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February 9, 1945

Mr. Toru Matsumoto
297 Fourth Avenue
New York 10, New York

Dear Toru:

I am returning Mrs. Steefel's letter and my reply to her. You will see that there is a job for you to do, getting in touch with the various committees about the questions which she raises.

I suggest that you discuss the letter addressed to Bishop Reifsnider with Linton Swift for his comments and suggestions and if it seems advisable our Committee and the Home Missions Council might wish to take some action on this matter and also each of the Denominations. I am not certain about the name or address of the Protestant Welfare Council. Foster Wood or Roswell Barnes will know the agency in case you don't have the information in the office.

I trust that all is well with you and our friends in the office.

Sincerely,

Geroge E. Rundquist

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Enclosures: Mrs. Steefel's letter
Reply to Mrs. Steefel!

February 9, 1945

Mr. H. H. Courtwright, President
San Joaquin Light and Power Co.
Fresno, California

Dear Mr. Courtwright:

I regret that I did not have the opportunity to get in touch with you again before leaving Fresno. Besides being quite busy, I was feeling under the weather, my ears were bothering me some.

I greatly appreciated the chance to discuss with you my concern that the responsible and leading people of the community should organize to prevent the outbreak of bad feeling and disturbances by members of minority races or national backgrounds different from the majority, caused by their feeling that they do not and cannot receive fair and equal treatment not only in employment but in the courts.

Gilbert Jertberg is going to be in San Francisco the middle of the month and I expect to have an opportunity to discuss this matter further with him. My hope is that a strong Committee might be set up in Fresno which would consider the grievances of the minority peoples and would use their influence to develop an understanding and tolerant public opinion towards these people and would call to the attention of the various agencies, both official and unafatejal, situations wherein they might act to ameliorate conflict and tensions.

In a number of cities throughout the country official committees have been appointed by the governors, mayors, and other officials to consider these problems. Such committees have the respect of the community if they are non-partisan and represent the responsible interests in the community.

For your consideration I will have forwarded to you data concerning some of these committees.

Mr. Courtwright

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Frankly, I hope that you and other leaders in the community will join together and act to find solutions to the causes of tension amongst the minority peoples which might result in open disturbances and possibly riots.

I have discussed this matter with Mayor Leymel and I believe that he would listen with a good deal of favor to the proposal that an official committee be appointed.

I am making my headquarters at 2287 Telegraph Avenue, Berkeley 4, for the balance of the month. My permanent address is The Federal Council of Churches of Christ in American, 297 Fourth Avenue, New York 10, New York.

With best wishes, I am,

Sincerely,

George E. Rundquist

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407 East Pine

Santa Ana

February 9, 1945.

Dear Mrs. Kingman,

I thank you so much for the telephone call to Colonel Leitch. No word has come to me yet, as you know. I did not write to the youngsters about it as I've sent him so many notices which have come to nothing. I deeply appreciate your interest - as for myself I am still confident that he must be inducted.

But I am afraid the lad is becoming very discouraged - and who could blame him? No one here in Santa Ana ever made a better record through High School than he. I think I told

must be very uncomfortable to know that so many have acted in his behalf - he's very sensitive and it is hard on any body to have to realize one's dependence - I truly feel for his situation - yet if some of us don't, the Santa Ana Board will never move - even tho they told him they would.

No influential person, save the editor of the Register has made any helpful statement, except the Presbyterian ministers of Orange Co. who supported the Los Angeles resolution. Four very bitter letters have appeared in the paper and were answered

you I am an elementary teacher here - since 1920 - having come straight from college training in Philadelphia. It has always been of interest to me to assist in any way the young people whom I have taught. The nisei were outstanding students. In Paul's case, I've known him since he was 9 - and was partly instrumental in sending him to Davis. Mr. Ryerson, the president, has always taken an interest in him - he wrote me three weeks ago and said he was disgusted with the attitude of the Santa Ana Board. He also wrote to Sacramento - but since he has not written ^{to me,} evidently he too, has had no word. The lad

by two very well expressed-
In checking through papers
in the library I have noticed
that just a few farm areas
are still arguing - in the
cities there is little, as I
know you are aware of.

Hoping that some favorable
action is taken in reference
to my young friend I remain,

Sincerely,

Edna H. Dugham

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY

In reply, please refer to:

1031 South Broadway
Los Angeles 15, California

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February 9, 1945

Mr. George E. Rundquist
465 California Street
San Francisco 4, California

Dear George:

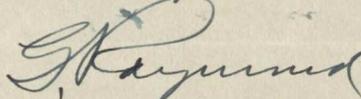
Steno's interpretation
I had already learned that you were at your present assignment, but am more ^{than} ~~the less~~ happy to hear from you directly. I presume and hope you will be here at the time of the Southern California Conference, even though Ruth Kingman ^{should} ~~is~~ back on the job.

Personally I believe Gracia Booth could do the job, perhaps not like Katherine Kaplan, but in her own way. Anyway Mrs. Kaplan will be here on a job which would make her available for consultation.

However, I realize that my opinion would carry no weight, nor should it. If there is any desire to pursue the matter further, you can reach her at Minidoka. She is there visiting our children Arthur and Arline Hobson, and really killing a little time until our furniture arrives.

With best regards, I am,

As Ever,



G. Raymond Booth
District Relocation Officer



February 27, 1945

Mr. G. Raymond Booth
District Relocation Officer
War Relocation Authority
1031 South Broadway
Los Angeles 15, California

Dear Raymond:

I suggest you inquire of Gracia if she would be interested in taking over Mrs. Kaplan's work, and ask her to reply to Ruth Kingman.

I expect to leave for New York about March 9, and regret there will not be time for a visit with you in Los Angeles.

The meagre reports we get of the situation in southern California sound very good and I am glad you are on the scene.

Best regards,

Sincerely,

George E. Rundquist

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February 10, 1945

To Whom It May Concern:

It is with pleasure that I recommend Mary Jefferds for whatever specific type of work her own judgement would lead her to undertake.

Miss Jefferds acted as my office secretary and assistant for one and one half years, during which period she showed herself competent, conscientious, and particularly alert to duties as they developed, whether or not they were a part of her work as described.

I had known her as a student, for two years prior to her graduation from the University of California. During that period, she was the recognized leader in campus activities, both in student government (on a campus of 17,500) and in Little Theatre, for which organization she did public relations, along with her position as manager. She was then, and remained during our association, an indefatigable worker.

Following her graduation, while she was in my office, student leaders, and not infrequently the office of the Dean of Women, sought Miss Jefferds' counsel and judgement, which they valued, and all felt a loss in leadership when she joined the Women's Army Corps and left Berkeley.

My own personal appraisal of Miss Jefferds' best qualities would list high a keen sense of devotion to the job at hand, loyalty to those to whom she is responsible, a keen discretion in matters of confidence, and an unusual degree of alertness and good judgement.

I sincerely hope that she will be able to continue to make full use of these high qualities.

Very truly yours,

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman
Executive Secretary

February 10, 1945

Mr. and Mrs. Donald C. Peattie
940 Mission Canyon Road
Santa Barbara, California

Dear Friends:

Mrs. Ruth Kingman is taking a much needed holiday, and I have been permitted to pinch-hit for her, for the month of February.

I hope that you will remember me, the fellow with the bald head who spoke about Japanese resettlement at the meeting in Santa Barbara and, later in the evening, got lost with Clarence Gillett trying to find your house in the woods. I did look up your niece in Washington. We didn't have very much time for a visit, but she seemed very happy in her job, and the staff spoke very highly of her.

I have a letter from Bob Cozzins, the War Relocation Authority director on the West Coast, in which he says that a Relocation Officer, at present attached to the Los Angeles Relocation office, is available for work in Santa Barbara, Ventura and San Luis Obispo and that as soon as suitable persons are found, the W.R.A. will probably establish an office in Santa Barbara.

The W.R.A. area supervisor is Paul G. Robertson, 1031 South Broadway, Los Angeles 15. You may wish to contact him and have him either outline for our friends what the W.R.A. and other Federal agencies as well as state agencies are doing to smooth the way for the return of evacuees.

I came out to the coast for the Fair Play conference, January 10 and 11. A vicious enemy bug immediately attacked me in both ears and my nose with the result that I've had to have the ear drums punctured and suffer a lot of indignities at the hands of four different specialists. Between us we seem to have the enemy on the run. I guess that I will live and be as good as I ever was.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald C. Peattie

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2/10/45

I had a few moments with Hermann Hagedorn and was sorry that you were not able to join us in San Francisco. I would like very much to renew our acquaintance, but don't think the opportunity will be available during this visit; therefore, I must send my best wishes to you via Uncle Sam's mails.

Sincerely,

George E. Rundquist

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February 10, 1945

Mayor Z. S. Leymel
City Hall
Fresno, California

Dear Mayor Leymel:

I want to express my sincere appreciation for your courtesy and hospitality to me during my brief visit in Fresno. The opportunity to talk with you as another fellow American about our common concern that we help people live together peacefully and do what we can to remove the causes of irritation and resentment in the hearts of some of our citizens whose national background and color may be different from the majority of our people, ~~X~~ was an experience that I thoroughly enjoyed.

I have asked the secretary of the Seattle Mayor's Committee on Civic Unity to send you data concerning the formation and activities of that Committee and also have asked a representative of the American Council on Race Relations, who is setting up an Institute on that subject under the Los Angeles county Board of Supervisors' Committee on Racial Progress to send you similar material. I will try and obtain for you material on other officially appointed Committees.

Gilbert Jertberg is coming to San Francisco the middle of the month and I will have an opportunity to discuss with him, the work of some of these Committees.

I trust that we may renew our acquaintance in the near future, and send with this my best wishes for all good things.

I am making the Fair Play Committee my headquarters for the balance of this month. My permanent address is The Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America, 297 Fourth Ave. New York 10, New York.

Cordially,

George E. Rundquist

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Z. S. LEYMEL, MAYOR

City of Fresno

MAYOR'S OFFICE
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND WELFARE
CITY HALL
FRESNO 1, CALIFORNIA

February 24, 1945

Mr. George E. Rundquist
Committee on American Principles and Fair Play
2287 Telegraph Avenue, Room 215
Berkeley 4, California

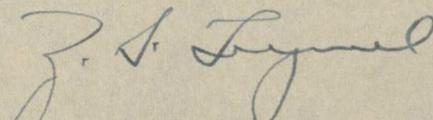
Dear Mr. Rundquist:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of February 10. I have been looking for the material from Seattle but to date nothing has shown up here, however, I'll still keep on the lookout. We have attempted nothing as I have felt we ought to look this material over before going ahead, however, we are making up a list of names of people who would make up the committee personnel and I'm sure that it would meet with your approval.

I'd like to talk with Mr. Jertberg upon his return from San Francisco and learn what he might like to say about our proposed organization.

I enjoyed our several conferences very much, indeed, and hope we will be able to put over such a program in our community.

Sincerely yours,


Z. S. LEYMEL, MAYOR

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February 12, 1945

Mr. Lans Leneve
Coquille, Oregon Sentinel
Coquille, Oregon

Dear Mr. Leneve:

A copy of your column "Bare Facts From Bear Creek", dated January 11, 1945, has come to my attention. I am sure that you wrote about the Americans of Japanese descent without full knowledge of the facts. First of all, the Army, whom you and I depend upon to win this war, is the agency which revoked the ban on the Japanese returning to their former homes and has granted these people permission to return to the West Coast.

