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April 20, 1944

Mrs. Marjorie Elkus
Columbia Foundation
Russ Bldg.
San Francisco, Calif.

Dear Mrs. Elkus:

At Mrs. Kingman's request, I am enclosing material that you may find of some interest.

The pamphlet of letters from service men has been underway for some time, but we just received copies from the printer today.

Sincerely yours,

Office secretary

mj

April 20, 1944

Miss Isabella Van Meter
Assistant to the Publisher
Time Magazine
Time and Life Bldg.
New York City, N.Y.

Dear Miss Van Meter:

Enclosed are three copies of a pamphlet which includes four letters originally appearing in TIME Magazine (Letters to the Editors). In your letter of February 8th, giving us permission to make reprints you indicated that you would be interested in the final production.

We feel the Time reprints have added a great deal to the work. Thank you so much for your cooperation.

Sincerely yours,

Office Secretary

mj

April 21, 1944

Mr. George E. Lundquist
297 Fourth Ave.
New York, New York

Dear George:

I'm certainly sorry about all of the trouble re the correspondence earlier in the month. As you have already surmised from my letter to you, in reply to yours of April 5, I was quite shocked at any reference to the subject involved, as I had previously seen a copy of the original letter, whose contents I had been told were entirely confidential. On the other hand, neither the letter you wrote to me nor the one to Galen was marked confidential in any way, and it is only great good luck that kept Galen, who had had no former word of it, from letting the thing go farther. Knowing all about it, naturally I said nothing.

Two others here in Berkeley spoke to me about it, and I had to let headquarters know that it was receiving no more comment than had been intended.

However, I hope that by this time everything is satisfactorily adjusted, and that in the future we can all be given a more definite idea as to how far to let things go.

Herewith a new pamphlet we're getting out. If your group doesn't feel that perhaps it is a bit on the military side, you might wish to order some. What is your feeling in the matter?

Cordially yours,

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman

RWK:mj

April 21, 1944

Mr. Dillon Myer, Director
War Relocation Authority
Department of the Interior
Washington D.C.

Dear Dillon:

I am enclosing a couple of things which might interest you. The pamphlet is self explanatory. The letter is copied from a personal letter from a man I used to know here in Berkeley, -- just one of the "little people" -- a florist, well liked and respected in the city. I think that he has always been a bit reticent in Topaz and in Tulalake, and has hesitated to offer leadership.

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The reason I am sending it is that I feel that it indicates a rather amazing comprehension of the whole program of WRA, and while many of his figures are wrong there is so much accuracy and actual appreciation of many of the problems confronting you, that I thought that you would like to read it, at your leisure.

How do you like the pamphlet? We do!

Cordially,

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman

RWK:mj

Ruth

11 El Sueno- 2
Orinda, Calif.

April 21, 1944

Mr. George E. Rundquist
297 Fourth Avenue
New York 10

Dear George:

I got your wire about clearing all Centers yesterday afternoon, upon my return from speaking on the Church and Coast-war Planning at Reno.

Upon consulting my files, I found your letter of April 5th, and I found also that you had written Ruth Kingman similarly on that date. Although your letter was not marked confidential, I had naturally been guarded. Only once have I alluded to the subject in public or private, so far as I know, and that was at Fresno last week, when I urged that we should continue to work for early relocation of all evacuees into normal life, and said that it was hoped that this might be practically achieved by a year from this summer. As to returning numbers of evacuees to their former homes, I was even more guarded, and said I expected and hoped that many of the evacuees would elect to remain east of the Sierras, and that during the war only those should return when the War Dept. fully approved as being in harmony with the national safety and the war effort, such as discharged servicemen.

Mrs. Kingman had said nothing even to me about Myer's definite plans, and I knew nothing more than your brief reference of April 5th, and I avoided saying anything that would imply a return of all the evacuees to this Coast at any time.

In this connection, I noticed in the last Bulletin of your Committee mention about returning evacuees to this Coast, which if it reaches certain race-mongers out here, will be coming on us badly. Whoever wrote that was apparently ignorant of how acute that issue is.

In the same Bulletin I felt that the references to the attitude of the Issei in the Centers, and their unwillingness to confide in persons from outside who try to help overcome their hesitation to relocate, was too pessimistic. At least, some of the men who speak

Japanese freely tell me that they find no such insurmountable reticence by the Issei.

of a denominational character

Let me recur to my suggestion of April 12th, last paragraph, and add that one of the most important things such Field "representatives" could do for your Committee would be in securing the full collaboration of denominational leaders in larger cities, by approaching them through the Church federations and other proper channels, which they know so well. Unless approaches are made through the regular official channels, neither funds nor personnel are likely to be made readily available, as you have no doubt learned.

I do hope no great harm has resulted from such mention of the closing of Centers as may have occurred. Feel free to let me know of anything further I can do or refrain from doing in this or any other connection.

Sincerely yours

Calvin W. Fisher

April 21, 1944

Corp. Hideo Uchida (30102337)
Letterman General Hospital (Ward C-1)
San Francisco, Calif.

Dear Corporal Uchida:

We were glad to hear from you, and to know that Mrs. Obolidge had told you of us. It is good for California to have you men from the 100th here, even for a short time, and as I wrote to the three men in Dibble General Hospital, I know of no better public relations project than to let us see the living contradiction of all the things the Japanese Americans are accused of being and doing!

I had hope to get over to Letterman to see you before your sailing but with the gas situation as it is, it is highly doubtful. I have mentioned your being in San Francisco to some of the members of the University of California YMCA, and they hope to be able to get in touch with you before you leave.

You may be a bit short on reading material, and as you have asked us to let you know about the Committee, I'm sending you a kit of a lot of the pamphlets and printed and mimeographed sheets, together with the information about membership. I hope that you will enjoy it, and will know that we are doing everything possible to meet the prejudice and intolerance with factual evidence to disprove and discredit them.

The enclosed pamphlet is new. If you would like me to send copies to your family in Hawaii, please let me know, and shall be happy to do so.

Aloha,

Most cordially yours,

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman

RWK:mj

April 21, 1944

Dr. Morris E. Opler
Manzanar Relocation Center
Manzanar, Calif.

Dear Dr. Opler:

At the suggestion of Miss Triscilla Beattie, we are sending you a disk of the Kuroki speech over KSFO on February 9, 1944. As there may be other requests, may we ask that you make every effort to return it not more than ten days after its arrival in Manzanar.

I shall appreciate an expression as to the reaction of the residents. We feel that it is very good, and hope that it will prove encouraging where encouragement is needed.

