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July 18, 1944

Dr. Stewart Cole
c/o Workshop on Intercultural Relations
Haviland Hall
University of California
Berkeley, Calif.

Dear Dr. Cole:

I forgot to show you this letter when we lunched together today. It was written by Mr. N.D. Myers, of Palos Verdes Estates, to Mr. William Davis, Acting General Secretary of the University of California YMCA.

Mr. Davis brought it to me for suggestions, and I told him that I would refer it to you, as you would doubtless like to get in touch with Mr. Myers.

I shall appreciate it very much if you will return the letter to Mr. Davis, and am enclosing an envelope for the purpose.

If you would like to make any comments to Mr. Myer, he would be very happy, I'm sure--he is one of our Cal alumni who has taken seriously some of the things the YMCA has tried to promote.

And, not too incidentally, I forgot to thank you for the very good lunch!

Very cordially yours,

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman

RWK:mj

July 18, 1944

Dr. Curtis E. Warren
Office of Superintendent, Schools
Civic Auditorium
San Francisco, Calif. (2)

Dear Dr. Warren:

In reply to your request for an expression of opinion on "released time", you will understand, I am sure, that our organization is not able to make any expression on that subject, not having its consideration a part of our program.

However, may I congratulate you upon the thoroughness with which you are approaching any consideration of this very difficult problem.

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman

RWK:mj

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July 18, 1944

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

Dear Mrs. Kingman:

We are well aware of the fact that distorted stories and wild rumors of sabotage, disloyalty and the like involving the Americans of Japanese ancestry in Hawaii soon after Pearl Harbor were partly responsible for some of the unfortunate things which happened on the mainland.

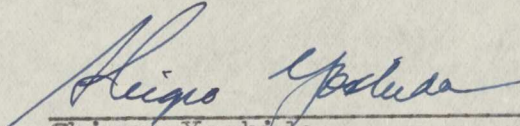
Recently we had an incident here which might be distorted and capitalized by those on the mainland who are always looking for something with which to discredit further the people of Japanese ancestry. It involved a certain Masao Akiyama, a dual citizen and kibe, who refused to take his pre-induction physical examination as ordered by his local draft board. The case was taken before a local Federal district court and is still pending. Yesterday, the judge continued the sentencing for another two weeks, meanwhile giving Akiyama an opportunity to formally apply for renunciation of American citizenship in accordance with a law recently enacted by Congress. Akiyama, when questioned by Judge Metzger, indicated his desire to renounce his American citizenship.

We are sending you some material on this case in order to keep you informed on the actual facts, in the event that you need them to counteract any obvious twisting by certain interests. It should be emphasized that this is the first and so far, only case of its kind in the Territory. Locally, it is being accepted for what it is - an isolated incident which should not be used to condemn the whole Japanese population.

We have recently established the office of executive secretary. Through this office, we hope to be able to gather

and disseminate, both locally and on the mainland, factual information which should help to counteract the mass of misinformation and prejudice with which the whole Japanese question in America has been distorted. We shall appreciate any exchange of information and ideas with your office.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Shigeo Yoshida", is written over a horizontal line.

Shigeo Yoshida,
Acting Executive Secretary
Terr. Emergency Service Committee

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Enc.

C O P Y

Pacific Coast
Committee on American Principles and
Fair Play

July 19, 1944

Mr. James Flint and Mr. Ray Gibbons, Secretaries
Council for Social Action and War Victims and
Services Committee
289 Fourth Ave.
New York, 14, N.Y.

Dear Friends:

This Committee has been at work in its present Coast-wide form only since February 1943. That it has accomplished in great measure what it set out to do is only very inadequately recounted on the enclosed sheet, entitled "Activities in 1943", for the reason that some of the most significant achievements have come from personal dealings with high government officials or with influential private citizens. To give details of certain accomplishments resulting from such contacts would sound boastful, but apart from that, we are estopped because of their confidential nature. See Exhibit A.

Time has fully justified the soundness of the early declaration of policy and principles embodied in the leaflet enclosed, dated June 15, 1943, Exhibit B. An up-to-date exposition of the Committee's principles was made by its Honorary Chairman, President Sproul, at Los Angeles, two weeks ago. His address made a deep impression on his hearers and also on the public who read extracts in the press. We are soon to issue a large edition of it as a potent antidote to the vicious anti-Japanese propaganda which disgraces our State. See Exhibit C.

The Committee is now facing the most challenging mandate of its career, as a paragraph will make clear.

Dr. Sproul has well said: "We now contend that since the army ordered the evacuation on grounds of military necessity, the army should decide when the process is to be reversed and the evacuees allowed to recover gradually their civil rights." They have already declared that the "military necessity" no longer exists, and there is good reason to expect the War Department to revoke the exclusion order before the end of the war and to allow law-abiding evacuees to return gradually to this Coast. The legal right to return will doubtless be assured by the Federal Courts, in case state or local bodies attempt to debar them.