Secondly, the United States court has ruled that the Government has no authority to hold citizens in detention and in an opinion handed down in the Korematsu and Endo case, December 1944, recommended that the people of Japanese ancestry be permitted to return to their homes. That decision was not rendered until after the Army had already taken action permitting the Japanese to return to the West Coast.

As an intelligent American citizen I am sure that you do not want to do anything which in any way might interfere with the war effort; also, I assume that you respect and are willing to abide by the Constitution of the United States and the laws of the land. I suggest particularly that you look up the 14th amendment to the Constitution and reread what it says about the rights of citizens.

Both your Christian and surname lead me to believe that your ancestors did not arrive in America too many years ago, probably no longer ago than the ancestors of some of these American boys of Japanese descent who have already lost their lives so that you and I might be free. I should like you to remember when you speak or write of people whose skin may not be as light as your own ~~the fact~~ that God did not consult you or me when we were conceived, nor did he give us a choice of

the kind of ancestors we wanted or the place we would prefer to be born in.

I think my name will indicate to you that my skin, to the very top of my head, which is bald, is as white as yours; so I am not a member of the races--either the buck-toothed monkeys or black apes, which you speak of.

I am writing you because I assume that you are intelligent and that you realize that name calling and pointing out the differences in appearance of fellow-Americans is the Hitler-Hirohito-Mussolini line.

The American way and the American line is one of unity, tolerance and understanding.

Very truly yours,

Geroge E. Rundquist

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February 12, 1945

Mrs. Lynn Brannan
Box 44,
Auburn, Washington

Dear Mrs. Brannan:

We recently received a letter from Miss Ella Bennett of the Tacoma Y.W.C.A. telling us of some of the difficulties you have been faced with because of your espousal of the rights of loyal Americans of Japanese descent and their parents to return to their homes.

I was in Seattle the latter part of October last year, and one afternoon drove down to Kent and Auburn to visit with several friendly people. It was late in the afternoon when we got to Auburn and there was only time to see one person, the Minister of the Methodist church, who is very much concerned about the Pearl Harbor League and other prejudicial groups organized to keep the Japanese from returning.

If you look at the signature, you will see a strange name as Mrs. Kingman is taking a short holiday and I am pinch-hitting for her. I am the Executive Secretary of the Committee on Resettlement of Japanese Americans set up by the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America and the Home Missions Council in October, 1942. The membership of this Committee is held by the larger Protestant Denominations and National Y.W.C.A. and Y.M.C.A. It was in my capacity as secretary of that Committee that I visited Seattle and called upon a number of representatives of the clergy.

As Mrs. Kingman wrote you on January 24, the Committee on American Principles and Fair Play is bound by certain policies and procedures which prevent it from assigning to an individual the responsibility of the organization of a local Fair Play Committee. However, there is nothing that I know of that stands in the way of your calling together a number of friendly people, including clergymen and teachers, to organize a committee which would deal with the problems of returning evacuees in and

around Auburn. I don't believe that there is a copyright on the name Fair Play Committee, but there are a number of other names which might be selected. When such committee has been organized, I am quite certain that this Committee and other National organizations such as the American Council on Race Relations which has an office at 988 Market Street, Room 202, San Francisco, and the National Committee on Resettlement of Japanese Americans, 297 Fourth Avenue, New York 10, New York, will be willing to cooperate with a local group.

Enclosed is some literature which you may find interesting.

With every good wish to you, I am,

Sincerely,

George E. Rundquist

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February 12, 1945

Miss Mary Baker
1417 Wishon Ave.
Fresno, California

Dear Miss Baker:

Now that I've gotten settled in the office at Berkeley and have a moment, it seems that I should express my deep felt thanks to you for your hospitality and the friendly cooperation you extended me on my recent visit to Fresno. I am following through on the idea of an officially appointed committee to deal with problems of racial tension in Fresno. I had another visit with the Mayor on Wednesday morning, January 7, and he is now, I believe, ready to go ahead with the suggestions I outlined.

I have written to the Secretary of the Committee on Civic Unity in Seattle for data concerning that Committee and to a friend in Los Angeles for similar material concerning the Board of Supervisor's Committee on Racial Progress of Los Angeles County. I have asked the West Coast Director, Larry Hewes of the American Council on Race Relations to write Mayor Leymel and have asked the Council of Churches to offer their cooperation in developing a program for an official Committee. Mayor Leymel was good enough, because it was raining, to drive me over to the hotel to pick up my bags and drove me to the station.

Our staff at Berkeley consists of just one secretary, so we can't overload her with too many letters which ought to be written to Dr. Phillips, Mitchell Briggs, Mrs. Hoiem and Mr. Pratt expressing my appreciation to them for their friendly helpfulness and interest. I almost forgot, Mrs. Lopez. Will you say some nice things to these friends for me and let them know how much I appreciated the opportunity of meeting with them and considering with them our common concern for the peaceful return of the avacuated Japanese.

With all good wishes, I am,

Sincerely,

George E. Rundquist

February 13, 1945

Miss Gertrude Apel, Secretary
Seattle and Washington Council of Churches
Old Times Building
Seattle, Washington

Dear Gertrude:

I have been loaned to the Fair Play Committee for the month of February to take over Ruth Kingman's work while she is on a holiday. I came out to California on the ninth of January, but, unfortunately, was ill for awhile with a bad ear infection and I have not been able to move around too much or get too far away from my doctor.

I spent ten days in Fresno to acquaint myself with the situation there and also to see if my feeble mind could work out ways in which the people of good-will in the community might ease the way for the return of the Japanese.

It seems that Governor Wallgren, forgot his own recent birth-right as an American and took occasion to speak in opposition to the rights of Americans of ancestry other than Scandanavian --of course, I mean the Nisei, and that many people took the occasion to let him know that he spoke amiss. I am sure that you and the Council of Churches let him know your position with regards to the Constitutional rights of Japanese-Americans and their parents.

There was an item in the San Francisco Chronicle about a Nisei nurse at the Harborview County Hospital quitting her job because of the intolerance of the other nurses. We cannot afford to let this sort of thing happen as it will encourage others to use various devices to keep Nisei from returning to the Coast.

I wonder if the Council of Churches and the Mayor's Committee on Civic Unity couldn't sit down with Mr. Fistere of the W.R.A. to consider ways and means in which intolerance of all kinds towards Japanese might be combatted. I believe that friendly people should have information concerning the resettlement and employment of returning evacuees and that there should be frequer

Miss Apel

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inquiry concerning the evacuees situation and problems. For instance, if some of us knew of the attitude of this girl's co-workers, an appeal might be made to the Directors of the hospital and to the nurses for fair play.

Mr. Fistere knows how to deal with these problems and I am certain that his advice would be valuable concerning means to meet the various problems that arise from time to time in connection with the returning evacuees.

Address me at 2287 Telegraph Avenue, if I can be of service in any way.

With all good wishes to you and other friends on your staff, I am,

Sincerely,

George E. Rundquist

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February 12, 1945

Dear George,

Will you please send me a copy of the pamphlet quoting Paul Taylor re the Japanese American farmer in California?

And will you also please send one to
Miss Marian Fitzpatrick
Troy High School
Troy, New York

Thanks. She has been misinformed on the subject and has written me for the straight dope.

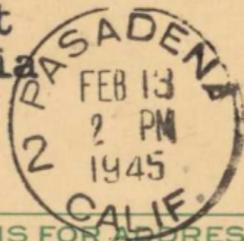
Good luck to you in Berkeley.

Cordially,
Walt Godfrey

Reply
2/15/45

OK
2/14/45
Walt

Walt Godfrey
483 East Villa Street
Pasadena 4, California



THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

George Rundquist
Committee on American Principles
and Fair Play
2234 Telegraph Road
Berkeley 4, California

February 15, 1945

Mr. Walt Godfrey
483 East Villa Street
Pasadena 4, California

Dear Walt:

We are trying to work out some orderly procedure for the organization of local committees so that there is not an overlapping of work that we as individuals or representatives of agencies are doing.

Last Saturday a small representative group of the Fair Play Committee met with Larry Hewes, of the American Council on Race Relations, to discuss and determine how we might most effectively make use of our resources, which are far too limited, to map out a priority list of areas where organization should be attempted and a time schedule set up so that we can concentrate on the areas of greatest need.

Would you be available for the next ninety days to devote your entire attention to the job of community organizations for resettlement? Our hope is that the various agencies concerned with resettlement will join together in some unified plan for organization under the Fair Play Committee and that the individuals who would do the field work might meet for the purpose of a conference with Larry Hewes and myself so that we might work out a general plan for organization.

If this project appeals to you, will you let us know when you might come to San Francisco to attend a conference? I am sure that if you feel the necessity of obtaining the approval of the Service Committee, Homer Morris and Bob Fort would give you their blessing.

I was glad to see you in Fresno and look forward to some further visits and fellowship.

Sincerely,

George E. Rundquist

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THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF THE YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATIONS

OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

CORPORATE NAME
INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE OF YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATIONS

347 MADISON AVENUE, NEW YORK 3209 W. Highland Blvd.,
MURRAY HILL 6-1200 Milwaukee 8, Wisconsin
February 12, 1945

Mr. Galen Fisher
11 El Sueno
Orinda, Calif.

Dear Galen:

Enclosed is a report of a conference held in Chicago which was more of an informal nature because the conference had no official status. It did help us to crystallize some of our thinking. I would appreciate your comments as to whether you think it would do any good to approach the War Department at the point I suggest in my last paragraph. We would surely feel better if we had Mike Masaoka back in Washington.

We tried to press government responsibility in housing as strongly as we could. The following taken from a letter to resettlers from the Chicago WRA office urging them to encourage their families out doesn't sound too encouraging:

"Write and tell them about housing. Tell them that Chicago, like almost every other industrial city, is a tough nut to crack as far as decent housing is concerned. Before the war, literally hundreds of clean, modern unfurnished apartments and houses were available at rents ranging from \$32.50 to \$52.50. Those accommodations are still here but because of war-time requirements, they are occupied. In fact, almost all desirable housing is not available to any newcomer to the city. And still, there are places to live - not elaborate dwellings, but old buildings which can become homes in the future with a little money and little elbow grease. In less fashionable neighborhoods, there are numerous run-down houses for sale. Some are large enough to reconvert into smaller apartments, resulting in income producing property.

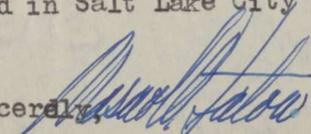
"Three, four, five-room and even larger stove-heated, unfurnished apartments are vacant in the poorer sections of the city. Many of them would be livable with some repair. The Chicago WRA office is now in a position to refer applicants to at least three property holders who control about seventy five such buildings."

At least they are honest about it!

Thank you for letting me see that letter written by Chaplain Yamada to the Hawaii Committee. One can sense a fine spirit of cooperation which we lack here in the mainland between the various groups.