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman

RWK:mj

April 21, 1944

Miss Priscilla Beattie
421 Sequoia Dr.
Pasadena 2, Calif.

Dear Priscilla:

Since receiving your letter, we have heard the good news of the acceptance of the Southern California job by Mrs. Kaplan, whose husband is a physicist at UCLA. Mrs. Kaplan is a member of the Supervisor's Committee on Race Relations (or something like that) and is so super that I think that all of our worries are over as far as organization in Los Angeles is concerned. That goes for Claremont as well, and I hope on down including San Diego.

Mrs. Kaplan's husband is Jewish, but I am sure that she is not. She is about your age, very attractive, and full of drive. She is coming up next week for a course in "indoctrination" and for meeting several of our Board and Executive Committee members. I hope that she will meet with the Pasadena Committee in the very near future. I'm writing to Mrs. Thayer to tell her all about it. It looks good.

I am sending the Kuroki disk to Dr. Opler, as you have suggested. I have asked him to get it back within ten days if possible, as other calls will be coming in. I have not heard from Charles Ferguson, the "mentor" of the Japanese American Child photographs, giving permission for its use other than by us. However, I suggest that you or Dr. Opler write to him about it. The only address he has given me is Manzanar, from which place any mail will be forwarded to him. I think that he is in the Army Air Base at Fresno, but don't know the exact address.

You have probably seen the "American Fighting Men Speak Out" by this time. I hope that it can get a very wide distribution. If you have any suggestions, let me know.

I'd naturally like to "up" the morale in the camps by wide use of our stuff there, but as it has to be largely self financed (each printing, I mean), we can't see our way clear to the creation of a large general mailing list with no underwriting. Mimeographed material, of course, is another matter, and can be sent out much more freely.

I hope that the Pasadena Committee has figured out some way to be a bit more inclusive, but I recognize that there are many almost insurmountable problems involved. I have a lot of confidence in Mrs. Thayer, though, as well as in the eagerness of all of the members to do a really good job. I also count on Mrs. Kaplan's experience.

The all-over picture still looks favorable, notwithstanding Hearst and Chandler. I shall be happy when the War Department gets around to resolving its own problem of decision. Until then, and until that decision is accompanied with proper and adequate interpretation, there is little that can, will, or should be done. Let's hope that it won't be too long.

Very cordially yours,

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman

RWK:mj

April 21, 1944

Major Frank Blake
Box 3052
Honolulu, Hawaii

Dear Major Blake:

We have just published the enclosed pamphlet, which we feel will be of interest ^{use for a} to you. Please let us know if you have any use for additional copies.

We feel that enough cannot be said for the fine spirit of the boys in the 100th. A couple of weeks ago I went out to the Dibble General Hospital to see three of the Honolulu men who are recuperating there. It was fun to see them, and inspiring to see their attitude.

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman

RWK:mj

April 21, 1944

Major John MacFayden
Public Relations Office
A.A.F. Redistribution Center #3
Santa Monica, Calif.

Dear Major MacFayden:

We have just published the enclosed pamphlet, which we feel will be of interest to you. Please let us know if you have any use for additional copies.

I know that you will be interested in our use of the Kuroki picture and exerpt. We hear from him from time to time, and he never fails to mention you with admiration and gratitude.

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Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman

RWK:mj

April 21, 1944

Mr. Charles F. Loomis
PO Box 459
Honolulu 9, Hawaii

Dear Mr. Loomis:

We have just published the enclosed pamphlet, which we feel will be of interest to you. Please let us know if you have any use for additional copies.

Thank you so much for the help from Honolulu in getting together the letters from the Honolulu JAs. Without them the thing would have been a flop.

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Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman

RWK:mj

April 21, 1944

Mr. Wm. C. Maier
American Friends Service Committee
Y.M.C.A. Bldg.
Honolulu, Hawaii

Dear Mr. Maier:

We have just published the enclosed pamphlet, which we feel will be of interest to you. Please let us know if you have any use for additional copies. We hope that this will be of particular interest to you there in Hawaii.

We feel that enough cannot be said for the fine spirit of the boys in the 100th. A couple of weeks ago I went out to the Dibble General Hospital to see three of the Honolulu men who are recuperating there. It was fun to see them, and inspiring to see their attitude.

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman

RWK:mj

April 21, 1944

Mr. Louis J. Meillette
Honolulu YMCA
P.O. Box 459
Honolulu, T.H.

Dear Louis:

We have just published the enclosed pamphlet, which we feel will be of interest to you. Please let us know if you have any use for additional copies.

Thank you so much for your help in getting together the letters from the Honolulu JAs. Without them the thing would have been a flop.

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Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman

RWK:mj

April 21, 1944

Miss Violet Edwards
Public Affairs Committee
30 Rockefeller Plaza
New York, New York

Dear Miss Edwards:

May I thank you for sending me the first proofs of the forthcoming pamphlet "What About Our Japanese Americans"? We are having a meeting of our Executive Committee on April 24, and I shall bring up the question as to the possibility of our making wide use of the folder.

Both Mr. Calen Fisher and I have read it, and if it is felt that there is enough new and authentic material presented to make it of use to us, I shall let you know immediately.

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman

RWR:mj

April 21, 1944

T/Sgt. Ben Kuroki
214 C.C.T.S.
Barracks No. 213
Peterson Field
Colorado Springs, Colo.

Dear Ben:

It is good to hear about you from time to time, and to feel that you are none the worse for the hard schedule we gave you here in the San Francisco area. Miss Margaret Cosgrave, of Fresno, sent me a copy of your letter to her, as she knew, of course that I would be interested in what you are doing and getting ready to do.

I am enclosing a copy of a pamphlet we have prepared, and I do hope that you like it. If you would like to have me send it to any of your friends, please give me their names and addresses, and I shall be more than happy to do so. Please do not hesitate to ask. I am sending three or four copies to your brother George, whose address I got from Dr. Deutsch. I am also sending one to Major MacFayden.

I wish that the work here in the office were not so heavy, for I should like to have time to write to my Nisei friends more often, particularly to you, for I feel that you have made a singularly important contribution here in California, and I would like to express my appreciation much more adequately than in carrying a pie to Southern California on a very much overcrowded train!

If you have time, do let me know of your whereabouts and activities. I shall look forward to following you, either east or west, wherever it would be. Last night I saw the picture "Memphis Belle", the story of the Liberator Bomber over Germany. Naturally I visualized Hari Kari Kurlki in the Turret spot, and felt more than an impersonal interest.

