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An All American Organization of American Citizens

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June 1, 1943

Mr. Galen Fisher  
11 El Sueno  
Orinda, California

Dear Mr. Fisher:

May I take this opportunity, as I am on my way to report for induction in Salt Lake City for the armed forces of the United States, to express my deep and heartfelt appreciation to you and your colleagues for the many kindnesses and courtesies extended to me as an individual as well as a representative of the Japanese American Citizens League. Your kind interest in our problems and your sound advice and judgment have contributed materially to what little I have been able to do on behalf of the loyal Americans of Japanese ancestry.

Ours is a difficult and tragic lot, but I shudder to think of how much more difficult and tragic it would be were it not for the admirable work which you and your associates, as well as others like you, have done in our behalf. Most of the people whom you have so nobly aided are unaware of the part which you have played in shaping their destiny, but I am sure that in the days to come they will become cognizant of the part which you have played and will be grateful for your interest.

Speaking for myself, no words which I can muster can begin to express my admiration for you and my thanks to you for all that you have done for me. I know not how much or how little I have contributed to making their lot a happier one, but whatever I contributed to making their lot happier is because of you and those like you. I hope that some day I may be able to repay in part your kindly interest in me, and I trust that you will never regret the fact that you were associated with me in a cause which I believe to be just.

I am happy and proud of this present privilege of fighting for this, my country, but I do look forward to the day when we can meet once again under happier circumstances in a new and



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greater world where prejudice and discrimination are only "bad dreams" of a by-gone civilization.

My wife joins me in wishing you well.

Gratefully yours,

*Mike Masaoka*

Mike Masaoka  
National Secretary

Japanese American Citizens League  
National Headquarters

MM:fbv

June 3, 1943

Mr. Miller Freeman  
Miller Freeman Publications  
71 Columbia Street  
Seattle, Washington

Dear Mr. Freeman:

In my last letter to you I said that I would bring before the Executive Committee of the Committee on American Principles and Fair Play your proposal that they accept the recommendation of Congressman Henry M. Jackson concerning the setting up of a special sub-committee for the investigation of the Japanese and American Japanese in the United States.

At our meeting on May 27, the matter was brought to the attention of the group. I am authorized to tell you that as some of the members wish to make further study of the matter before taking action, definite conclusions are postponed to a later date.

I shall write you again as soon as action has been decided upon.

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman.

# MILLER FREEMAN PUBLICATIONS

71 COLUMBIA STREET  
SEATTLE, WASHINGTON

June 8, 1943

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman, Executive Secretary  
Committee on American Principles and Fair Play  
(Pacific Coast)  
2207 Union Street  
Berkeley, California

Dear Mrs. Kingman:

I am just in receipt of your letter of June 2nd saying the Executive Committee of your organization has decided to make further study of the proposal of Congressman Henry M. Jackson to have Congress make a thorough investigation of all phases of the Japanese question in the United States before taking any action.

It seems to me, nevertheless, that it would be desirable if the members of your body were informed of Mr. Jackson's proposal. Therefore, I am sending you a number of copies of his address, thinking you will want to furnish each member a copy. In fact, I suggest you take a poll by mail asking each member whether he is for or against such an investigation.

I think you will agree that unless such a study is made we will have a continuation of the confusion that has always existed in relation to the Japanese problem in this country due to the contradictory statements issued by various individuals, public officials, and organizations.

In the opinion of the writer Congress is the only agency that is properly qualified and has power to make such an investigation.

Yours sincerely,

Miller Freeman

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out of my + that you are  
pending copy of is me & yours  
to each member of Committee  
OK my 7/12/43*

also sent to  
Mrs. Lillie L. Osborne.  
2215 N. Broadway,  
Santa Ana

June 3, 1943

Mrs. Florence H. Weisberger,  
1334 S Van Ness Ave;  
Santa Ana, California

Dear Mrs. Weisberger:

At the suggestion of Mr. W. Carl Spender, who has just joined our Committee, I am sending you some material which tells of the policies and organization plan of our Committee.