I guess we will all be interested in watching what develops out of the conference of Center representatives being held in Salt Lake City from this week.

Sincerely,



NATIONAL COUNCIL YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATIONS .. SERVICES TO WEST COAST EVACUEES

TRIP TO CHICAGO..FEBRUARY 5 - 8, 1945

MONDAY, TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 5th and 6th - CONFERENCE OF HOSTEL DIRECTORS AND SOME
RESETTLEMENT WORKERS

This conference was an outgrowth of a Conference of Hostel Directors in Chicago in June of 1944. It was decided then to meet again in six months and invite some other groups.

THOSE PRESENT:

Ralph Smeltzer, Church of The Brethren, Elgin, Illinois
 Robertson Fort, American Friends Service Committee, Philadelphia, Pa.
 Homer Morris, " " " " " "
 William McKee, " " " " " , Chicago, Illinois
 Togo Tanaka, " " " " " "
 Ed Morgenroth, " " " " " "
 Dr. J. Yamazaki, United Ministry to Resettlers, Chicago, Illinois
 Roy Smith, " " " " " "
 Virginia Asaka, Church of The Brethren, Chicago, Illinois
 Dean Frantz, " " " " " "
 Edwin Marks, Community Relations, War Relocation Authority, Washington, D.C.
 Prudence Ross, Acting Area Supervisor, War Relocation Authority, Chicago
 Mrs. Eleanor Zimmerman, North Central Area War Relocation Authority, Chicago
 Ann Sneider, Director Friends Hostel, Cincinnati, Ohio
 Rev. John Yamazaki, Church Federation, " "
 Elizabeth Emlin, National Student Relocation Council, Philadelphia, Pa.
 Max Franzen, Director Baptist Hostel, Cleveland, Ohio
 Rev. Steve Fronko, Congregational Church Committee, St. Louis, Missouri
 Dr. J.J. Braun, National Evangelical and Reformed Churches, St. Louis, Mo.
 Ross Wilbur, Director Friends Hostel, Des Moines, Iowa
 Jay Newlin, American Friends Service Committee, Des Moines, Iowa
 Esther Meyerding, Director Friends Hostel, Philadelphia, Pa.
 Mrs. Cecile Burke, Director Brethren Hostel, Brooklyn, New York
 Jobu Yasumura, American Baptist Mission Society, New York, N.Y.
 Dr. Fay Campbell, Presbyterian Board of Christian Education, Philadelphia, Pa.
 Homer Jacks, Unitarian Service Committee, Chicago, Illinois
 Rev. Shigeo Tanabe, Director Fellowship House, Detroit, Michigan
 J.B. Meyners, Research and Survey, Chicago Church Federation, Chicago
 M.R. Zeigler, Brethren Service Committee, Elgin, Illinois
 Allen White, Secretary American Friends Service Committee, Washington, D.C.
 Masao Satow, Program Staff National Council YMCA, Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Ralph Smeltzer was elected Chairman of the Conference and Robertson Fort, Secretary.

GENERAL FEELING OF RESETTLERS Miss Ross, Chicago Area WRA Supervisor, reported about 100 applications to visit Centers for relocation planning with families and 15 applications for return to the west coast. Many indicate they will bring parents out to the midwest. The Chicago office is now open evenings to accommodate those who need counsel.
 The Chicago workers reported an increase in resettlers coming to Chicago and increases in leasing houses, buying homes and setting up businesses. However, the self sufficiency of the resettlers is leading to inter racial tensions. The

Brethren had an 8% return on questionnaires to the 400 resettlers who have come through their Hostel. Of those who replied, one third wanted to relocate their families in Chicago, two thirds indicated a wish to return to the west coast, but it was pointed out that this indicated merely a desire rather than an actual return.

Reports from the various cities represented at the conference indicated that in general people were sitting tight, watching the reaction of those who have gone to look over the coast situation. Philadelphia indicated a trend toward bringing families east, and more had come in in January than in December with no lull in hostel occupancy. Cleveland reported people desiring to bring out families but housing being most difficult. 350 people were reported as ready to bring their families immediately if housing were available. Resettlers in Detroit look upon this city as a place to work, not necessarily to live. Housing is not too difficult because of a turnover in the general population. Washington D.C. reported their hostel running to overflowing ever since November when it was opened and they are anticipating more.

It was generally decided that definite trends have not yet been established, and a variety of factors operate which cause people to change their plans overnight.

FEELING IN THE CENTERS Up to the middle of January, 346 persons had applied for return to the west coast at Heart Mountain and 300 in Granada. The Livingston people in Granada were planning to go back home intact. Only about 10 or 15% of the people on the whole have any real property to go back to. Some of the problems for the people within the Centers were the old age of the Issei who will find it difficult to start over again; Nisei boys in the Army or being inducted upon whom families would depend for resettlement; suitable jobs for the Issei; farmers not attracted to the midwest type of farming; the fear of the outside; unwillingness to risk the feeling on the west coast as long as the war continued in the Pacific; some of the people are determined to "sit it out" and see what the government is going to do next; and the lack of adequate housing on the outside, whether on the west coast or in the midwest and east was acknowledged to be the single greatest problem in resettlement. These various problems will probably find expression in the conference of eight Centers to be held in Salt Lake City February 14 - 23.

WRA PLANS Mr. Edwin Marks was present at the conference representing Dillon
ED MARKS Myer. He spoke of the general plans for liquidating the Centers and some of the procedures on which WRA was working. The Centers were to close definitely by January 1, 1946, and preparations were being made within the Centers for this closing. The WRA seems quite confident that the program can be achieved this year. Mr. Marks spoke of the cooperation of WRA with the Social Security and how the Social Security's Resettlement Aid program would be available for the resettlers, such as living expenses for those unable to work, help for families of college students not dependent upon their families, payment of public school tuition where needed, expenses of establishing households, hauling charges for freight from depot to home, etc. Contacts have been made by WRA with War Housing Authority to see what can be done about the housing problem. About 16,000 people will be eligible to resettle from Tule Lake. It is the hope of the WRA that local committees will be of great help to the resettlers. The following points were mentioned by Mr. Marks as things which non governmental agencies could do to help: locate housing, set up facilities for making loans to resettlers, help on interviewing resettlers, keep WRA informed about any failings upon the part of local WRA offices - stating "back, chapter and verse", sponsor the relocation of young people, assist parolees, set up hostels, aid in student relocation, and help the resettled evacuees develop some kind of community feeling.

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HOUSING PROBLEM Because housing was agreed to be the greatest single problem for resettlers and everyone present felt that though local committees had been helpful, greater difficulty would be encountered by family units, the conference went on record to request the War Relocation Authority to make staff assignments in local communities to discover additional housing facilities, especially in new districts. At the same time, WRA was also requested to explore to the fullest extent the relaxing of eligibility regulations for war housing in various areas.

HOSTELS So far as hostels on the west coast were concerned, it was thought best that these be set up locally without asking for national funds of the various agencies, that these agencies had a primary responsibility in the east and midwest since most of the people returning to the coast would be those with friends and specific plans for housing, including temporary housing. There was some discussion about pressing for government sponsored hostels or for some federal subsidy for hostels such as occur in Great Britain and Canada. However, the feeling seemed to be that it would be futile to make such suggestions, for past experience has been that the WRA has tried to get private groups to set up hostels in areas where even the WRA feels the need of a hostel. It was announced that a hostel was being set up in Boston by a local group. A report was made that the Buffalo citizens committee was quite interested in setting up a hostel if someone would push it properly.

LOANS It was felt that loans were not the function of groups such as represented at this conference, that the best private agencies could do was to refer resettlers to proper people who could handle this matter and help them establish proper credit references.

STUDENT RELOCATION Miss Betty Emlin of the National Student Relocation Council stated that Student Relocation would continue through 1945. The actual placement of students is now in the hands of vocational counsellors at the Centers. The present job of Student Relocation is that of raising scholarship funds and administering the funds. Some 2700 students are now in colleges and universities as a result of the work of Student Relocation. Some concern was expressed that some of the students may drop out of school this year in order to help their parents get resettled. The War Relocation Authority has asked Student Relocation to send students back into the camps again this summer in order to be of "therapeutic value to the residents".

This particular Conference was an attempt to get interested people together to where the non governmental agencies could be of greatest help in the months ahead, but it was believed that such a conference would be of greater value if there had been some official status. As it was, it was of informal nature, and some of the people could not speak for their entire organization. It was decided that the Home Missions Council should be requested by this group to call a National Conference for the agencies interested, limiting the number to less than 50. The purpose of such a conference would be to coordinate all the efforts of the various groups, especially bringing together the groups working both on the west coast and in the east and midwest.

In general, it seemed that none of the conference group seemed to share the confidence of the War Relocation Authority that the Centers could be emptied this year. There was a feeling that the WRA was interested only in emptying the Centers. The Chicago area workers are disturbed that whatever assistance may come

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from WRA in the housing area might be quite inadequate from the dispersal aspect, that under the present program housing would have to be substandard and in segregated fashion.

I cannot share the optimistic view that the Centers can be closed this year. In order to do this it means that a minimum of 1500 people must resettle every week, and it is doubtful that enough machinery has been set up to resettle twice as many people in one half the time it has taken thus far. The balance of the people still in the Centers are the more difficult cases, of older Issei, of many children of school age. Either the War Relocation Authority is "whistling in the dark", or is depending too much on private agencies and groups, or has other plans which have not been disclosed to date. So far, in the most critical issues confronting the Centers - volunteering and registration, segregation, reinstatement of selective service - the WRA policies have not been characterized by too great an understanding of the attitudes of the people involved.

The decision to have no more schooling after the present semester will force many of the parents to give attention to the resettlement of their families for the sake of the education of their children in the fall.

It may be that bringing these matters to the attention of the War Relocation Authority may be insufficient, since WRA's job is merely to administer the Centers and now to liquidate them. This means that perhaps proper representation should be made to the Army and War Department. The Army ordered the evacuation, but set up facilities where people might evacuate to; thus, it would seem logical that the Army's lifting of the west coast ban must also be accompanied by proper steps to see that people have somewhere to go. The opening up of the Ordnance Depots at Tooele in Utah and Sidney, Nebraska, may be a step in the right direction, but other facilities must be made available. Certainly some kind of answer must be given to the thousands of Nisei G.I.'s overseas who have confidence that their families will be taken care of properly while they fight for freedom and also fight for the restoration of their rightful place in American life.