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman

RWK:mj

WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY

APR 21 1944

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

Dear Mrs. Kingman:

Some time ago we sent you information regarding the policies and program of the War Relocation Authority. Since that date, additional information has come to hand and we are pleased to send it to you herewith.

If you desire additional copies for yourself, or for friends who are interested in this subject, please advise us.

Sincerely yours,

R. B. Cozzens
Assistant Director

Robert E. Gibson

By: Robert E. Gibson
Liaison Officer

Enclosures

Mr. Fisher,

Thank you very much
for your letter and the enclosed
matter. The pamphlets also
arrived, for which I am
enclosing postage.

Very truly yours,
Agnes Kline
Bridgewater, Va.

April 21

Librarian -
Bridgewater, Ill. -

A. Watanabe
29-7-5
Manzanar, Calif.



THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS



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

4/21/44

Gentlemen:

I understand that you have a reprint from the California monthly of December, 1943, on the article "Beyond the Horizon" by Yori Wada.

I would appreciate it very much if you could send me a booklet or pamphlet on the above article. Please let me know the cost and I will send you stamps for the necessary postage, etc.

I thank you for this favor in advance.

Address: #29-7-5
Manzanar, Calif.

Very truly yours,

A. Watanabe
(Miss) A. Watanabe

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Berkeley, Cal.
April 22, 1944

Mr. Frank S. Bayley
Henry Stuart Building
Seattle, Wash.

Dear Mr. Bayley:

Your letter of the 15th crossed my telegram to you. Then I received also your wire of the 17th.

As your letter makes perfectly clear, you have not been kept properly informed of what was going on in Seattle, nor consulted as to procedure by Mrs. Siegley. Then we should have told you the financial arrangements with her, which were \$100. a month for half time, for a few months, pending local support.

Mrs. Siegley was engaged at the suggestion and recommendation of Seattle leaders who had known her work in other connections, but apparently, she either lacked the qualities needed, or the conditions that arose were much more difficult than she or other local people thought. At any rate, it is entirely clear to us that the central Executive Committee is not justified in spending further funds in paying her salary. Mrs. Kingman has written her of the termination of her engagement as of April 30th, which will presumably be made official and final by the Executive Committee at its meeting on April 24.

Experience proves that no aggressive and well-organized activity of this sort is likely to happen without a competent executive secretary, at least for part time. This has been true in Los Angeles, where an excellent secretary was secured only a fortnight ago. With such an executive, the local committee and its officers need give only enough time to determine general policies and to issue important releases and other documents, and to ensure backing by leading citizens. In your present situation, it would be wrong to ask you to carry too heavy a load. But after a few able and ardent persons have been found to form the core of the committee, and an executive has been found, you could give them great strength by serving as Advisory Chairman, without taking much of your time or thought.

I judge that it may be necessary for Mrs. Kingman to spend a few days in Seattle in order to ensure such a sound new foundation.

Sincerely yours

Galen M. Fisher

April 22, 1944

Mrs. M. P. Gunderson
Tule Lake Center
Newell, Calif.

Dear Mrs. Gunderson:

Since we do not have any material particularly designed for high school discussion groups, I am merely sending under separate cover some of the material we have distributed since June of last year, and hope that you may be able to adapt this for your purposes.

I also consulted the University of California YWCA Secretary, and obtained the following suggestions, which you may find of some help

1. "We Build Together" by Charlesas Rollins
a Reader's Guide to Negro Life and Literature for
Elementary and High School Use
(order from National Council of Teachers of
English, 111 West 68th St., Chicago, Ill.)
2. "Twelve Million Negro Americans" by Richard Wright
3. "Alien Americans" by Schreike
4. A Fifty Cent packet on Race Relations, to be
obtained from Institute of International Relations,
Mills College, Oakland, Calif.

I am sorry we cannot be more explicit and comprehensive.

Very sincerely yours,

Office Secretary

mj

1644 Van Ness Avenue
Fresno-1, California
April 23, 1944

Mr. R. E. Combs
415 West Race Street
Visalia, California

Dear Mr. Combs:

Several friends sent me copies of a recent edition of the Selma newspaper containing an account of the speech you made to the Selma Community Club on April eleventh. I don't know whether your choice of words was inspired by Galen Fisher the previous evening or by other factors, but I should like very much to know some of the facts which impel you to term me and a number of my friends "unconsciously subversive".

My knowledge of the Fellowship of Reconciliation is no greater than it was when I talked with you last June and if you wish to believe that group subversive - consciously or unconsciously - you are free to do so. The Committee on American Principles and Fair Play, however, is one about which I know a good deal and this statement of yours is the first intimation I have had that it is considered subversive to openly advocate full support of policies of the military and civil authorities of the United States.

Civil rights don't loom large until they begin to disappear and then it behooves all of us to remind ourselves and others that such rights were not won easily and that they should not be cast aside thoughtlessly. Is such a belief subversive?

You may describe our point of view as "lofty and detached" if you care to. I should hope to deserve the first adjective for it implies a broad, long-range view of the problem. I consider the second adjective unsuitable for my own point of view since, through personal correspondence, I am constantly in touch with various evacuated friends in and outside of relocation centers. Through personal interviews, I am in touch with various representatives of investigating agencies and understand and appreciate their point of view. Possessing and reading all of the available official reports gives me a fairly good background of factual information.

When I talked to you in June you seemed to be acquainted with a number of the executive and advisory board members of the Fair Play Committee so I presume that you would have no difficulty in gathering information about the organization. It was promised a thorough investigation by Assemblyman Gannon but as late as two weeks ago he had not seen fit to begin it. In that connection, I have always thought it odd that neither his nor Senator Donnelly's committee held hearings in the San Francisco bay region as they did in other sections of the state. If I am mistaken in that, please correct me.

This letter is written in seriousness, Mr. Combs, and I hope that you will share with me some of the facts that permit you to describe the Fair Play Committee as subversive.

Very sincerely yours,

Margaret Cosgrave

copy to Mr. King Burns

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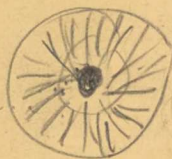
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Apr 28/5/44

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

22 April 1944

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

Dear Miss Kingman:

This is in reply to your telegram of April 17, 1944, protesting against a "new restrictive order applying to nisei defense workers in Second Service Command".