But there is grave danger of a social and economic boycott against returning evacuees, unless a vigorous campaign of education and persuasion creates a strong public attitude of tolerance and friendliness. The proposed program to this end is out-lined in Exhibit D. To measure up to this challenge will require doubling the staff and the budget of the Committee for the last four months of 1944.

Only a deep sense of duty as defenders of constitutional liberties would make us undertake to raise the extra funds required for it has been far from easy to raise the \$10,000.00 spent during the last seventeen months. But we draw not a little encouragement from the fact that at length forty of the prominent leaders of Los Angeles have resolved to constitute a Chapter of the Committee, and the further fact that we have previously received generous support from a local foundation. The balance to be raised is approximately \$4,000.00.

We are therefore requesting a grant of \$1,000.00 dollars from your Committees, with the earnest hope that you may be able to reach a favorable decision at an early date.

Very sincerely yours,

s/

Arthur C. McGiffert, Jr.
Chairman, Executive Committee

s/

Galen M. Fisher
Assitant Treasurer

Same sent to: Mr. Phil McCombs, Mrs. Josephine Duveneck,
Mr. Frank S. Gaines, Mrs. A.H. Reinhardt,
Miss Helen Grant, Mrs. Warren Olney

July 19, 1944

Mr. Will C. James
670 San Luis Rd.
Berkeley, Calif.

Dear Will:

This Committee is in a tight place. During the next few months it ought to carry on the most vigorous, though quiet campaign to create a friendly public attitude toward returning evacuees, and its treasury is almost bare. At a recent meeting of the Executive Committee, it was urged that I ask you and a few other friends to serve as a Finance Committee. Instead of taking your time to attend a meeting, however, I am writing this S.O.S. letter. As to finances: a considerable grant that we had counted on receiving before now has been delayed, though we have reason to expect it in September. Beside, the launching of the pivotal Chapter in Los Angeles has meant a \$1,000.00 outlay, and no reimbursement for some time, although President Sproul's address of June 23th gave the Chapter a strong start. Now look at the urgent task.

I enclose an outline of the proposed campaign. The facts behind this plan are these: the Army and Navy authorities have repeatedly declared there is no further danger of an invasion of the West Coast. Since the evacuation was ordered for "reasons of military necessity", and that necessity no longer exists, the War Department is reliably said to be planning to relax the restrictions during the war. As Dr. Sproul pointedly observed in his Los Angeles address: "Moreover, the Committee contends that, since the Army ordered the evacuation on grounds of military necessity, the Army should likewise decide when the process is to be reversed, and the evacuees allowed to recover gradually their civil rights. When the Army decides that the time has come to take this step, and issues a proclamation as clear as the original orders for the evacuation, the Committee on American Principles and Fair Play will once again cooperate to the limit with the military authorities and the War Department."

When the War Department has made such a pronouncement, there will be no legal barrier to the return of at least some evacuees; but as you well know, there will be a social and economic boycott in many communities, unless the tide of contempt and suspicion against all evacuees is turned. This is our pressing

job, in close cooperation with like minded organizations. Reprints of Dr. Sproul's address will form one of the most effective campaign documents.

Steps have been taken to secure funds from national church sources as well as from two foundations, but meanwhile, we must find \$2,000.00 locally. Several loyal backers have responded with additional gifts, totalling \$150.00, most of which will go to reprinting Sproul's address.

What a venture to hope you will say is: all right, despite all my other loads, I'll do my best to get a few friends to give at once. To help you in arousing conviction, copies of Sproul's address will be sent you as soon as they are printed. The last thing we now want is publicity for our campaign plans, so only persons already sympathetic should be approached.

I have to be out of town until July 28, but will then get in touch with you. It's a tough job, but worth tackling. Thank you.

I have written out this letter myself, but have had to leave it to be typed during my absence from town for ten days.

Sincerely yours,

Galen M. Fisher

GME:mj

July 19, 1944

General Charles H. Bonesteel
Commanding General
Western Defense Command
Presidio
San Francisco, Calif.

Dear General Bonesteel:

The Chairman and other members of our Advisory Board who talked with you yesterday wish me to express their appreciation of your generosity in allowing us to meet with you.

We have, as a Committee, based our policies and program on full confidence in the ultimate fairmindedness of our War Department. Our conference with you yesterday strengthened that confidence.

We trust that you feel that you have our full support as you work toward an equitable solution of the problems which face our loyal Americans of Japanese ancestry as a result of the existing curtailment of their rights as free citizens.

Very sincerely yours,

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

RWK:mj

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Ferguson

July 19, 1944.