Respectfully submitted,

Massao W. Satow
National Council YMCA
Services to West Coast Evacuees

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WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 7th and 8th

Conferred with the following:

Mr. James Maxwell, Pacific Northwest Area Council YMCA Executive, Seattle
Mr. Larry N. rrie, Pacific Southwest Area Council YMCA Executive, Los Angeles
Miss Betty Emlin, National Student Relocation Council, Philadelphia
Mr. William McKee, Chicago Office, American Friends Service Committee
Mr. J. bu Yasumura, American Baptist Mission Society, New York
Dr. t T. Yatabe, Midwest Representative, Japanese American Citizens League
Mr. L.L. McGlow, Manager, Wabash YMCA Hotel
Mr. Keith Boys, Program Secretary, Wabash YMCA Hotel
Dr. J. Yamazaki, Chicago United Ministry to Evacuees, and Rev. John Yamazaki,
Cincinnati Church Federation

Saw the following evacuees:

Mr. & Mrs. Katsuki Iki (Vice Chairman, Granada Community Council) - International
Harvester Co.
Mr. & Mrs. Arthur Takemoto (Poston) Draftsman, making preparations to return
to their home in West Los Angeles
Louise Suski (Heart Mountain), working with Univ. of Calif. documentation of
Evacuation, Relocation and Resettlement
Mr. & Mrs. Tak Itami (Heart Mountain), active Y Club leader in Los Angeles
Esther Naito (Manzanar) Mimeographer for Lawson YMCA
Alice Fujino (Manzanar) Bookkeeper for West Side YWCA
Fred Ota (Poston) now engaged in business in Denver - LA Spartan Y Club
Pvt. Ralph Lazo (Manzanar), of Mexican ancestry who evacuated to Manzanar be-
cause "all my friends were going", and became first president of
Manzanar Hi-Y Club. Has just finished basic, ready to ship out.
Mr. & Mrs. Tom Uragami (Granada). Mr. works as draftsman in defense plant,
Mrs. teaches Japanese at Univ. of Chicago
Mr. & Mrs. Masy Masuoka (Rohwer) Pharmacist

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February 12, 1945

Committee on American Principles and Fair Play
Room 203, 465 California St.
San Francisco, 4, California

Attention Miss Constance Halliday

Dear Miss Halliday:

Under separate cover, we are sending you two copies of the Korematsu brief. The reprints are still not ready, and therefore will require time, so for your immediate use we are sending you two copies which we have on hand.

As far as reprints go, we are having one thousand copies made and are going to sell them to the general public at \$1.00 a copy.

We shall inform you when they are ready. The two copies are with our compliments.

Sincerely yours,



Saburo Kido, National President

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DR. WILL W. ALEXANDER
 RAYMOND GRAM SWING

Madam Thayer:

You might take time out from coddling your Jap friends to read this article and dozens of others like it.

That is if you are interested in the plight of Americans that were prisoners.

Funny we don't hear very much about your Friends of American Freedom lately. Could it be that news from the South Pacific has been a little upsetting to you and the rest of your fellow Jap lovers ?

You ought to be mighty proud of your work when you glance at the long list of casualties of local boys who have made so great a sacrifice that you and the rest of the Meyerites can continue your championing the so-called rights of the Yellow Rats.

You are indeed a credit - to the Japs, at least.

February 13, 1945

Dr. Hubert Phillips
435 Terrace Ave.
Fresno, California

Dear Friend:

Mrs. Paul Taylor received a letter from the publisher of Ansel Adams' pictorial story of the evacuation entitled "Born Free and Equal" stating that bookstores have refused to sell the book; the price of which is \$1.00 in a paper binding and \$2.00 in cloth. I wonder if you and other friends, when you are in the neighborhood of a bookstore, might not make an inquiry concerning "Born Free and Equal" and if you feel that you might spend a \$1.00 or so and they have a copy, purchase it. If they don't have one, inquire why it is not carried insstock.

You may even wish to write the publisher, U. S. Camera, New York, New York.

This is just a suggestion about a little friendly service and cooperation which we might render to the author and photographer and to the publisher and to our community by seeing that they do not discriminate and refuse to market books whose contents they may not be in sympathy with.

Sincerely,

George E. Rundquist

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February 13, 1945

Mr. Alexander Livewright, Executive Director
American Council on Race Relations
32 West Randolph Street
Chicago 1, Illinois

Dear Mr. Livewright:

I am pinch-hitting for Ruth Kingman, Secretary of the Fair Play Committee for the month of February, and, today, received a copy of the Director's News Letter which contains a lot of information that I am greatly interested in. Would you be good enough to send to my New York office, 297 Fourth Avenue, New York 10, New York, materials and releases concerning race relations which you issue from time to time.

Because of the housing shortage, I am staying at Davis McIntire's home and I have had several visits with Larry Hewes.

I think that I might help you to get a perspective of the organized and unorganized support for the returning evacuees.

In the first place, the Fair Play Committee is largely a front name citizens committee. Its membership is quite limited and is largely made up of educators and liberals. The staff consists of Mrs. Kingman, the Executive Secretary, and an office secretary in Berkeley, and a part-time secretary for the Los Angeles branch. Galen Fisher devotes a great deal of his time to the affairs of the committee as a consultant and has been the most active propagandist on the West Coast for the Constitutional rights of the evacuees. The Committee functions through a small inner council or kitchen cabinet which knows the members and how to use their influence and contacts for particular situations. For instance, when vice-President, Monroe Deutsch of the University of California, who is a member of the kitchen-cabinet, was president of the Commonwealth Club, an invitation was extended to Sergeant Ben Kuroki to address the Commonwealth Club. On one occasion, it was important that a letter go to Governor Warren and a certain member, who was close to the Governor, wrote the necessary letter. At another time, President ^{Camp Sprotul} was prevailed upon to make a public address in Los Angeles.

In the main, however, the lion's share of the work has been carried on by Ruth Kingman and Galen Fisher. The Committee has gotten out propaganda in behalf of the Constitutional rights of the evacuees which their members and friends could use at the opportune time. Like many organizations made up of people of good-will, the Committee has operated on a shoe string and frequently it was difficult to get both ends of the string to meet. Several small grants from Foundations have helped them to carry on. The Committee does not have funds to do field work or to provide personnel for organization purposes.

Its primary function is to educate and inform the general public concerning the Constitutional rights of this particular minority group of citizens. It is not set up to render service to individuals who need service.

Although the churches on the West ^{vocal} Coast, particularly the Protestant churches, have been outspoken in their support of the rights of the Nisei to return to their former homes and have been outspoken in stating what they believe Christian attitudes should be, the assistance they have given and can give, is largely vocal. They are not prepared to aid in the organization of citizen's committees to deal with the problems of Japanese or other minorities. # Like the Fair Play Committee, the organized Protestant churches financial support for fair treatment of people of Japanese descent and their resettlement throughout the country, has been very limited. It seems all of us are trying to get the other fellow to do something and hope he can provide the bankroll and personnel.

It is true that the Social and Case work agencies almost everywhere have been cooperative and will do what they can within the range of the work of their agencies, but they are not in a position to finance staff people who might devote time to direct or work out an efficient and intelligent community program which might ease the way for returning Japanese

Because of the limited personnel available for the job ahead, we shall have to recognize the limitations of our friends and co-operating agencies and try to assign to them particular or specific projects which we believe that they could effectively carry through. Too many of us are optimistic that the other fellow will do more than he is actually prepared or able to do. With all of these limitations in mind, Larry and several others of us are going to try and set up a program and schedule of what and when, so that we tackle first things first and use our limited resources to the best advantage.

I spent ten days in Fresno consulting with members of the Fair Play Committee in that area and to get a picture of the problems that will arise as the Japanese-American evacuees return to their homes.

I found that our people of good-will, the educators and clergy, felt that they were suspect of being impractical idealists reaching for that piece of pie in the sky even before the pie had been put together and placed in the oven and they felt the necessity of inducing some of the so-called hard-headed, practical business big shots in the community to become aware of and concerned with the local racial or cultural problems.

I did see some of these so-called leading business and professional men and found that where they might not bestir themselves to do very much about the tensions involved in the returning Japanese, I could get around by the side door and talk about all of the racial problems in a community--Negroes, Mexicans, and, bless me, the Armenians who are a minority group in that city. By talking about civic pride; being prepared to prevent the kind of publicity which Head River has gotten; and, being organized to prevent antagonisms and irritation which might result in riots and damage to business men's property and so on, the business men were interested. I also spoke to the Mayor about his appointing an official committee to deal with racial and intercultural problems. I think that he now realizes the wisdom of his taking some action to prevent trouble rather than waiting to act until something has occurred and I was in a position to suggest the names of a number of the leading business men and also several educators and clergymen who would be intelligent enough to guide the activities of any committee that he might appoint.

One of the leading lawyers in the city of Fresno is coming to San Francisco the end of this week and with his help I think that there is no question that a committee representing the best leadership in the community will be set up. Larry will see that the Mayor receives information and literature concerning other committees.

I am sorry to hear that I missed you when you were in San Francisco and hope that we may get together either in Chicago or in New York.

I shall be at this office until the end of February. My permanent address is the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America, 297 Fourth Avenue, New York 10.

With all good wishes, I am,

Sincerely,

February 13, 1945

Rev. A. Allen Heist
Santa Maria,
California

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Sincerely,

George E. Rundquist

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February 13, 1945

Mr. Ed Arnold, Chief
Far Eastern Division
U.N.R.R.A.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Ed:

I have been on the coast since January nine, and for the month of February, am pinch-hitting for Ruth Kingman as secretary of the Fair Play Committee.

The young lady who is taking this letter to you has been helping out the work of the Committee for the past six months. She is a graduate of the University of Washington who has studied Chinese and has a command of 700 characters. She is working on a Masters degree in Anthropology at the University of California which she hopes to complete soon. The young lady wants to go to China. She is free, unattached and will be twenty-three years old in March.

What do you think the chances are for Miss Halliday? Are there openings for young women in the Chinese section of UNRRA?

I'd appreciate your giving us what information you can concerning prospects for her employment with UNRRA.

Relocation on the West Coast is proceeding slowly. It should start picking up the end of this month if the pattern of migration from the camps which has been set in previous years holds for the West as well as resettlement East. There are a few sore spots, but, again, as in the cities to the East, urban relocation should be fairly easy; that is, if housing can be found. That is really a problem for everybody. There have been a small number of farmers return to their properties. They are wise enough to make themselves inconspicuous and keep out of sight. As you undoubtedly know, the Press has been very cooperative and the committees now being organized to aid the evacuees are doing a pretty good job in developing a neutral or friendly attitude toward the evacuees.

Mr. Arnold

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I don't believe that I have been in Washington since you left W.R.A. I was out on the coast the months of October and November and was only home a little more than three weeks before returning here.

Until the end of the month, my address will be Fair Play Committee, 2287 Telegraph Avenue, Room 215, Berkeley 4, California.

With best wishes.

Sincerely,

George L. Rundquist

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February 13, 1945

Mr. Larrrie Norrie
715 South Hope Street
Los Angeles 14, California

Dear Larry:

Galen Fisher told me that he had written you regarding the need for personnel who might devote full time for the next few months to organizing friendly community attitudes and also committees to ease the way for and aid returning evacuees in reestablishing themselves on the West Coast.

What we want, my friend, is a person or persons who can devote their full time to this particular job and because financial resources are very limited we hope that interested organizations might help out during this very critical period by lending personnel to do the job that we see is necessary. We would like you to take on this headache with us.

Our plans, so far, would be to hold a conference of field workers in San Francisco with Larry Hewes of the American Council on Race Relations and possibly Davis McEntire, on the same Council, and myself, where we might set up a program and specific suggestions about how the job should be done. We would like to get started as quickly as possible.

I know that you have a number of capable men who could do the sort of job that we want. The headache is: can you get someone assigned to work with us? Leslie Eickelberger comes to mind probably only because I have met him, as the type of person we'd like. If you are not coming up north within the very near future, will you let us know what the prospects are for "Y" participation and cooperation in this program.