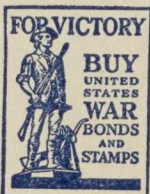
The War Department has recently discussed with the Second Service Command the question of employment of persons of Japanese descent in facilities of importance to the war effort located in the area over which they have jurisdiction. The Second Service Command has not issued any new order restricting the employment of persons of Japanese ancestry in facilities important to the war effort but is conforming to the general War Department policy in processing requests of persons of Japanese ancestry for employment in war industry.

Sincerely,

Adrian S. Fisher

ADRIAN S. FISHER
Captain, A. C.
Assistant Executive

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THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS



Committee on Am. Principles of Fair Play
Room 203
465 California St
San Francisco

Friday

My other luncheon is off, so
I shall attend the luncheon
at the Commercial Club on
Monday, April 24

J. A. Duaneck

Care of Mrs. Hingman
4/24

May 5, 1944

Captain Adrian S. Fisher
Assistant Executive
Office of the Assistant Secretary
War Department
Washington, D.C.

Dear Captain Fisher:

Thank you for your letter, sent in reply to my teleg
my telegram referring to a "new restrictive order applying
to Nisei defense workers in Second Service Command".

We have been familiar with the "general War Department
policy in processing requests of persons of Japanese ances-
try for employment in war industry", and are aware that
every precaution should be taken to protect facilities of
importance to the war effort.

However, we do not understand the recent decision to
withdraw permission to work from several of the Nisei in
New Jersey, some of whom have been employed in war industries
there with no previous question as to their loyalty or the
necessity of processing.

Coming on top of the unfortunate publicity coming out of
New Jersey at this particular time, all of which increases
pressure against any employment of Americans of Japanese an-
cestry, it is regrettable that only now, after some consider-
able length of time on the job, these men have been dismissed
pending processing.

If there is a general step up of this procedure, it will
obviously increase, rather than decrease the public suspicion
against the loyal citizens of Japanese ancestry. It has been
our understanding that this is not in agreement with the gen-
eral policy of the War Department, and we deplore any such
possible interpretation, either purposeful or accidental.

This type of action makes our efforts on the Pacific Coast
much more difficult, and what we think the War Department at-
titude, subject to serious question.

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman
Executive Secretary

RWK:mj

Files

*Held up to the light
to read*

April 24, 1944

Commander William P. Haughton
639 South Spring Street
Los Angeles, Calif.

Dear Mr. Haughton:

I believe you will be pleased to see how one of your cogent statements about citizenship has been given prominence on the enclosed pamphlet. The letters comprised in the pamphlet all ring true to the principles which you stress, and for which many of us are making sacrifices, although not to the acute degree that our boys are at the front. I trust that your efforts to place the great influence of the American Legion in California behind these principles, especially with respect to unpopular groups like the citizens of Japanese ancestry, will be entirely successful.

Sincerely yours

Galen M. Fisher

April 24, 1944.

Miss Eleanor McClatchy
Sacramento Bee
Sacramento, California.

Dear Miss McClatchy:

I have just received a note from Mrs. Ruth Kingman, Executive Secretary of American Principles and Fair Play, in which she said she had a visit with you. You will, therefore, be interested in the exchange of correspondence I have had with Mrs. Kingman, a copy of which is attached.

I presume you have heard of the relationship which existed between the late V. S. McClatchy and myself. I established my contact with him in the spring of 1919 when I discovered that the Japanese Government had violated the Gentlemen's Agreement which she entered into in 1907 and by which in effect, she agreed to stop sending her nationals into this country. I then made a trip to San Francisco where I met Mr. McClatchy and joined with him in conducting the campaign to amend the immigration act and that would take away the authority from the Japanese Government to issue passports to her nationals.

We appeared together at the Immigration Committee in Washington in 1919 and were successful in inducing that Committee to undertake a thorough investigation of the Japanese question. Such investigation occupied about a year and its findings were produced in a number of volumes.

The reason we stood for absolute exclusion and were against the quota proposal was because we felt we had trusted Japan once and did not want to take any further chances. Japan always claimed that act discriminated against her when the truth was that it applied to all Asiatics.

The aim of Mr. V. S. McClatchy and myself was to prevent inundation of the Pacific Coast by the Japanese. It is my opinion that but for his efforts and those few of us who associated with him there would be today a population of at least a million Japanese in the Pacific Coast states and we would have a situation similar to that of Hawaii. I do believe that without my continued opposition over the past forty years the commercial fisheries of the entire Pacific area would have been in the hands of the Japanese.

Miss Eleanor McClatchy

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April 24, 1944.

I should appreciate your informing me whether the files of correspondence and other data accumulated by Mr. V.S. McClatchy have been taken care of. It was suggested sometime ago by Mr. Van Patton of the Stanford Library that this material be given to that institution to be preserved as a permanent record.

After reading this exchange of correspondence I would appreciate your telling me frankly your reaction to the views expressed therein.

Kindest regards.

Sincerely yours,

Miller Freeman.

MF:AB

Same to Emmons, & Kimura, Jorgensen, Russell (all from Shelby)
Pence & Miller(" " ")

April 24, 1944

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

Dear Mr. McCloy:

Out here on the Pacific Coast there has been too little said about the appreciation of the Japanese Americans in our fighting forces.

Feeling as we do, that most American citizens are fairminded when informed, we have prepared the enclosed pamphlet as a means of developing a better understanding.

Knowing your real interest, we hope that it meets with your approval.

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman

RWA:mj



THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF WAR
WASHINGTON

1 May 1944

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

Dear Mrs. Kingman:

Mr. McCloy has asked me to reply to your letter of April 24 enclosing a pamphlet dealing with the activities of Americans of Japanese ancestry in the fighting forces of the United States. The pamphlet has been read with a great deal of interest. I believe it represents a great contribution to informing the American public of the really substantial role that Americans of Japanese descent have already played in the war against the Axis.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, which appears to read "H. A. Gernhardt", is written over the typed name.

HARRISON A. GERNHARDT

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

April 24, 1944

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

Dear Mr. Baker:

What do you think of this one?

Thank you very much for all of the things
you send us from time to time. They help a lot.

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman

RWK:mj

4/26/44

Sibbald Gen. Hosp.
Menlo Park, Calif.
April 24, 1944

Dear Mrs. Kingman,

Thank you very much for the nice letter and the pamphlets you mailed to us. We sure enjoyed reading it. Beyond the Horizon by Jose Uda was very interesting.

Enclosing here one dollar ~~(\$1.00)~~ ^{OK} for which please send me five of each "Beyond the Horizon" & "American Men Speak Out."

Regretted that we were not at the Hospital when the boys & girls from the island came over & see us last Sunday. We were at Mr & Mrs Lueneck's home for the weekend. We sure enjoyed there.