Mrs. Ruth Kingman
2234 Telegraph Ave.
Berkeley, California

Dear Mrs. Kingman:

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

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

Sincerely yours,

R. B. Cozzens
Assistant Director

Robert E. Gibson

By: Robert E. Gibson
Liaison Officer

Enclosures

July 20, 1944

Pfc. H.K. Naisetti
Co. F 411 Inf.
APO 470
Camp Howe, Texas

Dear Private Naisetti:

Under separate cover I have mailed some material which you may find of some interest in addition to the pamphlets you requested.

Enclosed you will find a membership card. All current members are placed on our regular mailing list and receive timely material at regular intervals.

Very sincerely yours,

Office secretary

July 20, 1944

Mr. Pat Frayne
Public Relations Officer
War Relocation Authority
461 Market Street
San Francisco, California

Dear Pat.:

Herewith the Sproul Speech. We're awfully proud of it and of him for having the courage to give it, particularly in Los Angeles.

I'm taking it to the printer this afternoon, but as to local reference and as to most of the references to the Committee.

We'll have it ready in a week or ten days, in quantity, and in very good form. I'll send you some then, and of course, will see that Mr. Myer and Mr. Ickes et al are well supplied.

Very cordially yours,

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman

CONFIDENTIAL....

July 20, 1944

Mrs. Ruth Kingman,
2234 Telegraph ave.,
Berkeley, Calif.

Ruth:

Here's the story which has been airmailed to Wash., D.C., and also sent back to Manzanar for date corrections. But is it substantially correct in the matter of jurisdiction having been taken by the military.

The question might naturally arise; why didn't the WRA throw the young man out? Well, I guess that the military jurisdiction controlled that. I do not know why the eastern defense command clearance was given him, but it is a matter of record that it was and that his case was reviewed by the EDC.

Perhaps the most important element in this story is that under such military power any person might be mistaken for a Japanese-- and that while this is the only case on record, it may be the only case discovered. There might be others. The nearest to it was that of a Mexican husband of a nisei wife who went into a camp with her under the family unit policy. Later they relocated.

The point of blood lines is reminiscent of the Hitlerian discrimination against persons of remote Jewish ancestry. Has any policy ever been evolved on what is "Japanese ancestry" and how far back does it go. The half-caucasian-half-Japanese are certainly in this doubtful category, for haven't those in this latter group got more "white blood" than Lazo?

The clincher, I believe, is the part glossed over in the story where the Mexican-American lad is asked to renounce the Emperor of Japan? Maybe we should all be asked to do so? Anyway, he set down in BLACK and white that he was again the Emperor. (A commentator might go on for hours about this: giving up cherry blossoms, forswearing for ever the chance to look on the hallowed shrines of Japan, etc.)

Perhaps he'll set a style for the next evacuation when thousands may come forward and declare they are of Russian parentage (I thought I saw in a Hearst paper that we fight Russia next)

Of course there are more academic retreats from the subject which I believe some of your flippant philosophers might develop. I wonder if the race issue could be laughed off, after all?

With kindest personal regards,

Pat Frayne

July 21, 1944

Mr. A. J. Raddock
1150 Oak Grove Ave.
Pasadena, Calif.

Dear Mr. Raddock:

It has been drawn to my attention that you have given expression to some of the questions which have occurred to you in relation to our work. One of the unfortunate things about somewhat insufficient personnel and budget is the limitation it puts upon our ability to keep closely in touch with the persons we feel to be our best support--our advisory board members.

With organizations and individuals from all parts of the country, and most particularly from the Pacific Coast bombarding us for more and more material, both in quantity and variety, we often leave our own members too little informed as to our specific activities. Last month the Office of War Emergency in Washington ordered 2500 of our pamphlets, and the knowledge that the government, as well as unofficial groups are counting on us spurs us on to the limit of our strength and budget.

I believe that one of the questions you raised was as to the source or sources of our income. In tomorrow's mail, there will be sent out to all members of our Advisory Board a letter, signed by our Assistant Treasurer in which he explains that about half of our income has come from foundation support, the remainder from the generous contributions of our own members. Most of these contributions are small, though of course there are some members whose great interest and concern has led them to contribute one hundred dollars for each of the two years during which we have been operating as a Committee.

Now that Mr. Brown has made such a magnificent presentation of the thing we are trying to do, and a full explanation as to our method and approach, we look forward to a much more informed cooperation on the part of our former, as well as our new members.

It will interest you to know that the following names are being added to the letterhead next week when the new one is drawn up. Naturally we are highly gratified at such an expression of cooperation in Southern California.