Sincerely,

George E. Rundquist

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THE PACIFIC SOUTHWEST AREA COUNCIL OF THE
NATIONAL COUNCIL OF THE YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATIONS
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AREA OFFICES
220 GOLDEN GATE AVE., SAN FRANCISCO 2
715 SOUTH HOPE STREET, LOS ANGELES 14

Los Angeles, February 19, 1945

Mr. George Rundquist,
Room 203
465 California Street,
San Francisco, Calif. - 4

Dear George:

I have your letter of February 13th, and an earlier one from Galen Fisher which I have not answered yet. I have just returned from the East Coast and am just getting around to finishing up correspondence which has piled high in my absence.

However, upon receipt of your letter and the one from Galen Fisher, I have been thinking about your proposal. I have talked with Les Eichelberger, and he would be very much interested in any suggestion that he do some of this work. I think he has quite a great deal of confidence in this field too. I am not sure that he could be borrowed at this time, because of the camp situation in Los Angeles with the summer coming and the heavy load which rests upon him in preparation for the camping season.

As you know, we have employed Dwight Welch, of Palo Alto, to give time to this whole matter. He will work fifty per cent of the time in Tule Lake, the rest of his time being split between the other relocation centers and public relations work. I shall be glad to do anything I can personally, and as soon as we can get a replacement for Dwight Welch at Palo Alto, he will be free and this kind of work would logically fall in his field.

My belief is that you should go after Ralph Cole of San Jose; Marion Reith, formerly Regional Student Work Secretary for the YWCA, now unemployed; Harry Henderson, formerly General Secretary of Los Angeles, now on the staff at Whittier College, who possibly has some time to give to things of this sort and is much interested. How about some of our college chaplains, such as Hu Noble at Occidental?

I shall be in San Francisco on the 23d and shall want to look you up for a conversation about this whole matter.

Incidentally, can you help me a room at the Californian Hotel for the 23d to the 26th or 27th? I had Eggleston call them last week, but they turned him down flat. I have also wired Mr. Loud.

Sincerely yours,

L E Norrie
Lawrence E. Norrie

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*Marion Reith
San Francisco
Wh. 5302*

Write George Comm
re Mas Salow coming
out to aid finances re-
turning on Coast. Contact
with Relocation =

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February 13, 1945
2287 Telegraph Ave.
Berkeley 4, California
Rm. 215

Mr. Robinson Fort
American Friends Service Committee
20 South 12th Street
Philadelphia 8, Pennsylvania

Dear Bob:

That goes for Gerry, too, as a letter to you certainly ought to be addressed to her also. Being a vicious persons with a strongly developed streak of cruelty in my nature I should like to describe to you the glories of the California landscape in the spring. The buds are budding pink and yellow and white, and all the other colors you can think of. The Bluejays and other colorful birds tweet or whatever else they do all day long and coats are what the people to the far east, that, of course, would be on the Atlantic coast, wrap around themselves to keep from freezing to death. We see one once in a while but believe that they are something that have been taken out of cases in the museums to show us the curious ways in which other people have to protect themselves from what are described as the vicious elements. Nature out here is very grand.

I hope now that you are desecrated or whatever else you should be and that you are full of envy. I didn't know that I had this streak of cruelty, but apparently its been inside of me for all of these forty-eight years and it now comes out and rears its ugly head when I feel safe because of distance, by attacking my weak and helpless friends in the spot where they are most vulnerable.

I have been here since the ninth of January. I won't elaborate on my physical difficulties which were severe. It seems that an eastern bug jealous because I was coming out to this mild, lovely and salubrious climate, attacked both my ears and nose and made me mighty uncomfortable for quite a spell. Between times, when I could get around, I've been conferring with people in the street and in their offices and also the wise men, concerning how we might ease the return of the evacuees and combat intolerance when it becomes too vocal or active.

Generally, the situation on the coast is good. In most communities the evacuee may return without too great difficulty. There are a few places where a great deal of education will have to be undertaken and a few where a major operation will have to be performed to remove the cancer. One such place is Hood River, Oregon where the Appass

of Intolerance" are very bitter. It seems to me that if the only way that we can remove the cancer, is by attacking the pocketbooks of people we ought to be prepared to wield the knife and cut away the malignant growth. I am sure that neither you nor Gerry nor Betty Emlen would care to eat of these bitter apples and it might be that you have other friends who don't like diseased apples. I wouldn't, of course, suggest a boycott or the picketing of wholesale produce dealers that sell these apples by pretty girls whose photographs might result in glamor pictures in the papers; but, I have heard of the possibility of such things being done. Reporters and photographers love to interview and photograph pretty girls. We'll not keep a carbon in the files.

Bob Cozzins is quite disturbed about returning evacuees not sticking to their schedule of arrival at their destination. It seems that the returnees are on Japanese time, the time that you and I are familiar with when we expected people to arrive in Chicago or in other places, they showed up three or four months later disappointed that no one met them and that the jobs that awaited them had been filled. That may not have been serious in the East, but out here it might be. For instance, when we know that a Japanese is returning to a particular destination, friends can arrange to meet them and to prevent untoward disturbances. In particularly hostile communities representatives of the State Investigation Bureau, in plain clothes, have arranged to meet the train and see that there are no incidents. The evacuee does not arrive at the expected time and we learn of his arrival by a report that he has been thrown out of a restaurant or molested. Will you get word out wherever you can, in the centers or outside, about the necessity of sticking to a schedule for arrival at the destination on the coast so that we can provide protection and friends for the evacuees. This is extremely important.

There has been some general talk about the opening of hostels. I haven't canvassed enough opinions as to whether we should or shouldn't open them. I don't believe there will be any difficulty in cities like Los Angeles, San Francisco, Portland or Seattle, but barracks are more needed in the rural area. There are many valid reasons why so-called "Jap houses" should not be opened which might focus the attention of the Community to a concentration of Japanese. I realize I'm not very helpful or wise about this matter and it may be that later I will have some conviction about this.

I am pinch-hitting for Ruth Kingman as secretary of the Fair Play Committee for the month of February and can be reached at the above address until the third of March. Along with this letter I'm sending a lot of love to you and Gerry.

Sincerely,

George E. Rundquist

February 13, 1945

Mr. Hermann Hagedorn
17 E. Carrillo St.
Santa Barbara, California

Dear Herman Hagedorn:

Mrs. Paul Taylor received a letter from the publisher of Ansel Adams' pictorial story of the evacuation entitled "Born Free and Equal" stating that bookstores have refused to sell the book; the price of which is \$1.00 in a paper binding and \$2.00 in cloth. I wonder if you and other friends, when you are in the neighborhood of a bookstore, might not make an inquiry concerning "Born Free and Equal" and if you feel that you might spend a \$1.00 or so and they have a copy, purchase it. If they don't have one, inquire why it is not carried in stock.

You may even wish to write the publisher, U. S. Camera, New York, New York.

This is just a suggestion about a little friendly service and cooperation which we might render to the author and photographer and to the publisher and to our community by seeing that they do not discriminate and refuse to market books whose contents they may not be in sympathy with.

Your little folder "Wardens of Understanding" was forwarded to me at Fresno where I spent a few days in the interests of relocation in that area. I think the suggestions contained in the folder for action by understanding Americans are excellent and I should like to compliment you on the manner and format contained in the folder.

I wonder if you could send us about 300 copies of the folder so that we might include a copy to our members when we send out reports of the Committee. I would also like a copy sent to Dr. George Haynes, Secretary of the Race Relations Committee of the Federal Council of Churches, 297 Fourth Avenue, New York 10.; to Dr. Bradford Abernathy, Secretary of the Committee on Church and Minority People, Federal Council of Churches, 297 Fourth Avenue, New York 10; to Dr. Mark Dawber,

Secretary of the Home Missions Council of North America, and to Dr. Roswell Barnes of the Federal Council of Churches--all at 297 Fourth Avenue, New York 10.

I almost forgot that I would like several copies for my own office in New York, the Committee on Resettlement of Japanese-Americans, at the same address. I was glad that we had the opportunity to renew our acquaintance in San Francisco and the few additional moments of fellowship at dinner at the hotel.

I doubt very much that it will be possible for me during this visit to stop at Santa Barbara, but if at some later time, there is an opportunity, you may be sure that I will stop to say hello and take time for a good long FRIENDLY visit with you.

Sincerely,

George E. Rundquist

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P. S. We have a letter from Mr. Cozzins, Assistant Director of the War Relocation Authority in San Francisco, in charge of the West Coast area, stating that at the present a W.R.A. relocation officer stationed in Los Angeles is available for work in Santa Barbara, Ventura, and San Luis Obispo, and that the W.R.A. hopes later to establish an office in Santa Barbara as soon as suitable personnel can be found.

YOLO COUNTY YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION

HOWARD G. SNYDER, General Secretary

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President

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Vice-President

Carl Rodegerdts
Treasurer

P. O. Box 706

WOODLAND, CALIFORNIA

February 13, 1945

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

Dear Mrs. Kingman:

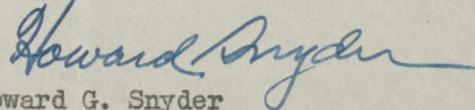
The letter file never lies! And it indicated to me that I have never written you a note of thanks for the wonderful way in which you aided us in Woodland to slap the Jap-haters in the face. I bow my hoary old head in shame and confess that as a letter-writer I ought to be shot. I certainly do want to tell you that I sincerely appreciate the fact that had it not been for your all-out effort, we would undoubtedly not have had the much improved attitude in Woodland that we have today.

Dillon Myer was, of course, tops! We got the very best! Since that time we have had very little discussion about the matter. The Winters people are still adamant about the whole matter; but it always frustrates little people, anyway, to put on big shoes and find their feet wont fit.

I have talked to various people in the community--when they introduce the subject--and find that there is much more sympathy for fair play than I found expressed before I shot off my mouth and Dillon Myer swayed the masses. People are now coming up and saying, "I agree with you. More power to you!" Last night I spoke to the Business and Professional Women's Club and told them, "I have all the facts on my side and people who oppose me have nothing but sentiment and emotion." (I expected to be spat on.) But, glory be, no such luck! The opposition came into the ranks with no trouble at all--they had no facts and admitted it--and went on to add to my own remarks. Bless them! I'll admit, however, that I couldn't say the same thing to the Rotary Club and expect similar response.

Anyway, Mrs. Kingman, thanks for all you did. If I can be of any service to you at any time, please let me know.

Sincerely,



Howard G. Snyder
General Secretary

P.S. I think Yori Wada's story is one of the best yet.

AGENCY OF WOODLAND COMMUNITY CHEST



"Serving Youth
That Youth May
Better Serve"

THE ROSENBERG FOUNDATION

177 POST STREET

SAN FRANCISCO 8, CALIF.

February 13, 1945

reply
2/22/45

Mr. Galen M. Fisher
Assistant Treasurer
Committee on American
Principles and Fair Play
Room 203
465 California Street
San Francisco 4, California

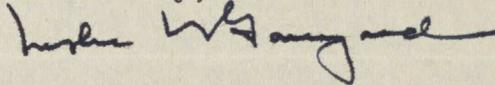
Dear Mr. Fisher:

It gives me a great deal of pleasure to report that the Directors of the Rosenberg Foundation approved your application for an allocation of funds in support of the terminal program of the Committee on American Principles and Fair Play.