Wrote to the boys that we hope to meet them next weekend at University of California. We are looking forward for that day.

Again, I want to thank you for all the kind favors you are doing for us.

Very sincerely Yours
(Sgt) Keyser Shida
30101324

April 25, 1944

Mrs. Josephine Duvencak
1820 Sutter St.
San Francisco, Calif.

Dear Mrs. Duvencak:

The cost of the 100 copies of "American
Fighting Men Speak Out" mailed to you today
is \$6.00. Please make the check out to the
Committee.

Thank you very much.

Very sincerely yours,

Office Secretary

mj

April 25, 1944

Mr. William C. Carr
1360 W. Colorado
Pasadena, Calif.

Dear Mr. Carr:

In going over our office records, I find that you had paid us for 25 copies of "American Fighting Men Speak Out", and were sent only 12.

I am mailing today, under separate cover 13 more copies of this pamphlet.

May I apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused you?

Sincerely yours,

Office Secretary

Same to Saburo Kido (part to Pearl Buck)
Homer Morris

April 26, 1944

Mr. Larry Tajiri
Editor, Pacific Citizen
415 Beacon Bldg.
Salt Lake City, Utah

Dear Mr. Tajiri:

Enclosed you will find a copy of our latest pamphlet. We feel that its contents are self-explanatory, and hope that it will prove helpful.

We are sending copies to each of the Relocation projects as well as to a large mailing list of western and midwestern newspapers, and to all members of the West Coast Congressional delegations.

We would appreciate your comments, and will be happy to receive any suggestions as to whom we might add to our mailing list for this particular pamphlet.

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman.

RWK:mj

April 25, 1944.

Mr. Carey McWilliams
904 Spring Arcade Building
541 South Spring Street
Los Angeles 13
California.

Dear Mr. McWilliams:

For the past week, I have meant to write to you, thanking you for your kindness in speaking so generously of the ability of Katherine Kaplan, whom we were considering as a possible Executive Secretary for our Committee in Southern California.

Largely (not solely, of course) upon your unhesitating recommendation, I talked with her, and felt, as you do, that there could be no better choice. We are delighted that she has accepted the position, and is coming up here next week for conferences and to meet some of our most active members.

Being familiar with many of the problems peculiar to Southern California, Mrs. Kaplan will be able to lend to our work a fine understanding and knowledge of the difficulties to be faced. We are grateful to you for your counsel.

Dr. Deutsch has called to my attention some of the comments you are reported to have made in your discussion of the Japanese Problem in New York on March 10. The JACL Bulletin reads as follows:

"In discussing the Committee of American Principles and Fair Play, Mr. McWilliams pointed out that this committee is not as effective as it might be due to two factors: (1) this is only a "name committee" of distinguished citizens, and the several Fair Play Committees are not coordinated in any way: (2) although established in the interest of fair play, this committee does not interest itself in any other group except the Japanese American, and he feels that interest should be taken in the Mexican, Negro, etc."

Far be it from me "what should know better"-- to claim perfection for the Committee, but our imperfections, which are many, seem to center around weaknesses much more marked than those to which you referred.

As a matter of actual fact, except for the members in Southern California, where, for a variety of reasons, (particularly our

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reluctance to turn over the promotion of the work to anyone not particularly fitted for the job) our activity has been limited, the members, big name though they are, are active far beyond the degree ordinarily expected of the members of such a group.

I do not know how many of them you have talked or corresponded with, but personally, I am in constant touch with them all, and have not found one who is not willing to take active part in the work of the Committee. The nature of our work lies to some degree in the realm of the intangible, and I hope that the next time I am in Los Angeles I can give you a more adequate picture of our program and policy.

Your feeling that the various Fair Play Committees are "not coordinated in any way" cannot possibly be based upon any real knowledge of our organization. One of our most serious difficulties is met in trying to avoid any slowdown of local activities caused by the very tightness of that integration. When I see you, I shall be glad to give you a more authentic basis for judgement than you seem to have received.

As to our lack of concern for the problems of the other minorities, may I say that there is no lack of recognition of these problems, but a definite, stated policy, based upon a frank recognition of our limitations. That policy limits our present program to consideration of the problems of the Americans of Japanese ancestry, believing as we do that only a careful, authentic documentation of the field will provide any lasting, constructive basis for consideration.

Our limited personnel and budget will permit such careful work in only one field at this time, and we feel that while the other minorities provide highly challenging problems, other groups are working in those areas, while as far as we know, there is no other organization of the Pacific Coast which is willing to center their efforts on the dissemination of authentic information on the very unpopular racial group represented in the Americans of Japanese ancestry.

At any rate, I hope that you can get a more perfect picture of what we are trying to do when Mrs. Kaplan gets her work organized. As you know, this is a terrific headache, which needs all sorts of remedies.

You're doing a lot of fine medicating, yourself!

Very cordially yours,

(Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman)

copy to D. Deutsch

CAREY McWILLIAMS
902 Spring Arcade Building
Los Angeles 13, California



May 2, 1944

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

Dear Mrs. Kingman:

Thanks for your letter of April 25th.

You may be sure that I will do whatever
I can to be of assistance to Mrs. Kaplan.

With all good wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

CMCW:sm

April 25, 1944

Mr. Miles E. Carey
Colorado River Relocation Center
Poston, Arizona

Dear Mr. Carey:

At the suggestion of Mr. Fisher I am
enclosing a pamphlet which you may find of
some interest.

Sincerely yours,

Office secretary

mj

April 25, 1944

Mr. Robert Kenney
Attorney General
State Building,
Civic Center
San Francisco, Calif.

Dear Mr. Kenney:

It was unfortunate that you could not attend the meeting of the representatives of our Committee with Secretary Ickes. He is going to talk with Assistant Secretary of War McCloy on the subject we were discussing in your office. His attitude is fully in support of the procedures we spoke of, and he is desirous of conferring with you.

I have noted in the press that you are leaving for Washington this week.

May I urge that you make every effort to see Mr. McKis and Secretary Ickes while you are there? There seems to be a timeliness in such action just now, for as I told you, they are eager for expressions from the Pacific Coast which might be of real assistance in the development of future policy.

Once again, may I urge you to talk with these gentlemen, as soon as you find it convenient?

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman
Executive Secretary

RWK:mj

1 - Margaret Cosgrave
1 - Chester W. Rowell

also wrote Harrison 4/37
+ sent same extract -

2334 Telegraph Avenue
Berkeley, California
April 25, 1944

Mr. R. S. Conks
415 West Race Street
Vacaville, Calif.

