ Grodzins, Chicago citizen.

It is the lack of materials, however, that bothers me most. If I had them here, I would draft a complete reply for you and suggest that you get someone with a more direct, apparent interest in the problem to sign it, though I would, of course, sign it myself if you thought it appropriate. Under the present circumstances, the most I have been able to do is to make notes on the attached sheet. They are incomplete, but they may be useful to you in formulating a reply.

I hope you understand how discontent I am to be "under wraps"

I have just read over my cursory notes on the Major's letter. They are so fragmentary and so lacking in concrete data that they are not worth sending, I think. I will be able to do a decent job when (over)

My limited materials come during the coming week.

If my suggestions will not be too late, I will

send them to you ~~at that time~~ before the

week is over,

Please let me know,

~~If you can~~ Somewhat shamefacedly,

M.

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EVACUATION AND RESETTLEMENT STUDY
207 GIANNINI HALL
BERKELEY 4, CALIFORNIA

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with respect to the Japanese problem. All my inclinations are to jump in with fists flying. Once the war is over, I hope to be able to do just that. And that's the one small consolation I have.

I have the report that the relocation rate is up, but by no means what it should be. After my recent experiences, I know first hand about one of the impediments to center closure. Many times I felt I needed relocation assistance myself. We gave ourselves two weeks to find a place; it took two months. We wanted a five room apartment; we got seven. We wanted one on the first floor; it's on the third. We wanted a yard and garage; we got neither. We wanted one for the duration of our Chicago stay; we got a six month sublease. We wanted an unfurnished place; it's furnished. We set a maximum price; we're paying twenty per cent more. Withal, Ruth and I think we're lucky. And are ~~damned~~ happy to have what we have.

Reports still come to me about the excellent work of your Committee. (One Nisei: "The only good thing in the whole damned state!") I feel now that I am letting you down. But I hope you can sympathize with the circumstances. And above all, still count me among your staunchest supporters, and call upon me in the future. I will always do my best to help you when I can.

I send my best personal regards to you, ~~and~~ to Beverly and Connie.

Sincerely yours, *+ lastly*

Morton Grodzins
Morton Grodzins

EXTRA
COPY

June 11, 1945

Mrs. H.S. Good
533 South Azusa Avenue
Azusa, California

Dear Mrs. Good:

Having been given your name as a person interested in and friendly toward the returning evacuees, I would like to know if you would write me in some detail regarding the reception given by your community to the returning evacuees.

I have visited the Nakada family several times and expect to come out again soon. I understand they are getting along very well but I wonder if there is any thought of a citizen's committee being organized or if there is one already in existence working for better community acceptance and integration of these people as they return.

Trusting to hear from you in the near future.

Sincerely,

GDB
rnr

Mrs. Gracia D. Booth
Executive Secretary

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June 11, 1945

Mr. and Mrs. Chase Conover
255 East Camino Real
Arcadia, California

Dear Friends:

It was so nice to see and visit with you last Saturday at the service committee meeting.

I have forgot how many copies of my pamphlet you wanted, but I am sending a few, and if you wish more, you can let us know or order them directly yourself from the Federal Council.

I would be very glad to have any information you may be able to pass on regarding your community attitude, friendly or unfriendly people, etc.

All such information is of great help to me as I attempt to make a comprehensive survey of Southern California for the Fair Play Committee.

Hoping to see you soon again,

Sincerely,

"plan for service team" would be much better.
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GDB
rmr

Mrs. Gracia D. Booth
Executive Secretary

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June 11, 1945

Mr. Charles W. Lewis
Acting Relocation Officer
1031 South Broadway
Los Angeles 16, California

Dear Mr. Lewis:

Thank you very much for sending me the information regarding the forming of a committee on American Principles and Fair Play in Lancaster and the list of officers. I will write the chairmen at once. X

Raymond and I visited Lancaster a couple of times and have had correspondence with some of the people there. Apparently you, through your visit, brought the matter to a head and have been responsible for the committee being definitely formed.

In response to much correspondence, some visiting and telephone calls, I am receiving similar information from communities all over Southern California, and it is very helpful to know that such committees are in existence or about to be formed. This shows the prevalence of more good will than we had realized existed toward the returning evacuees.

Please keep me informed as to "hot spots", newly organized groups, etc.

Sincerely,

GDB
rnr

Mrs. Gracia D. Booth
Executive Secretary

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June 11, 1945

Mr. George E. Haynes
Federal Council
297 Fourth Avenue
New York 10, New York

Dear Mr. Haynes:

Thank you for the literature which you sent me, although I am no longer at the Cincinnati address. We moved to Chicago a year ago and from there to the West Coast when the ban was lifted; Both of us working hard on resettlement.

When I have had time to read your pamphlet I may write you again.

Please put our committee on your mailing list for any further communications.