Our check for \$2,000 will be available whenever requested.

May we ask that you send us at the termination of the grant a narrative report of the expenditures.

Sincerely,



Leslie W. Ganyard
Secretary

LWG:CC

February 22, 1945

Mrs. Leslie W. Ganyard, Secretary
The Rosenberg Foundation
177 Post Street
San Francisco 8, California

Dear Mrs. Ganyard:

Your letter of February 13, informing us of the favorable action of the Directors of the Rosenberg Foundation on our application for an appropriation of \$2000.00 was most gratefully received.

We have, within the last month, received several hundred dollars in contributions from our members and shall continue to solicit from them.

We have a reasonable balance in the treasury at present, but wish you would be kind enough to remit the \$2000.00 to Mr. Harry S. Scott, 465 California Street, Room 203, the treasurer of this Committee.

We shall, of course, make a report to you of the work of the Committee after the expenditure of the grant and shall keep you informed of the important developments in the meantime.

During Mrs. Kingman's well-earned rest this month, Mr. George Rundquist has been carrying the executive responsibilities including the enlistment of several persons for field work in the less friendly inland communities.

Sincerely,

Calen M. Fisher
Assistant Treasurer

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THE ROSENBERG FOUNDATION

177 POST STREET

SAN FRANCISCO 8, CALIF.

February 27, 1945

Mr. Galen M. Fisher
Assistant Treasurer
Committee on American
Principles and Fair Play
465 California Street
San Francisco 4, California

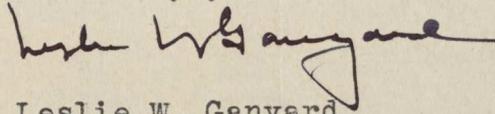
Dear Mr. Fisher:

In accordance with your request of February 22,
we are forwarding our check for \$2,000 to
Harry S. Scott, treasurer of the committee.

We note what you say about keeping us posted
on day to day developments of the committee.
As you know, we shall be very much interested
in occasional narrative reports and the finan-
cial report at the end of the grant.

I am glad that Mrs. Kingman was able to take
a vacation and will come back revitalized.
From all reports there is still much to be done
in the way of public education.

Sincerely yours,



Leslie W. Ganyard
Secretary

LWG:CC

February 14, 1945

Miss H. Murphy
465 California Street
San Francisco, California

Dear Miss Murphy:

The following contributions have been received in this office:

Sgt. & Mrs. Kenneth Coates ----- \$15.00
2688 Shasta Road
Berkeley 8, California

Prof. E. B. Babcock 5.00
980 Euclid Avenue
Berkeley, Calif.

Mary F. Hamilton 5.00
Goleta, Calif.

Grace F. Richards 3.00
Bonnie Brae Lane
Saratoga, Calif.

Marie Brethorst 5.00
2827 Regent St.
Berkeley 5, Calif.

William J. Davis 5.00
2634 LeConte Ave.
Berkeley, Calif.

W. H. Ratcliff 10.00
55 Roble Road
Berkeley, California

Mabel H. Pedder 50.00
Tunnel Road
Lafayette, Calif.

Duncan McDuffie 10.00
2101 Shattuck Ave.
Berkeley 4, Calif.

John H. W. Rubel 5.00
4 Stonehedge Lane
stonehenge
Albany 3, N.Y.

Thomas E. McDonald 2.00
2202 Durant Avenue
Berkeley, Calif.

February 14, 1945

Senator Herbert C. Jones
Grant Building
San Jose, California

Dear Sir:

At Dr. Paul S. Taylor's suggestion, I am enclosing copies of his recent talk before our January 10 and 11 conference in San Francisco and some other material which you may find interesting.

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary

Enclosures: Paul Taylor's talk
Brochure
S. F. News Reprint

February 14, 1945

Miss H. Murphy
465 California Street
San Francisco, California

Dear Miss Murphy:

The following statements represent expenses incurred by Mrs. Kingman on her recent trips to Los Angeles and Sacramento:

| | | |
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| Los Angeles | | |
| Railway Fare | | \$13.69 |
| Hotel | (n.v.) | 5.00 |
| Meals | " | 13.00 |
| | | <u>\$31.69</u> |

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| Sacramento | | |
| Hotel | | 4.00 |
| Meals | | 4.00 |
| | | <u>\$8.00</u> |

Total---\$41.69

Secretary

February 14, 1945

The American Council on Race Relations
988 Market Street, Room 202
San Francisco, California
Attn: Miss Handy

Dear Miss Handy:

The following material was received by

Mrs. Turner:

| | | |
|--------------------------------|-------|--------|
| 25 copies of Sproul Speech | ----- | \$.85 |
| 10 copies of Carey McWilliams' | | |
| pamphlet | ----- | 1.00 |
| 1 copy "American Fighting | | |
| Men Speak Out" | ----- | .10 |
| | | <hr/> |
| | | \$1.95 |

Sincerely yours,

Secretary

February 14, 1945

Y.M.C.A. Attn: Purchasing Agent
647 Madison Avenue
New York 17, New York

Dear Sir:

Re: Order No. B 6489 requesting 200 copies
of Galen Fisher's article of November 8th in the
"Christian Century", the material has been sent
under separate cover, \$4. per 100

----- \$8.00

Please make check payable to the Fair Play
Committee.

If we can be of any further assistance,
please do not hesitate to call on us.

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary

February 14, 1945

Army-Navy Y.M.C.A.
500 West Broadway
San Diego, California
Attn: Mr. Walter S. Knox

Dear Sir:

As per your request of February 7, I am sending you today, under separate cover, 100 copies of Mr. Fisher's "A Balance Sheet on Japanese Evacuation".

The cost of the pamphlets is \$6.00

If we can be of any further assistance, please let us know.

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary

FRIENDS OF THE AMERICAN WAY

~~1360 WEST COLORADO STREET~~ • PASADENA 2, CALIFORNIA
305 Kensington Place . Pasadena 3, California

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February 14, 1945

Miss Constance Halliday
Committee on American Principles and Fair Play
465 California Street. Room 203
San Francisco 4, California

Dear Miss Halliday:

We are very glad to supply the 200 copies of sections
from the California State Law. They will be mailed today.
The price is 50¢ per hundred.

Sincerely yours,

Marjorie Noble

Marjorie Noble
Executive Secretary

P.S. I wonder if you can fill the enclosed request? We
do not have the pamphlet, and have not been able to find
anyone here who does. We have had it, but our supply is
exhausted.

FRIENDS OF THE AMERICAN WAY

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305 Kensington Place . Pasadena 3, California

February 14, 1945

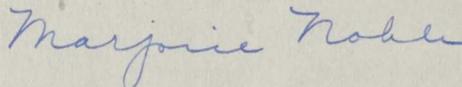
Mrs. Ruth Kingman, Executive Secretary
Committee on American Principles and Fair Play
2234 Telegraph Avenue
Berkeley 4, California

Dear Mrs. Kingman:

Enclosed are copies of our most recent publication.
If your organization has use for them they are available
at \$1.00 per hundred or \$7.50 per thousand.

It was a pleasure to meet you at that planning
meeting in Los Angeles. Best wishes for the success
of the Los Angeles conference.

Sincerely yours,



Marjorie Noble
Executive Secretary

GIs in the Pacific Say: This Is An Anti-Fascist War

(This is an editorial from the *Midpacifican*, the armed forces' newspaper in the Central Pacific area, published at Honolulu. The *Midpacifican* is written and edited by servicemen.)

Three dispatches just came in from Army News Service.

Two will make you proud.

One will make you angry.

The first, datelined Washington, reveals that a single AJA (Americans of Japanese ancestry) division in Italy was awarded 1,000 Purple Hearts. The second, datelined France, reports how the "lost battalion" in the Saint Dies area was rescued by American soldiers of Japanese ancestry who fought their way through to the trapped men.

The third, datelined Poston, Ariz., tells how a crippled AJA was ejected from a barbershop because the proprietor didn't like his ancestry. The GI was Pvt. Raymond Matsuda, 29, from Hawaii. He had served two years with the 442nd Combat Team in Italy. He wears seven campaign ribbons and decorations, including the Purple Heart.

The action of one ignorant American brings shame to all of us.

His ignorance is dangerous. It stabs at the heart of the things for which we fight.

GIs who kill Japanese on Pacific battlefronts can tell you why they feel friendship for the AJAs fighting in Italy. They're brother Americans.

GIs who kill Nazis know they continue to like and respect German Americans now fighting at their side in Europe.

We don't make war on people because of the color of their skin, or hair, or the shape of their faces or the nationality of their fathers and mothers.

We fight for an idea.

We kill fascists because it's our idea that people from every race and of every tongue should keep on living in our country as good neighbors.

We kill fascists because they think their race or blood makes them better than other people.

We fight for our idea because it is the cement that holds democracy together. We fight against the fascist idea because it is the poison that holds our enemies together.

GIs know that the only difference between our enemies and our friends is what goes on in their minds.

The ignorant American from Arizona is one of a few rotten apples in the big barrel of America. His thinking does not reflect the way America thinks.

He probably doesn't even realize he thinks like our enemies.

But he does.

Misguided people, such as he, parrot the racial ideas of the Nazis and the Japs.

As long as they do, they constitute a menace to our country.

It would be foolish for any GI to feel that fascism will be wiped out with the defeat of Germany and Japan.

The job will not be done until all Americans are educated to think and act like Americans.

That's our job, too.



JAPANESE-AMERICAN JOINS LEGION—Harley M. Oka (left), 28, a Japanese-American who received a medical discharge from the Army, is congratulated by Commander William F. Schneider after joining Hollywood, Cal., Post No. 591 of the American Legion, composed entirely of World War II veterans. Kingsley Morgan (center), second vice-commander, said the post was the first in the Nation to admit a Japanese-American member. (A. P. Wire Photo.)

Mother of Air Corps Hero Hits Gardena Discrimination

LOS ANGELES—A mother of an American airman, killed last fall in combat over Germany, asked her son's friends at a memorial service on Dec. 29 to honor all who fell for democracy, regardless of race.

The Air Corps officer was Lieut. Maurice Levine, and his friends of Lodge 141 of the International Workers' Order had gathered to honor his memory at services held at Odd Fellows hall.

Rising to speak of her son, Mrs. Sophie Levine, declared:

"Since my son died, we are gathered here to honor him. But in the city of Gardena, another American boy gave his life fighting the Germans, and his home town will not even allow his name to be put on the roll of honor. His mother is denied the privilege of meeting with her boy's friends, like this. That boy, Kiyoshi Muranaga, was an American of Japanese ancestry, decorated for bravery after he died. I want that mother to know that other Americans feel toward her boy just as they do toward mine."