Dear Mr. Conks:

Just two weeks ago I had the unexpected pleasure of meeting you after my talk at Fresno on "Mr. Lincoln might have handled the Great Japanese Problem". Your cordial expression of agreement with my main points was naturally gratifying. Since the three main principles that I stressed were little more than a rephrasing of the chief principles for which this Committee on American Principles and Fair Play is contending, I was decidedly shocked to read in the JULIA INTERVIEW of April 18th the following statements attributed to you, in the address made by you before the Selma Community Club on April 12th:

"The organizations that have interested themselves in the civil rights of Americans of Japanese ancestry were criticized by Mr. Conks. They are the Committee on American Principles and Fair Play and the Fellowship of Reconciliation. He charged that the members of these groups are 'unconsciously subversive' and he criticized what he called their 'lofty and detached viewpoint'. Both organizations, he said, are doing harm and so are those who are hysterically anti-Japanese, he added."

The Fellowship of "reconciliation" has no connection with this Committee, and I know little about its present activities, although I am acquainted with a few of its members and would touch for their intelligent Americanism. They can speak for themselves. I am concerned, as an active member of this Committee, to see that any one who terms the Committee "subversive" should either offer substantial evidence for his assertion, or withdraw it in as public a manner as he made it. If it be subversive to defend the Bill of Rights, then we are certainly subversive. If it be subversive to oppose the forces of disunity and race-discrimination in this time of crisis, then we are subversive. I beg of you, don't enable some of the evil precedents of the Dies Committee and further lower the standing of legislative investigating committees by innuendoes and unsupported generalizations.

Sincerely yours

Calvin H. Fisher

(Enclosures:
Statement of
June 15, 1943;
"Amer. Fighting men Speak Out.")

Berkeley, Calif.

April 25, 1944

Mrs. Clara M. Siegley
2712 Tenth Avenue North
Seattle 2 Wash.

Dear Mrs. Siegley:

In line with your own recent letter to Mrs. Kingman, the Executive Committee of this Committee yesterday voted to terminate, with regret, your engagement as Executive Secretary of the Northwest Area, as from April 30, 1944, which marks the end of the six months; which you and we understood from the outset was a reasonable trial period. That you have worked hard, we do not question, but for various reasons, substantial progress toward making the Northwest Area Committee a strong and effective body seems not to have been achieved. We trust, however, that you have accumulated a store of experience and of influential support which you can make available to your successor as soon as one may be appointed. Please set down in writing all possible suggestions and lists of interested persons, and any other points that will be useful to the Northwest Area Committee and your successor, and send them to Mr. Bayley and to Mrs. Kingman in the near future. Your continued collaboration as a member of the Committee will no doubt be most welcome.

Cordially yours

c.c. Mr. Frank S. Bayley

Calvin M. Fisher, Asst. Treasurer

April 25, 1944

Mr. Harry F. Grady
American President Lines
311 California St.
San Francisco 4, Calif.

Dear Harry:

I was sorry to miss seeing you while you were in San Francisco. It is always fun to "catch up" from one who has such an unusually good seat on the Washington fifty yard line.

It was unfortunate that you received my suggestion that you might like to sit in on the meeting of some of our members with Secretary Iokes! Unfortunate, because in transmission the message appears to have suggested an obligation on your part. Such was not my intention, as we have tried to avoid asking many of our overworked members for active participation in the work of the Committee.

While assuring you that you will not be called upon to take an active part in our program, I do not hesitate to urge you to reconsider your resignation from membership on our Advisory Board.

The work of the Committee is going ahead steadily, and I feel, soundly. More and more, responsible individuals and groups turn to us as a source of carefully documented material and judicious observation. Needless to say, such is all too scarce here on the West Coast, in any consideration of Americans of Japanese ancestry.

I am enclosing a copy of our latest pamphlet--somewhat of a departure from our usual approach, but it seems to be meeting with a great deal of approval.

I do hope that you will realize that we have no intention of making further demands on your time, and I hope to hear that you feel that you can remain a very valued member of our Advisory Board.

Very cordially

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman

RWK:mj

April 25, 1944.

AIR MAIL

Mr. Royal Arch Gunnison
Mutual Broadcasting Company
1440 Broadway
New York City.

Dear Mr. Gunnison:

I am leaving here May 6 and will be at the Roosevelt Hotel in New York for about a month. It may be that I will miss you on your trip west.

I am enclosing copies of correspondence with the Pacific Coast Committee on American Principles and Fair Play. While you may not agree with the position I have taken, nevertheless, you will find everywhere you will be asked to say what you think should be done. You will be listened to with great respect. What you say will certainly influence the public thought of the nation.

I think all overseas correspondents who have had experience in Asia should join in working out a realistic practical program.

Mrs. Margaret Sanger has been here for a few days. Attached is an interview appearing in this morning's paper.

While you are in Seattle, I suggest you get in touch with Frank M. Bayley, the Seattle member of the Committee of American Principles and Fair Play.

Sincerely yours,

Miller Freeman

MF:AB

Same to Mrs. Roosevelt and Secretary Ickes

April 26, 1944

President Franklin D. Roosevelt
White House
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. President:

Much has been said about the bitterness of our service men toward all persons of Japanese ancestry.

Feeling as we do that most American citizens are fairminded when informed, we have prepared the enclosed pamphlet as a means of developing a better understanding.

Knowing your real interest, we hope that it meets with your approval.

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman

RWK:mj

MADE IN U.S.A.



DEPARTMENT OF STATE
WASHINGTON

May 6, 1944

In reply refer to
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My dear Mrs. Kingman:

The receipt is acknowledged, by reference from the White House, of your letter of April 25, 1944 in which you enclosed a pamphlet prepared by your Committee as a means of developing better understanding of persons of Japanese ancestry in the United States.

It was a pleasure to read a pamphlet prepared for so commendable a purpose and your courtesy in making a copy available is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

For the Secretary of State:

Erle R. Dickover
Chief
Division of Japanese Affairs

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



- collect -
see telegram. April 26.

April 26, 1944

Pacific Citizen

Reference quote Problems of the Pacific of 1933 by
Oxford Univesity Press published in 1944 page 480
footnote number one Professor Nitobe died in
Vancouver British Columbia October 15, 1933.

Ruth W. Kingman

correction by telephone April 26, 1944 "published 1934
not 1944"

(not verbatim -- from memory)

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Foreign Missions Conference of North America

156 FIFTH AVENUE

TELEPHONE
CHELSEA 2-3230



NEW YORK 10, N. Y.