Mr. James R. Page, Mr. Mendel B. Silberberg, Judge Ralph E. Jenney, Mr. Samuel M. Haskins, Mr. H. H. Whittle, Mr. Harold A. Black, Mr. Irving A. Walker, Mr. Ludwig Schiff, Mr. Alphonzo M. Bell, Mr. Joe Crail Jr., Most Rev. John J. Cantwell, Mr. Philip M. Connelly, and Mr. Lloyd A. Mashburn. We look forward to a very sound and careful program under the direction of Mrs. Katherine Kaplan, our Secretary in Los Angeles. I know that she will look to you for counsel from time to time.

We are already having requests from Washington and from at least ten or fifteen other sources, for the text of Dr. Sproul's talk in Los Angeles. We are, with his permission, editing it (to shorten it), eliminating specific references to the Committee and to local implications, and having it printed for wide and popular circulation. Other organizations, also interested in the problems arising from racial discriminations are finding in this speech many of the things which have needed to be said by our more eminent leaders, and how so well presented by Dr. Sproul.

Our Committee is indeed fortunate to be able to assist in a wide circulation of such clear thinking at this particular time.

We hope that Dr. Sproul has made quite clear to everyone just how and why we "tick" as we do.

If you have any further questions, I shall be very happy to try to answer them, as we do not wish to have any of our members at a loss to understand either our program or procedures.

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ruth M. Mineman

RWK:mj

July 22, 1944

Miss Fricilla Beattie
421 Sequoia Drive
Pasadena 2, California

Dear Fricilla:

(Is that OK with you?)

We talked over the Resolution suggestion, at the last gettogether-- not at a regular Board meeting, the suggestion came too late for that) of our Ec. Committee members, and it is still felt that the Committee is definitely not in favor of joining other groups in public expressions. You would understand the necessity for that policy if you could see the variety of tone and "color" represented in the letters we get from all sorts of groups and organizations who are asking the support of our Committee on the part of their program with which we undoubtedly agree. We simply can't move away from that established policy, or we'd find ourselves in the soup.

I've sent your suggestion as to the penny postcard drive and community speaker problem to Mrs. Kaplan, with the suggestion that you two get together. I told her that I was writing you to that effect.

I really feel that the local groups could and should take some initiative in preparing the stuff for local consumption, as local needs and interests differ. For instance, the postcard thing wouldn't do around here at all, and would find itself in the wastebasket. In the south, it should be decided upon locally, as you understand the thing down there. The content should be checked thru this office, but that is largely a matter of form, as you are quite familiar with the basic problem involved.

I am enclosing the couple of things we've done which might have usable stuff--I told Mrs. K. that I'm having WRA send her a lot of stuff as it comes out weekly, any of which is certainly acceptable to the Committee, and much of which is exactly the sort of thing she is considering as source material for a bi-weekly release they hope to put out. Do get in touch with her immediately-- you can probably be of great help on the project.

Thanks for the suggestion of getting out another letter, similar to the Fisher letter-- to all of our membership. I shall do so immediately--probably including the Sproul speech.

RWZ

July 22, 1944

Mr. Lawrence Davies
Care of S.F. Chronicle
Fifth and Mission
San Francisco, Calif.

Dear Mr. Davies:

Enclosed please find address given by
President Robert Gordon Sproul on June 29th
in Los Angeles, sent at the request of
Mrs. Kingman.

Sincerely yours,

Office secretary

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July 25, 1944

Dr. A.E. Armstrong
Board of Foreign Missions of the
United Church of Canada
299 Queen St., W.
Toronto 2, Canada

Dear Dr. Armstrong:

At the request of Mr. J.J. Mickle we have sent you today 25 copies of "American Fighting Men Speak Out". The cost of these pamphlets is \$1.75. Please make the check payable to the Fair Play Committee.

Thank you very much.

If we can be of any further assistance, please do not hesitate to call on us. I am also sending some other material under separate cover, which you may find of some interest.

Very sincerely yours,

Office secretary

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McKinley High School

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MILES E. CARY

Principal



JANET R. LANDGRAF

Vice Principal

July 25, 1944

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman
2234 Telegraph Avenue
Berkeley, California

Dear Mrs. Kingman:

I believe you will be interested in an editorial entitled "These Are Americans" which appeared in the Honolulu Star-Bulletin the evening of July 21. If mainlanders and particularly some Californians could feel and understand the quality of our race relations in Hawaii, the so-called Japanese problem on the mainland could be solved nicely. It seems so strange that it takes a war to force us to make gains that ought to be made through reliance on intelligence and goodwill.

Very sincerely yours,

Miles E. Cary
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Star-Bulletin
July 21, 1944

THESE ARE AMERICANS

The U. S. army's 100th infantry battalion, with one of the finest war records of all the military services, has been awarded the war department citation for outstanding operations during two days of fighting in the Italian theater.

Against a numerically superior enemy, this battalion attacked during June 26 and 27 and destroyed the German right flank. It killed at least 178 of the enemy, wounded over 20, captured 73 and drove the Germans back in retreat.