AMERICAN LEGION

HOLLYWOOD WORLD WAR II

POST 591

ADDRESS YOUR REPLY TO:

WILLIAM F. SCHNEIDER, Commander
1164 North St. Andrews Place
Hollywood 38, California
Telephone GRanite 7561

2035 NORTH HIGHLAND AVENUE
HOLLYWOOD 28, CALIF.

Post 591, American Legion, Hollywood World War II, on January 9th, 1945, unanimously adopted the following

RESOLUTION

Whereas, we as members of the American Legion, are pledged to support the Constitution of our country and

Whereas, we consider the guaranty effected by Article 14 of the Constitution to be of great importance to us in the maintenance of our democratic ideals and

Whereas, recently there has been much controversy and agitation in the Western States and particularly in California attacking the rights of American citizens of Japanese descent and

Whereas, affected by these unjust attacks are many American citizens who have served in our Armed Forces not only in World War I but are still serving in World War II, many of them having received citations and commendations for valor beyond the call of duty and

Whereas, among this falsely attacked group are loyal American veterans who have served and are serving actively and patriotically as American Legionnaires and

Whereas, the order of evacuation issued by the U. S. Army has now been vacated and

Whereas, we are aware of the fact that disloyal Japanese and such Americans of Japanese descent who are suspect will be kept in custody of the government with a view toward deportation and de-naturalization after the war and

Whereas, the American Legion has full confidence in the judgment of our military authorities and

Whereas, there have been grave assaults upon the inherent rights of fellow Americans and

Whereas, there is now being waged a persistent campaign of intolerance, prejudice and hatred against them and

Whereas, there is cause for grave suspicion that certain elements are waging this campaign behind the cloak of false patriotism although their only true consideration concerns their selfish economic advantage:

NOW, THEREFORE, we, the members of Post 591, American Legion, Hollywood, World War II, Department of California, do hereby declare:

1. We, the members of this Post, condemn any discrimination of whatsoever type against any American citizen based on the stand that he or she is of Japanese or any other racial descent.
2. We, as veterans of World War II, have been fighting for the ideals of and principals guaranteed by the U. S. Constitution and are much concerned over the actions of certain groups and individuals who are attacking these very ideals for which we have been fighting.
3. We strongly condemn any efforts to establish a false distinction among American citizens based on race, color or religious creed, such distinction being a complete violation of the constitutional provision that there be no such distinction established among American citizens.
4. We therefore condemn the action of the Hood River Post of the American Legion in effacing the names of American soldiers fighting overseas from their honor roster, as a shameful act which discredits and humiliates the name of the American Legion.
5. We urge all comrades of our Post and all other American Legion Posts and all citizens who have the welfare of the nation at heart to safeguard the constitutional rights of all Americans regardless of race, color and creed.

February 15, 1945

Mr. Clarence S. Gillett
1052 West 6th St., Room 726
Los Angeles 14, California

Dear Clarence:

At a meeting last Saturday in Monroe Deutsch's office, we discussed plans for the organization of local committees which would concern themselves with the problems of returning evacuees. Our resources in personnel and cash make it very important that we use what we've got in the most effective manner. We discussed the possibility of setting up a priority list of communities where organization should be attempted and a time schedule by which we would do the job.

From the census of 1940, we have the figures of concentration of Japanese throughout the state and it seems that we ought to devote our attention to the areas of greatest concentration. However, there is this factor that we must take into consideration: there are communities where there was a great concentration of Japanese where returning evacuees will experience little difficulty in reestablishing themselves in the community and there are other sections where smaller numbers of Japanese were concentrated, but where there is a well organized opposition to their return.

Larry Hewes, of the American Council on Race Relations, has suggested that we hold a conference of the people devoting their full time to the problems of returning evacuees at which we work out techniques for organization and assign responsibility and territory for community organization to aid the evacuees.

I know that you plan to go to Manzanar for a visit and I don't know what other commitments you may have made, but we do believe that it is extremely important during the next ninety days to have as many committees as possible organized and ready to work. We are asking the Y.M.C.A. and Y.W.C.A.

if they will assign someone to work with us for the next ninety days on this job of community organization and also hoping that the National Conference of Christians and Jews might have someone to loan to us. If you have suggestions about other organizations who might make someone available for the job, we have ahead of us, we'd be glad to get your suggestions. If you have information about communities where committees have been organized, will you forward that information to us so that we may have that before us in considering plans for organization.

I am enjoying the experience of being Mrs. Ruth Kingman. I like the contacts with the few active members of the Executive Committee. From Ruth's desk I am getting another picture of the problems that will effect the returning evacuees.

I'll look forward to a letter from you and hope that you can run on up to San Francisco from Santa Maria for a visit.

With best wishes.

Sincerely,

George E. Rundquist

GER:coh

407 E. Pine
Santa Ana
February 14, 1945.

Dear Mrs. Kingman,

My young friend's 1-A
classification has arrived in
Denver. I am greatly indebted
to your kindness and continued
interest. He says he feels "swell",
-aged 21 tomorrow! I shall write
him at once and have him contact
you. He shall always remember
you with interest. I shall
continue to do what I can down
here.

Last night's paper stated
that an unknown man had
called upon the Nitta's on

Monday of this week and told him, "a crowd would be coming" if they did not leave. He spoke to the sheriff who was reported in the paper as saying to get in touch with him at once - for protection.

Their land case has been postponed again - hope it continues that way. The elder man said he will carry it all the way to the Supreme Court - they are supposed to be quite wealthy, I understand. Have good spirits and show courage.

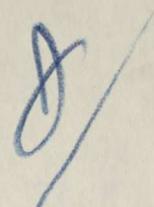
Again many thanks.

Most sincerely,

Edna W. Dugham

FRED T. MERRITT
WILLIAM H. HAYDEN
LANE SUMMERS
MATTHEW STAFFORD
STANLEY A. TAYLOR

HAYDEN, MERRITT, SUMMERS & STAFFORD
LAWYERS
CENTRAL BUILDING
SEATTLE 4, WASHINGTON


CABLE ADDRESS "HUFHAY"
ELLIOTT 4990

Feb. 15, 1945

Mr. Harry S. Scott, President,
General Steamship Corporation
465 California St.
San Francisco, Cal.

Dear Mr. Scott:

Today I received a call from A.J. Ritchie and E.A. McCroskey, who admittedly came to me as promoters. Mr. Ritchie is a former editor of the "Seattle Daily Star".

These gentlemen reported to me that in this locality the Anti-Japanese movement to prevent the return of former residents has acquired a good deal of momentum as a result of an active organization which is enlisting new membership by public meetings in various coast and inland towns of the Pacific Northwest. Both these men harmonize with my convictions to the extent that they say citizen Japanese, once released from internment, have a right to return to their original residences without molestation. Based on this principle of justice and fairness, they seek to enlist support, both in funds and effort, for an organization to proclaim the constitutional rights of the Japanese as affecting them and other minority groups.

I have taken the liberty of mentioning your name to Mr. Ritchie and Mr. McCroskey as being one interested in seeing that as a result of the present war conditions the Japanese American citizens are not subjected to oppression. I have promised to write this letter and to report to them whether you would be willing to consult with them were they to come to San Francisco at least in part for that purpose.

Yours very sincerely,

Lane Summers

LS/KT

P.S. / Thank you for a most happy Saturday afternoon with you and San Francisco!!

February 28, 1945

Mr. Lane Summers
Hayden, Merritt, Summers & Stafford
Central Building
Seattle 4, Washington

Dear Mr. Summers:

Mr. Scott has sent a copy of your letter of February 15 to the office of the Secretary of the Fair Play Committee, Mrs. Ruth Kingman.

Mrs. Kingman is on a brief holiday and I am pinch-hitting for her. She plans to go to Seattle sometime after March 10, and will, I know, be glad to call upon you and to meet with Messrs. Ritchie and McCroskey. We have been asked to assist in bringing together people who will stand on principle for the Constitutional rights of citizens of Japanese ancestry with the hope that some organization similar to this Committee might be established in Washington.

The enclosed literature will give you information about the Committee.

Sincerely yours,

George E. Rundquist

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reply
3/21/45

Methodist Community Church
Cucamonga, California
February 16, 1945

Executive Secretary
Committee on American Principles and Fair Play
465 California Street
San Francisco, California

Dear Sirs:

My husband and I would like to adopt a Japanese or other Oriental child, under the age of three. Could you tell us the name of some person or organization which might give us further information as to where in the United States we might find such a child?

My husband is 31 years old, and has been a student minister here for the past 3 years. He is now working for his doctorate at U.S.C. We have one adopted son, 2½, but the waiting list is so long that we cannot adopt another child of our own race.

We have no racial prejudice ourselves, and felt that the advantages of having a brother or sister would be greater for our son than the possible disadvantages of a tinted brother or sister.

We would also be interested in locating a child of mixed ancestry, perhaps half "white" and half Oriental (negro, or Mexican), who might have a very difficult time finding acceptance in either racial group. The tolerance surrounding a pastor's family might perhaps afford such a child the best environment possible for him.

Thank you for any information or help you may be able to give us.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Carl M. Doss

Mrs. Carl Doss

March 21, 1945

Mrs. Carl M. Doss
Methodist Community Church
Cucamonga, California

Dear Mrs. Doss:

Mrs. Kingman has been called out of town, but has asked me to reply to your letter of March 16. Before Mrs. Kingman left, she talked with Miss Shipps of the War Relocation Authority about locating a child of mixed ancestry who would be available for adoption.

Miss Shipps suggested that you explain your interest in a child of mixed ancestry to Mr. Clyde Getz, 3100 West Adams Blvd., Los Angeles, who is the Executive Secretary of the Children's Home Society. Mr. Getz may be able to suggest a child who would fit in with your plans.

In addition to this, you may want to write to Mrs. Margaret Dille, Manzanar Relocation Center, Manzanar, California. Mrs. Dille knows of several children--one little girl, Lillian, whom you might ask her about, is of Filipino and Japanese ancestry. There is also a little boy of mixed parentage, whom Mrs. Dille knows about.

I hope that this information will enable you to locate such a child as you seek. If we can be of any further assistance, please do not hesitate to call on us.

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary

reply
3/26/45

Methodist Community Church
Cucamonga, California
March 23, 1945

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman
2234 Telegraph Ave.,
Berkeley 4, California

Dear Mrs. Kingman:

Thank you for the information you sent to help us in our search for an adoptable child of minority race or mixed ancestry. Your secretary wrote a very nice letter, which put new hopes into our efforts.

I had already contacted the Children's Home Society through their county field representative, and she had been quite discouraging. I was happy to have your suggestion of Mr. Getz, as I may find him more sympathetic to such an unusual request.

I also wrote immediately to Mrs. Dille of Manzanar, mentioning Lillian and the little boy of mixed parentage. I am hopefully awaiting her reply.

My husband and I are going to the mid-west this summer, for six months of seminary work, and after Christmas we shall go on to Boston for an additional semester. Do you have any suggestions for other contacts which we might make in those areas? I know there has been a lot of re-settlement of Japanese in those areas, but perhaps those are only complete families. I imagine that if we wish a child of Oriental or part-Oriental ancestry, our best chances to find one would be here on the Pacific coast, wouldn't they?

Thank you for your generous advice and help.