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CABLE ADDRESS: "FORMISCON, N. Y."

April 26, 1944

United States Army Air Force
Commonwealth Club
San Francisco, Calif.

Gentlemen:

About a month ago I received from the Office of
Emergency Management in Washington, D. C. copy of an address
made by Sergeant Ben Kuroki at your Club on February 4, 1944.

I addressed a request to the Office of Emergency
Management for 175 copies of this address for distribution to
the member boards and agencies of the Foreign Missions Conference.

They reply that they are unable to locate the release
and suggested that we write you for information.

I'd appreciate it if you could let me know whether or
not it would be possible for me to secure the desired 175 copies
of this address.

With appreciation for your consideration of our re-
quest, I am

Cordially yours,

Emory Ross

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Jap - Am. Cit League
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Munich

Mrs Ruth Kingman
Ash 6214

2234 Telegraph Ave
SF.



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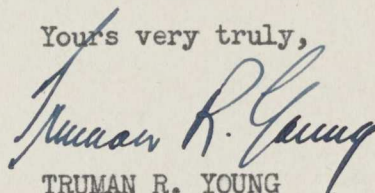
26 April 1944

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

Dear Mrs. Kingman:

The Commanding General has directed me to acknowledge and thank you for your letter of April 24, 1944, enclosing a pamphlet entitled, "American Fighting Men Speak Out," which he has read with interest.

Yours very truly,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Truman R. Young". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Truman" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "Young".

TRUMAN R. YOUNG
Major, Air Corps
Aide-de-Camp

COPY

April 26, 1943

Mr. Alfred E. Luke
Sherman Printing Company
71 Columbia Street
Seattle, Washington

Dear Mr. Luke:

Re: Conference on Japanese Problem -
Military Affairs Committee,
Seattle Chamber of Commerce
April 26, 1943

Replying to your request for advice respecting the meeting to be held this morning on the Japanese problem, I am attaching copy of my statement entitled: "Eight Points of Approach to the Problem of the Japanese in America."

Any organized action designed to deprive American-born Japanese of their constitutional rights should be opposed. If the principle be established that the Japanese can be deprived of these rights solely on the basis of racial prejudice, it can, and will be, applied to other racial minorities, or to persons of any race, creed, color or political belief the Administration wants to eliminate.

No person in this country has been more outspoken during the last forty years than the writer against the founding of a colony of its nationals by the Japanese government. This was done by deception, fraud and collusion with some high-placed government officials and renegade citizens in the U. S.

The writer takes the position that there is plenty of existing power to adequately deal with all disloyal Japanese exactly as with other disloyal or traitorous persons of whatever race. On the other hand, those Japanese in this country who want to demonstrate their loyalty are entitled to the fullest protection of our government.

The writer urges that the resolution of Congressman Henry M. Jackson for a Special Committee to investigate all phases of Japanese activities be endorsed. Enclosed is copy of Congressman Jackson's speech, made at the time he introduced his resolution in the Lower House of Congress, in support of his resolution.

The writer calls attention to the fact that in 1919 he appeared before the House Immigration Committee and urged that the United States government approach Japan with the proposal that they withdraw all their nationals from this country. The writer contends that this was a practical proposal then, and that it is still worth considering as a future permanent settle-

Mr. Alfred E. Luke
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ment of the problem.

The problem should not be dealt with from the standpoint of prejudice or in the heat of passion, but only after thorough exploration by the United States Congress, along the lines proposed by Congressman Jackson, should final determination be reached as to the ultimate course of action.

Very truly yours,

Miller Freeman

MF:lr

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MRS RUTH W KINGMAN=

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535 SAN LUIS ROAD AND /OR 2207 UNION ST BERKELEY

LARRY SMITH BROADCAST THIS MORNING DOCTOR NITOBÉ REPORTED IN 1940 THAT RETURNING NISEI WERE FURNISHING VALUABLE INFORMATION TO JAPAN. BELIEVE STORY MALICIOUS LIE SINCE NITOBÉ SUPPOSED TO HAVE DIED IN BRITISH COLUMBIA BEFORE THIS DATE. PLEASE CHECK WITH INSTITUTE OF PACIFIC RELATIONS AS TO TIME AND PLACE OF DEATH AND WIRE COLLECT= PACIFIC CITIZEN.

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April 27, 1944

Senator Mary Fargyarsob
2126 East Forty-Seventh Street
Seattle, Washington

Dear Mazy:

Well, here we are, having washed the slate clean, so far as Fair Play Committee promotion goes in the Northwest. We simply had to let Mrs. Seigley go, as she had not interested one member, to our knowledge, and we have paid out some six or seven hundred dollars to her in salary and expenses. Ho Hum! --Just what is next I am not sure, but I rather expect to be going up north before long, to see if I can give the thing a shot in the arm, and enlist a bit of real support --I'm not worried about the use of good liberals, but we do lay off of pacifist leadership-- for very obvious reasons.

Notwithstanding that "bum steer" which you gave us before, I still expect a lot of help from you, if and when I can get to Seattle. We might be conservative, in spots, but we AIN'T reactionary!

What do you think of Anna Boettger? We know how she feels about all of this, as well as her rather unique tieup with the paper. Mrs. Seigley was horrified when I mentioned her name, but that could have been something less than good judgement. I'm inclined to talk with her, having been in correspondence with her while she was in Washington. What do you think?

What is Bob O'Brien doing now? I hope that his doctorate is coming along well.

You are right in your feeling that there is being a general easing up on the return of certain categories of persons of Japanese ancestry, to the West Coast. Just now, we are watching with keen interest the apparent acceptance of the Army's permission for some 40-45 such persons to move about and live in San Francisco without escort while awaiting shipment home to Hawaii.

I have always contended that the general public would accept any order of the War Dep't along this line---Cordially



THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR
WASHINGTON

April 27, 1944.

My dear Mrs. Kingman:

Thank you for sending me the pamphlet that came with your letter of April 25. I think that it is well done. I am sorry for the statement that Mayor LaGuardia gave out yesterday in New York, but since my return from San Francisco I have been making real progress. I was necessarily held back because of the absence from the city until a day or two ago of Assistant Secretary of War John McCloy, who lunched with me yesterday, and whose attitude I found encouraging.

Sincerely yours,

Harold L. Ickes

Secretary of the Interior.