For 10 months this battalion had been in almost continuous combat. Although losing only two men as prisoners, it had taken hundreds of the enemy and killed hundreds more.

Its list of decorations is nine Distinguished Service Crosses, 44 Silver Stars, three Legion of Merit medals, 31 Bronze Stars and more than 1,000 Purple Hearts.

The 100th infantry battalion is from Hawaii. It was recruited here, and some of the men who reached Italy as privates have won company commands with distinguished service records of fighting and leadership.

It has suffered heavy losses, losses which were to be expected in such prolonged combat. Other outfits from various states have suffered just as heavily. Italy has been a costly conquest.

The 100th infantry battalion was formed of men of Japanese ancestry. Because of this fact, they have been singled out in dispatches and in most comment on that basis.

It is time now to quit thinking of these men in terms of their ancestral background of as "AJAs."

They have won the right to be thought of simply as Americans.

Send
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71 Columbia Street
Seattle, Washington.

July 24, 1944.

Mr. Robert G. Sproul, President
University of California
Los Angeles, California.

Dear Doctor Sproul:

Mr. Frank S. Bayley has just sent me copy
of the address you delivered June 29 at a meeting of
the Pacific Coast Committee on American Principles and
Fair Play.

This appeals to me as a clear and logical
statement. I will appreciate it if you will have made
up for me one hundred copies of this address and send
them to me with bill for any costs for mimeographing
and mailing.

Sincerely yours,

Miller Freeman.

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called WRA - OK

Manzanar Christian Church

(PROTESTANT)

BLOCK FIFTEEN, BUILDING FIFTEEN

MANZANAR, CALIFORNIA

July 25, 1944

Pacific Coast Committee on
American Principles and Fair Play
465 California Street
San Francisco, California

Dear Sirs:

Having used my supply, I would appreciate having you send to me several copies of the small pamphlet published by the W.R.A. entitled Pertinent Facts About Relocation. I have found this pamphlet simple and useful. Thank you.

Sincerely,

David C. Jacobsen

David C. Jacobsen
Group Worker

INSTITUTE OF PACIFIC RELATIONS
HONOLULU, HAWAII

Cable: INPAREL, Honolulu

Dr. Sproul

copy

July 26, 1944

Dr. Ray Lyman Wilbur
Stanford University
California

Dear Dr. Wilbur:

Glad to hear that you have interested Dr. Sproul and Dr. Milliken in organizing a Fair Play Committee in Los Angeles. We have used quite a bit of the Committees publications here in Hawaii.

We have organized Japanese Morale Committees (Emergency Service Committees) on each of the islands and last week had a territorial conference on the island of Maui. I think you will be interested in scanning the enclosed agenda and the resolution on language schools.

Sincerely yours,

Charles F. Loomis
Secretary

Enclosures

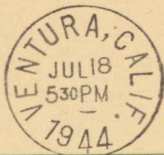
P.S. I am also enclosing a report of the Honolulu Emergency Service Committee which outlines its purposes and achievements.

2020 Evans Ave
Ventura, Calif.
July 18, 1944

Dear Mrs. Knigman:

I am in process of getting the information suggested in your letter of July 5, but as certain people have been and are still away on vacation, - and I myself have not been well, I'll have to ask you to wait a little longer. I hope to be able to answer in another week or ten days.

Sincerely yours.
(Miss) Marion R Draper



THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS



Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman
2334 Telegraph Ave
Berkeley 4
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OCCIDENTAL COLLEGE
LOS ANGELES 41, CALIFORNIA

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

July 26, 1944

Mr. Arthur C. McGiffert
Committee on American Principles
and Fair Play
Room 203, 465 California Street
San Francisco, 4, California

My dear Mr. McGiffert:

Your letter of July 24th, addressed to President Bird, has come in his absence. May I thank you for it and assure you that Dr. Bird will be very glad to talk with Mrs. Kaplan after his return.

Very sincerely,

Oliver Hutchinson

Secretary to Dr. Bird

July 27, 1944

TELEGRAM

Mrs. Katherine Kaplan
1732 Melton
Los Angeles

Shall we hold letterhead for acceptances?
When can we expect Script reprints?

Ruth W. Kingman

July 28, 1944

Mr. Royce Brier
The Chronicle
Fifth and Mission
San Francisco, Calif.

Dear Mr. Brier:

May we add a personal word of appreciation of your fine analysis referred to in the enclosed "Letter to the Editor".

You have shown a fair minded attitude, one too often missing in treatment of this bothersome question, here on the Pacific Coast.

Many phone calls from our members have expressed appreciation of your clear thinking. All wished me to tell you of this expression.