Very sincerely,

Mrs. Carl M. Doss

Mrs. Carl M. Doss

Handwritten notes:
H. M. Kingman
Berkeley, California
March 23, 1945

March 26, 1945

Mrs. Carl M. Doss
Methodist Community Church
Cucamonga, California

Dear Mrs. Doss:

While you are in the mid-west and east, you may wish to get in touch with the Welfare Department of the War Relocation Authority Regional office in each of the areas where you are. This Division of the W.R.A. would know of any possible child for you.

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary

February 17, 1945

Mrs. Marston C. Sargent
6235 13th Street South
Arlington, Virginia

Dear Mrs. Sargent:

Thank you for your contribution and friendly interest in the work of the Committee.

Under separate cover, I am sending you material which you may find interesting and informative. Wide circulation of the facts can go a long way toward combatting prejudice.

If we can be of any further assistance, please do not hesitate to call on us.

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary

February 17, 1945

Mrs. Else E. Richards,
Room 317 Court House
Bakersfield, California

Dear Mrs. Richards:

I am sorry that my letter was late in reaching you and that you were unable to get in touch with our office here.

Under separate cover, I am sending you copies of the material which we have for distribution. I shall be glad to send additional material if you desire to distribute them in quantity.

When the report of the recent conference is ready, I shall forward you a copy. As any new material is ready I shall see that you receive it.

If we can be of any further assistance, please do not hesitate to call on us.

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary

February 17, 1945

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

Dear Larry:

Would you be good enough to send to Mayor Z.S. Leymel, City Hall, Fresno, any literature you have concerning officially appointed committees to deal with racial problems. I have asked Ann Madsen of Seattle, to forward reports of the Seattle committee to Leymel, but have no information that she has done so. I also asked Davis if he could send Leymel reports and information concerning the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors' Committee for Racial Progress.

We received a letter from Dr. Hubert Phillips which was written by Mayor Leymel in answer to Phillips' request for information concerning an official committee to deal with racial tensions. This letter stated that the Mayor was waiting to hear from me.

Gilbert Jertberg and his wife are having lunch with me Monday, at the Palace Hotel. If he has the time, I may bring him up to your office for a call. In any event, I'll be in touch with you later in the day.

Thanks for Mrs. Turner's report.

Sincerely,

George E. Rundquist

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February 19, 1945

Miss Elsie Newton
International Institute
435 South Boyle Avenue
Los Angeles, California

My dear Miss Newton:

Annie Clo Watson informed me that you are adding several people to your staff to aid the people of Japanese ancestry as they return to their homes in Southern California.

We are trying to work out a plan of community organization with the personnel of the interested agencies which might be available for the purpose of setting up committees which ^{to} would be concerned with the problems of returning evacuees. Would a staff person from the International Institute be available for community organization field work in Southern California for the next sixty or ninety days to represent all of the interested agencies?

If you have someone that you could assign such a responsibility, we should be very glad to plan and work with such person. We need to use our limited resources of personnel to the fullest extent and to know who is doing what and how, so that there is no overlapping of effort.

We should like to hear of the Institute's plans for assisting the evacuees and would appreciate a letter from you.

Sincerely,

George E. Rundquist

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71 Yale Street
San Francisco, 24, Calif.
February 19, 1945

Pacific Coast Committee on American Principles
and Fair Play
2287 Telegraph Avenue
Berkeley, 4, California

Gentlemen:

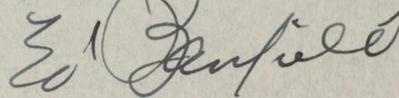
Attached is the name of a Japanese-American dentist, a University of California graduate, who, I understand, wishes to locate in Berkeley, and who desires some advice and perhaps other assistance before doing so.

Dr. Campbell, whose name also appears on the attached slip is a dentist to whom Dr. Hayashi wrote asking advice. Although Dr. Campbell is writing in reply, he feels he is not sufficiently well-informed to give good judgment on the questions his friend asks.

Perhaps you can be helpful to Dr. Hayashi. I understand that he owns a house in Berkeley, which he is now renting, so apparently housing will not be a problem in his case.

If you write Dr. Hayashi, I suggest you indicate that you are doing so at the suggestion of Dr. Campbell.

Sincerely yours



Ed Banfield

Attachment

*letter
written
3/1/45*

DR. JOHN L. CAMPBELL
450 SUTTER STREET
SAN FRANCISCO - 8

Dr. Terry Hayashi,
2215 N. Garrett Ave.,
Dallas, Tex.
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March 1, 1945

Dr. Terry Hayashi
2215 N. Garrett Avenue
Dallas 6, Texas

Dear Dr. Hayashi:

Dr. John Campbell has referred your name to us so that we may be able to answer some of the questions that arise in your plans to return to Berkeley.

Please do not hesitate to call on us, if there is any information which we can furnish which will be of value to you.

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary

TERRY T. HAYASHI, D. D. S.

2215 N. GARRETT AVENUE

DALLAS 6, TEXAS

March 13 1945

Miss Constance Halliday,
Pacific Coast Committee on
American Principles and Fair Play,
Room 203, 465 California Street,
San Francisco, California.

Dear Miss Halliday:

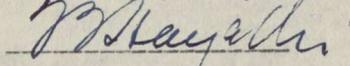
Thank you for your kind letter of March first. We want you to know we appreciate the assistance you have offered and shall call upon your good office if any question should arise in the future,

It is our plan to leave Dallas sometime in June after the end of the school term. As a whole the three years we have spent here have not only been pleasant but enlightning in many respects. We have always felt however, that our home ~~was~~ Berkeley, so our decision to return there was automatic with the lifting of the restriction.

Altho we have been somewhat isolated, we have followed with interest and deep appreciation the work of the Committee.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely yours,


Terry T. Hayashi

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Director, West Coast Office

West Coast Office

17 East Carrillo Street

Santa Barbara, California

February 19th, 1945.

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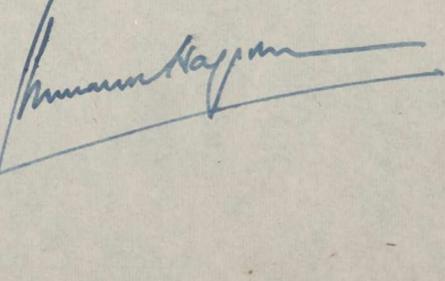
*George - don't you shoulder this?
Jm.F.*

Dear Dr. Fisher:

I have been in correspondence with Mrs. Max L. Moore in Hood River, Oregon, who has been enlisting Wardens for us in that very hot spot. A letter came from Mrs. Moore this morning which suggests action which you and your Committee are much better fitted to take than myself. I enclose a copy of Mrs. Moore's letter with certain enclosures which she sent me.

The broadsides, in my judgment, indicate pretty clearly that the prime motive of the Hood River agitation is economic. Just for that reason the emotion being engendered is likely to be infectious throughout the North-West and I hope that your Committee has ways of dealing with it before it becomes an epidemic.

Cordially yours,



Dr. Galen M. Fisher
11 El Sueno
Orinda, California

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"All Within the Four Seas Are Brethren." — CONFUCIUS, *Analects*

COPY

Hood River, Oregon, Feb. 15, 1945.

Mr. Hermann Hagedorn
17 East Carillo Street
Santa Barbara, California

Dear Sir:

I am enclosing herewith the third broadside carried in our local papers. You should have received all of them as I mailed them out.

Can it be possible that the War Relocation Board have enlisted the American Legion Post in their program of encouraging the relocation of the Japanese-Americans and these people have approached the issue in this manner? It would seem that some effort would be made officially to combat the downright misrepresentations they are promulgating in this campaign. I also mailed the first issue of this broadside campaign to the War Relocation headquarters in Washington D.C. As far as I know there has been no effort combat this thing. With this issue approximately fifteen hundred names have been published as being in favor of the effort to bar the return of the Japanese-Americans. We have only a population of ten thousand. There are four other localities now making some effort to tie in with this program. Two more in Oregon and two in Washington.

I fear all the work done in the repeal of the Chinese Exclusion is well on the road toward being scrapped. As soon as the need for China as an Ally is past the same anti-racial antagonisms will be transferred to those people as the bitter feeling being stirred up is along the line of un-assimiable-races, way of life that makes their competition unmeetable, worshipers of idols-Budism sun worshipers-Shino. It wont be hard to transfer the hate.

Sincerely

(Signed) Arline Winchell Moore

Mrs. Max L. Moore

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HERMANN HAGEDORN
Director, West Coast Office

*Reply
2/27/45*

West Coast Office
17 East Carrillo Street
Santa Barbara, California
February 20th, 1945.

Dear George Rundquist:

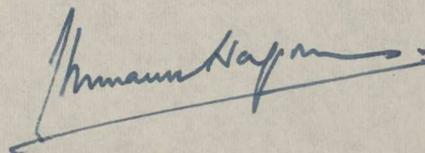
You see I salute you in Quaker fashion, but if you don't look out I shall forget myself one of these days and leave off the hind part of your name, which you might not regard as "Friendly".

I am delighted to know that the Wardens of Understanding folder interests you. Three hundred copies is quite an order and will cut deeply into our second printing. But I like the idea of your sending a copy to your members the next time you send out a report of the committee. In order, however, that the folders may not be thrust aside without reading I wonder if I might ask you to call the attention of your members specifically, and ask them to enrol as Wardens and to enlist others.

We shall be glad to send copies to the individuals in New York whom you name. As for the Committee on Resettlement of Japanese Americans, I think it would be most effective if you sent those copies yourself. Let me know how many extra you need for this purpose.

Do come to see us down here again one of these days!

Cordially yours,



Mr. George E. Rundquist
Committee on American Principles
and Fair Play
Room 203, 465 California Street
San Francisco 4, California

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"All Within the Four Seas Are Brethren." — CONFUCIUS, Analects

February 27, 1945

Mr. Hermann Hagedorn
17 East Carrillo Street
Santa Barbara, California

Dear Hermann:

Thanks for your letter of February 20. I am so friendly by nature that even two year olds call me "George", so why shouldn't you?

Re: "The Wardens of Understanding", I will take out a few to send to my office in New York. By the way, you should send us a bill for the folders when you ship them.

Galen Fisher gave me your letter with the enclosure from Mrs. Max L. Moore of Hood River. Frankly, the situation in that city and how best to deal with it has all of us guessing. Mr. Cozzens is quite disturbed but hasn't yet found the answer to "what can we do?" Larry Hewes, of the American Council on Race Relations has asked by the Chicago office of the Council to do something there and phoned a lawyer in Portland who expressed the opinion that the Hood River "Brand of Intolerance" was causing intelligent people in other Oregon communities to do some serious thinking and planning to prevent similar actions in their own bailiwicks. The best advice he could give was to do nothing, just let the forces of intolerance make themselves so disgusting and ridiculous that they would defeat themselves by their wild actions.

I am inclined to agree as I have seen the same reaction to intolerance when it gets out of hand in the East. I believe that after the hot-heads have expended themselves, the decent people in Hood River can and will assert themselves and speak for the rights of Americans of Japanese ancestry. Organized local opposition now will only fan the flames, and time is on our side.

Ruth Kingman will return to the office March 5, I will leave for the East shortly after. However, I do hope to return soon and to visit with you in Santa Barbara.

With all good wishes, I am

Sincerely,

George E. Rundquist

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