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

UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY

WASHINGTON

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

APR 27 1944

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

Dear Mrs. Kingman:

Thanks very much for your letter enclosing copies of the pamphlet and the letter from S. Nagase. I liked the pamphlet very much and it will certainly prove useful. I also enjoyed the letter. The man shows an amazing understanding of the whole problem and the close agreement between his views and my own surprises me very much.

I have had no definite reaction from the Secretary since his return from the Coast but am expecting to have a conference with him today and hope he will decide to go along with our recommendations.

We had our budget hearing on the Hill yesterday before the House Committee. It was an excellent hearing and the Committee was as friendly as it has been in the past.

Thanks again for your thoughtfulness in sending along the letter and pamphlet. With kindest personal regards.

Sincerely,

D. S. Meyer

Director



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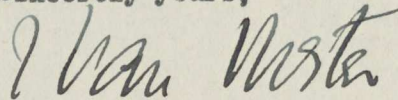
PUBLISHER'S OFFICE

April 27, 1944

Dear Miss Jefferds:

Thank you very much for the copies of the pamphlet and for your cordial note. It is gratifying, indeed, to feel that material from TIME has contributed to the work of the Committee.

Sincerely yours,



Isabella Van Meter
Assistant to the Publisher

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

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THE FIRST METHODIST CHURCH

AARON ALLEN HEIST, PASTOR
BROADWAY AT COOK STREET
SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA

April 28, 1944

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

Gentlemen:

I have just received a copy of Beyond the Horizon reprinted from the California Monthly. I consider it be all odds the most effective bit of printing that I have yet found for the job that we face in molding public opinion. I wonder whether you have funds on hand to send copies to the preachers of the state and to members of the State Legislature, the Congressional Delegation, etc. I consider it worth volumes of argument.

I wish I could afford to distribute more but I enclose herewith a check for \$6.00 for 100 copies.

Cordially yours,

A. A. Heist

Encl.

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Japanese American Citizens League

An All American Organization of American Citizens

National Headquarters

413-415 BEASON BLDG.

TELEPHONE 5-6501

SALT LAKE CITY 1, UTAH

April 28, 1944

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

Dear Mrs. Kingman:

This is to acknowledge the receipt of the latest pamphlet published by your committee. We feel it contains very timely letters and messages. Our only comment is that we thought it would be more appealing if some cuts had been inserted of Nisei soldiers, such as those of Camp Shelby and the 100th Infantry Battalion.

We are enclosing a sample copy of Sgt. Ben Kuroki's speech. If you people desire to have extra copies, we can have the introduction written over by your committee and have the cut on Page 9 eliminated. In other words, we are asking the printer to keep the type as is; so if you desire to make use of Ben's speech, in pamphlet form, we believe the thing can be produced at a reasonable rate, at about 5¢ a copy.

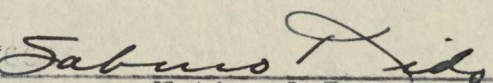
The Santa Maria Methodist Church has issued a bulletin which is a most potent material. It goes after John Lechner. It is a very interesting material. I hope you have received a copy.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

JAPANESE AMERICAN CITIZENS LEAGUE

BY


National President

SK:ttt
Enc.

April 29, 1944

Mr. Robert E. Gibson
War Relocation Authority
Hotel Whitcomb Bldg.
San Francisco, Calif.

Dear Mr. Gibson:

I am writing for Mrs. Kingman to express her great appreciation of the material you sent us recently. Thank you very much for keeping us posted.

You may also be interested to know that we have mailed a kit of releases to Mrs. Keagy, whose address you sent us with the latest WRA release.

Thank you again .

Sincerely yours,

Office secretary

mj

April 29, 1944

Mrs. W.F. Keagy
2582 California St.
San Francisco, Calif.

Dear Mrs. Keagy:

We understand that you are interested in the problem with which our Committee is expressly concerned, and sending material under separate cover which you may find both interesting and informative.

Please do not hesitate to call upon us for further information or clarification.

Very sincerely yours,

Office secretary

mj

WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY

Mr. A. D. Nance
329 $\frac{1}{2}$ No. Magnolia Ave.
Hialto, California

Dear Mr. Nance:

Mr. Edward J. Ennis, Director of the Alien Enemy Control Unit of the Department of Justice, has just sent me a copy of your letter to him in which you discuss the situation on the west coast in reference to loyal American citizens of Japanese ancestry. I want you to know that I deeply and genuinely appreciate the attitude which you take and I trust that you will have opportunity soon to assist the War Relocation Authority and other interested groups in carrying forward the worthy ideals which you express.

As you well know, the work in which the War Relocation Authority is engaged is one of the most difficult, from the point of view of public relations, of all those in the field of American war effort at present. The assistance which you can give in furthering the progress, along the lines which you suggest, will be invaluable.

I shall take the liberty of giving your name to one or two persons who are similarly interested in efforts to improve the situation of the loyal evacuees.

Sincerely,

D. L. Myer

Director

cc - Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman ✓
Committee on American Principles and Fair Play

John L. Burling, Justice



329 $\frac{1}{2}$ No. Magnolia Ave.
Rialto, California
April 30, 1944

Mr. Edward J. Ennis
Director, Alien Enemy Control Unit
Department of Justice
Washington, 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Ennis,

Thank you very much for the copy of the statement which Mr. Ickes recently made in San Francisco regarding the status and welfare of the citizens of Japanese ancestry now in relocation centers. I read Mr. Ickes' statement in the press, agreed with his opinions, and applauded his courage.

The people of our western states are certainly on trial--our local race-baiters are well entrenched and the press is generally unfriendly toward these people. The economic and political angles are potent. I know personally of several groups and many individuals who favor the return of loyal evacuees as soon as the military situation makes it possible. Since our other war-time measures, such as the black-out, have been lifted it is to be hoped that soon our loyal American citizens of Japanese ancestry can again walk the streets of Seattle and Los Angeles.

Certainly, not even our most violent "Jap-haters" could advocate mistreatment of the parents, wives and children of men who are risking their lives on the battlefield, fighting for the "American Way". In my opinion any persons who so far forgot the principles of democracy and fair play should be dealt with by the proper authorities. As "Fortune" magazine recently pointed out, the principle of protective custody is a very dangerous one for all of us--let's punish the culprits, not the victims.

The Departments of Justice and the Interior are certainly to be congratulated for the fair way in which this very difficult situation has been handled.

When the restrictions are lifted, and I hope it may be soon, there will be some Californians, and others on the west coast who will help the evacuees become adjusted again in the normal life of our area.

Yours very truly,

/s/
A. D. Nance