Best wishes,

Very truly yours,

GDB
rmr

Mrs. Gracia D. Booth
Executive Secretary

COPY

June 11, 1945

Miss Mary E. Lewis
437 Ninth Street
San Pedro, California

Dear Miss Lewis:

In your letter of June 4 you refer to a list of names of interested people in your community having been sent to Ruth Kingman. Would it be possible for me to have that same list for our office here since San Pedro is in the Southern California area, and upon this office rests the responsibility of assuring people returning to your area of a friendly welcome and of giving them names of friendly people to whom they may go for advice or assistance.

Previous to, and during evacuation, I knew a great many of the Terminal Islanders and assisted in operating the hostels in Los Angeles Blue Hills and Norwalk, when they were turned out of their homes on Terminal Island; and, during the years since evacuation I have kept in touch with many of them by correspondence and by visiting them in camps.

As I make a summary of our survey of Southern California communities I need to have the names and addresses of the heads of such groups, as there are in existence, and such other names as you may consider helpful. This information is to be sent to the evacuees who are still in camp to encourage them as they plan their relocation.)

Thank you for an early reply.

Sincerely,

GDB
rmr

Mrs. Gracia D. Booth
Executive Secretary

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COPY

June 11, 1945

Mr. Graham Hunter
First Presbyterian Church
Fullerton, California

Dear Mr. Hunter:

Thank you very much for your prompt reply to my letter regarding attitudes for and against the evacuees returning to your area.

I would be extremely interested in seeing a copy of the resolution you mentioned as being passed by the ministers last fall. Would it be possible for you to give me further ideas as to the existence of committees or the possibility of their formation in various communities, for the purpose of aiding in community integration and rendering practical services to the returnees.

I find that in Covina, San Diego, Long Beach and other areas such committees are being formed and are proving very helpful.

I would appreciate very much any further information from time to time.

Sincerely,

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Mrs. Gracia D. Booth
Executive Secretary

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June 11, 1945

Miss Grace Channon
133 West Ninth Street
Claremont, California

Dear Miss Channon:

Thank you for your prompt reply to my letter.

Today's mail brought a response from Mrs. Conklin and she in turn has sent the name of the chairman of the Palos Verdes Estates Fair Play Committee.

I am looking forward eagerly to Mrs. Kimball's letter regarding the situation in Claremont.

Sincerely yours,

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June 11, 1945

Mrs. Nola Carlisle
YWCA
580 Sixth Street
San Bernardino, Calif.

Dear Mrs. Carlisle:

Thank you very much for your letter of June 4 quoting the resolutions passed by your board of directors upon the recommendations of the public affairs committee regarding assistance to the returning evacuees. I am happy to know that your community stands ready to help them upon their return.

Since I am making a summary of my survey of all Southern California areas to which Japanese Americans may be expected to return and want to list the name of one or two people in each community to whom they may write or to whom they may turn for assistance, would you submit the proper names from your community. ?

This information is to be sent into every relocation camp and to every district relocation office in Southern California.

Sincerely,

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Mr. Roy Mumaw
1205 Date Street
Lancaster, California

Dear Mr. Mumaw:

Mr. Charles Lewis of the WRA office here has just given me the information about the forming of your committee on American Principles and Fair Play in Lancaster, and I am very pleased to know that a group has been definitely formed for assisting the returning Japanese Americans and their families.

If we can be of any service whatsoever, please let me know.

It would be most helpful to receive from time to time news of your activities there, and especially of any demonstrations of good will as well as acts of unfriendly incidents.

With my husband, G. Raymond Booth of the WRA office, I visited Lancaster early in March. We called upon several friendly citizens and a Japanese American man and his wife and their Nisei son out in the country into whose home shots had been fired.

With very best wishes for your good work,

Sincerely,

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June 11, 1945

Mr. Joshua Bailey
1028 Second Avenue
San Diego, California

Dear Joshua:

It was with a great deal of pleasure and relief that I saw your name on the list of those present at the formation of a citizen's committee to work for the return and community acceptance of evacuees to San Diego.

I had been much concerned about such a committee being formed there and knowing that you and your wife will be working with them makes me feel a lot more sure of its success. Please remember that our committee is standing by to render any and every assistance of which we are capable should you need such assistance at any time.

I would love to hear how your work progresses and how the people are being received.

At the moment I am busily engaged in making a survey of all the communities of Southern California where evacuees may be returning, and it is gratifying to find that in every community there are some friendly souls standing ready to help them come home.

With best regards to your wife,

Sincerely,

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Executive Secretary

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June 11, 1945

Rev. R.E. Kinney
Logan Heights Community Church
Kearney Ave. and Lampon St.
San Diego, California

Dear Ray:

Mr. McClendon wrote me of the meeting in San Diego which resulted in the forming of a citizen's committee (what do you call it?) for which I understand you to be responsible to a large extent.

I am very happy to hear of the progress being made in that area, and would appreciate so much specific and detailed information at your convenience regarding the committee set-up, its plan of work, and also more about the community attitudes and reception of evacuees who return.

Please let me know if you need more literature or if I can be of any further service in this fine work you are doing.

Sincerely,

GDB
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