Very sincerely yours,

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

RWK:mj

7/31/44

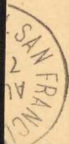
Dear Mrs. Kingman:

Thank you for your letter and its comment on my column. The "Letter to the Editor" has gone to the Safety Valve. It should be appearing one of these days.

Sincerely,

Royce Brier
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Sunnyvale.



THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

Mrs. Ruth Kingman

~~Room 203, 465 California St.~~

~~San Francisco 4, Calif.~~

2234 Telegraph Avenue
Berkeley, 4, California

July 28th 1944

Miss Dorothy Kemble
Continuity Department
care of Blue Network
20 Rockefeller Plaza
New York, N.Y.

Dear Miss Kemble:

We are very eager to receive a copy of the script of Mr. John Vandercook's broadcast during the week of July 9 to 15, in which he made some commendatory statements regarding the American citizens of Japanese ancestry. If there is any cost involved, please let us know, and we shall be glad to forward the money upon receipt of the script.

May we hope the request receives your immediate attention?

Thank you very much.

Sincerely yours,

Office secretary

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The Blue Network

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NEW YORK 20, N.Y.

August 2 1944

Miss Mary Jefferds
Office Secretary
Committee on American Principles and Fair Play
Room 203
465 California Street
San Francisco 4 California

Dear Miss Jefferds:

In reply to your letter of July 28th, requesting a copy of Mr John Vandercook's broadcast, inasmuch as Mr Vandercook broadcasts over the National Broadcasting Company, we have referred your letter to the NBC News Department. I am sure you will hear from them shortly.

Sincerely yours

Dorothy A Kemble

Dorothy A Kemble Manager
Continuity Acceptance Dept

DAK:j

PERSONAL

July 28, 1944

Attorney General Robert W. Kenny
Sacramento
California

Dear Mr. Kenny:

Mrs. Ruth Kingman, has asked me to inform you that we have sent the enclosed letter and pamphlet to all members of the state legislature.

She felt that you would also be interested.

Very sincerely yours,

Office secretary

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STATE OF CALIFORNIA
DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

State Building
San Francisco 2
August 8, 1944

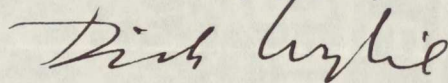
Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman
Executive Secretary
Committee on American Principles
and Fair Play
456 California Street
San Francisco 4, California

Dear Mrs. Kingman:

Your letter of July 28 has arrived in Judge Kenny's absence from the State. Please be assured that he will be very appreciative of your thoughtfulness in sending him the pamphlet "American Fighting Men Speak Out."

As you may know, Judge Kenny has a heart-felt interest in any objective which seeks racial tolerance and understanding.

Sincerely yours,



Dick Wylie

CEW:hm

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~~Dear Sir:~~

We hope that you give serious consideration to the statements included in the enclosed booklet "American Fighting Men Speak Out".

Many of our Americans of Japanese ancestry are proving themselves to be trusted and valued soldiers and citizens, and it is being indicated more clearly each day that we must be ready to give honest consideration to the contribution they are making.

May we ask you careful consideration of the enclosed statements, all made by men honored for their service in our country's armed forces.

Very sincerely yours,

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

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July 28, 1944

Editor
The Chronicle
Fifth and Mission
San Francisco, Calif.

Editor:

May we congratulate the Chronicle for the clarity with which Royce Brier, in his column of July 28, has analyzed some of the muddled thinking that is being done by persons who fail to distinguish between the "enemy question and the race question".

When Mr. Brier calls the attention of his many readers to the unit citation of the 100th Infantry Battalion, made up entirely of Americans of Japanese ancestry, he distinguishes between the enemy and loyal Americans who happen to be of the same race.

When he describes American determination to teach Japan thoroughly and finally, that conquest doesn't pay, he draws clearly, the distinction between that determination and America's responsibility to dissociate a necessary "hard" peace from abusive treatment of law-abiding merchants or gardeners of Japanese ancestry, here at home.

Congratulations, Royce Brier, and the Chronicle.

Very sincerely yours,

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

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SAME sent to: Mr. Loyd C. Sweetman, Dr. Alfred Tonness &
Dr. Henry Tyler, Mr. Reginald West

July 29, 1944

Rev. A. Raymond Grant
2100 Jay St.
Sacramento, Calif.

Dear Mr. Grant:

On Thursday, August 3rd, the Town Meeting
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Auditorium in Sacramento.

The Japanese American problem is to be discussed
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and Carey McWilliams and Dr. Tully C. Knoles opposing.

The audience, unless a lot of energy is used to avoid it,
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May I urge that you take out time, now, to telephone
to as many of your friends as possible and that you urge
them to telephone to still more persons, in a definite
effort to get out a huge support for the right side.

I cannot emphasize too much the importance of this, as
the audience reaction will register importantly.

Cordially,

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman

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Dear Mrs Kingman =

Your letter was a joy, your prompt response although you are so busy, and to know you have had those Nieces in your home. That was a lovely thing to do, for even before the war they had few chances to take part in American home life, and since the war, practically none. I was so pleased that the

Poor. Star News published
the citing for bravery of
the Nice Regt in Italy.
I presume the nice sergeant
I wrote you about belongs
to that outfit.

Sincerely

Margaret Fleming
(Mrs Thomas Fleming P.)

July 29

Camp Mother -
Tuolumne County
California -
July 30. 1944

Dear Ruth:

Eleanor & Emil were here for four days WEEK before last, and we certainly enjoyed their visit. The job at Gopaz is really tough now, I guess, and they had certainly earned their vacation. Both of them are admirably able to keep their perspective and, in spite of the turmoil, recognize the very real progress which has been made in certain directions in the last two years - Eleanor was greatly interested in the work you and your Committee are doing, and felt it would be very helpful to have the material you are sending out. I had waited until she arrived to see whether she is a member of the committee, and since she isn't am sending, along with my own related "dues" - 2.50 for a membership for

her. ⁽²⁵⁰⁾ This is my memory of the amount - If it is not as much as the annual, be sure to let me know & I'll send you the balance for both of us - much more promptly I promise, than this first remittance -

Lunch with you was such a genuine pleasure - I was greatly interested in the progress rept., & in what Beverly & your fine husband are doing in their fields. It's really intriguing, the way your three fields of interest are so closely allied - eh? -

Wish you could see our baby with her tan, six teeth, and hilarious "double-talk" - She continues to be a very friendly, quite self-sufficient (at her tender age!) - little person - and we have so darn much fun with her -

- Keeping camp running nicely has been a major chore this year. Norman does seem more than equal thereto, though, and sends you his best - Emily.

July 31, 1944

Miss Freelans
YWCA
1122 17th St.
Sacramento, Calif:

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Cordially,

Beila Anderson
UC Y. C. A. Secretary

cc. to Gillett.

July 29, 1944

Rev. Robert Inglis
3805 Piedmont Avenue
Oakland 11, Cal.

Dear Mr. Inglis:

I received your welcome, letter of July 21 upon my return from a ten days absence yesterday. It was good of you to write Ray Gibbons in support of the request for a grant to the Fair Play Committee, in connection with the special campaign now being planned for this fall. We are also making a similar appeal to other denominational agencies, through the Administrative Committee of the Home Missions Council, but I doubt if most of them will feel able to give as generously as the Committee on War Victims and Services is likely to do, if I may judge by the offhand remarks of Gibbons to me when I saw him in June.

Your suggestion that Clarence Gillett may perhaps be made available to help on the Field Work, of quiet education and mobilization of forces in many communities on this Coast, strikes me and Mrs. Kingman most favorably. I am sending a copy of this letter to Gillett, and asking him how the idea appeals to him. I shall also send him a copy of the draft program which is now being considered for the fall, and on which your own comments will be sought before long.

As to my speaking on Sept. 12 at the breakfast of the East Bay pacifist ministers, I think I can do so.

Pres. Spraul's fine speech at Los A. on June 29 is now being printed and if we can raise the necessary \$200, we shall plan to use it widely, in free distribution.

Sincerely yours

Galen M. Fisher

Berkeley, Cal.
July 29, 1944

Mrs. J.W. MacHair
1360 West Colorado Street
Pasadena 2 Cal.

Dear Mrs. MacHair:

It was good of you to drop me that personal note. Now I am going to follow up by asking you to tell me in what issue, if any, of READERS DIGEST there was an abridged summary of my articles in the CHRISTIAN CENTURY. Although I knew that one of their Roving Editors had recommended that they use the articles, I have never before heard that it ~~was~~ was done.

Matters are moving along well. President Sproul and other leaders of this Committee have had satisfactory talks with certain high officials, which indicate that our plans ~~will~~ have been along sound lines. Everything that you and your Committee and others have done and can do to ensure jobs and friendly aid if and when they ^{emigrate} return will be to the good, but it appears that quiet efforts in that direction will be more effective than too much publicity. At the same time, we should encourage as many as practicable of the evacuees to remain in the midwest and eastern states. Even though the resettling of the ablest of both nisei and issei strips the Centers of leadership, it is certainly the wise step. Everything indicates that the J.A. policies as to resettling are sound. The record of the Nisei combat unit in Italy has been the most potent argument for the loyalty of most of the nisei. Note Royce Brier's column in S.F. Chronicle of July 28, which shows that he is becoming converted.

Sincerely yours

Calvin H. Fisher

July 31, 1944

Mr. Marvin O. Adams
P.O.Box 115--University Avenue
Los Altos , California

Dear Mr. Adams:

Thank you very much for your contribution as a member of the Committee on American Principles and Fair Play. Our membership continues to grow, and we feel that we have been able to provide no little counterbalance to the deplorable hysteria centering around peepshow thinking on the subject of Americans of Japanese ancestry.

I am glad that you raised the question about the Commonwealth Club programs, and know that you will be pleased with my reply.

On August 6, 1943, Mr. Dillon S. Myer, director of the War Relocation Authority, spoke before the Club, and was very well received.

On Feb. 4, 1944, Sgt. Ben Kuroki, Nisei hero of Floesti and other air raids over Europe (See introduction to enclosed booklet.) Spoke before the same group-- the largest luncheon in the history of the Club, and made such a terrific impression that many of the persons closest to the scene in Washington, as well as here on the coast have said that that speech marked the real turning point---there is simply no answer to that sort of thing.

We, (the Fair Play Committee) were solely responsible for getting Ben out here, I having suggested him to Dr. Deutch, secured permission from the War Department, and our other members in the club were certainly instrumental in causing the invitation to be sent.

The Millington appearance was obviously an attempt to counteract the excellent impression created by Kuroki, and the Club policy of "Getting the Facts" naturally allows the "opposition" their day in court.

I hope that this answers your questions satisfactorily. Do not hesitate to raise others, if we can be of help.

Very cordially yours,

Los Altos, Calif.
Aug. 13, 1944.

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

Dear Mrs. Kingman:

I thank you very much for your letter of July 31. I find out that things are as you say & that Sgt. Ben Kuroki tho not arguing directly, was unanswerable.

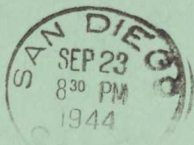
As for Mr. Dillon S. Myer, I was in the Army when he spoke before the Commonwealth Club and so have to rely upon the account of his speech in The Commonwealth. It struck me like Roy Nash, director (then) of Manzanar, and even Col Bendelson; because of failure to say anything that might offend the "powers that be". One could easily read into all 3 an implication of "We know best" "don't criticize the government." Of course nothing was ever said of Gen. De Witts violation of his promise concerning Military area #2. ?

I thank you for the informed
Sincerely MARVIN D. ADAMS

7/22/44

Dear R: Heard Kilsso Haan speak to
AAUW here today, was he pure Hearst +
Native Sons & Co! Says 24% of Ja of
military age have signed loyalty to
Japan. Says Peace Now is sponsored
by 7 University Presidents who are trying
to work up sympathy for Japan - and I
think he's got his names mixed. I asked
him for Univ. Presidents backing Peace Now
and he promised to send me a list.
Warns against such organizations
as Xⁿ Com. for Xⁿ Peace headed by
Albert W. Palmer (the only person he
named - otherwise he was very vague) -
He's speaking next in Bakersfield +
Santa Monica - then S.F. Commonwealth
Club the 29th. Hope you'll have some-
one there. He warns against church
groups trying to secure a negotiated
peace. Clara + I bet he was a
product of church groups and
missionary dimes, contributed
out of a loving, humanitarian
spirit, and decided he was a
very discouraging product.
Aside from Kilsso, the vacation
has been fine. I'll be back
Tuesday - Cheers - copy to Deutsch
Eleanor

Return to
ELEANOR D. BREED
18 PANORAMIC WAY
BERKELEY 4, CALIFORNIA



Mrs. Ruth Kingman
Committee for Fair Play
2234 Telegraph
Berkeley 4
Calif.

WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY

In reply, please refer to:

SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA, OFFICE
WHITCOMB HOTEL BUILDING

July 31, 1944

Miss Jeffers:

Mrs. Kingman asked for copies of the Larry Smith radio commentary of June 29 -- the only available transcrip we have.

I am sending these for her file.

Sincerely yours,

Pat Frayne
Pat Frayne





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July 31, 1944

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

Dear Mrs. Kingman:

Governor Warren has asked me to acknowledge receipt of your letter of July 27 with enclosed booklet entitled "American Fighting Men Speak Out."

He has asked me to express his appreciation of your thoughtfulness in sending this booklet.

Yours very truly,

W. T. SWIGERT
Executive Secretary

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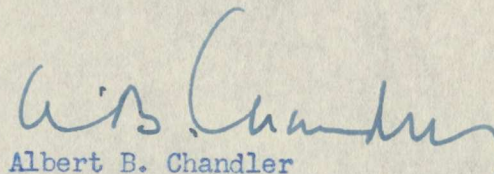
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My dear Mrs. Kingman:

Thank you for sending me the little booklet
entitled "American Fighting Men Speak Out." I shall,
of course, give consideration to the statements con-
tained in the booklet.

With good wishes, I am

Cordially yours,



Albert B. Chandler