If you feel that there is a group in Santa Ana which would be interested in the formation of an affiliated Committee in your city, I shall be glad to hear from you. At any rate, individual memberships are welcomed which can be included in any future local organization,

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman

enclosures.

June 3, 1943

Mr. Robert Akamatsu  
Topaz, Utah

Dear Bob:

This should be a nice long letter, but I's so darned busy getting off business letters that I can't seem to be able tw write anything elae. I told one of the boys at Topaz last week, when I wrote, that wherasmmost people who keep their noses on the grindstone are inclined to loose sight of the forest for the trees, I so the opposite-- the thing I lose sight of and contact with is the trees, on accounta the forest!

Right now Im writing for Everett Clinchy. Remember him? Executive Sec'y of the Nati onal Council of Christian and Jews . He's one swell person, and wants a Japanese manager for his small farm in New Jersey. He wants a man and his wife, and as he wants them to live right in the hbase with him and his wife and daughter, md as the house isnt too large, he cant have a couple with children. He offers a couple"\$75 a month in addition to board, room, work clothes and a just share in the pprof-its of the farm, which profits would be determined by our combined initiative and energy" .

He wrote Robert Collum of WRA who was not helpful. Do you have any ideas? It should be a nice spot for some couple. The Clinchys have one daughter around 14, with whom the woman would probably spend some time, but I dont think that she would be expcted to do much other than "cooperate".

C an you write to Ev Clinchy, whether there is a suggest-  
ion or not, as he should be encouraged in the idea.

Love to Tosh---

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*Ted-O*  
*9-7-B-*  
*Comp me 9/2/43*

June 2, 1943

Dr. Everett Clinchy  
381 Fourth Avenue  
New York City, N Y.

Dear Ev;

Upon my return from a three week's trip to Seattle and Los Angeles, I was given your letter to Harry, which certainly doesn't seem too hopeful of getting a Japanese farm manager. I am most unhappy at the report, as I feel sure that there are still many such persons who have not yet been re-located.

I have just written to two young Nisei, one of whom is working in the Employment Division in Topaz, and the other in Arkansas. I hope that they will be able to give use a bit more promise of success.

The press out here is certainly vituperative. Just when things get quieted down a bit, along comes another Dies outburst and the resultant fuss.

I have asked one of the boys to write directly to you. I shall report any success we may have in another direction or so that I am exploring.

My very best to you both.

Very sincerely yours,

11 El Suono, Rte 2  
Orinda, Calif.  
June 2, 1943

Prof. Joseph E. Poyer  
City College, 855 Vermont Ave.  
Los Angeles, Cal.

Dear Mr. Poyer:

By request of Mrs. Kingman, Executive Secretary of this Committee, I am writing to make an important request of you. It is this:

Misrepresentations regarding the Japanese evacuees and related issues are frequently being made in the Los Angeles papers or on the local platform. Unless promptly and authoritatively countered, they do much harm, - misleading the general public, embarrassing the WRA and slowing down applications for release by evacuees, distressing well-disposed readers. As yet, we have no formal organization of our members in Los Angeles, but already a number of prominent citizens have joined the Advisory Board, and enlistment of a larger number of both Advisors and regular members is contemplated before long, although it may require finding some person to give considerable time to it.

At the moment, what we wish to ask of you is that you serve as the convener and spark-plug of a small group of local people, including some of the Advisors perhaps, in order to keep close track of such misrepresentations as I have mentioned, and to ensure that they are promptly and effectively countered. Anything further that might be done by way of educating the public would of course, be all to the good. But we do not wish to propose anything elaborate in that direction. If the main need as to the press is met, that will suffice for the present.

I know that your own plans are at present indefinite, but venture to hope that even though you may be leaving town, or tackling some fulltime job locally, still you may feel able to undertake this project for at least a few weeks. If you do so, you will know when to turn to for counsel and cooperation. Among those who occur to me are such as these: (Parke Pres. Remson Bird, Professors Munro, Arthur Steiner, Graham and his wife, Young, Miss Mumford, Bishop Stevens and Rabbi Magnin. You will want to be sure to steer clear of oranges or persons labelled as partisans or politicians. Arthur Coons would be excellent as a counsellor, but his present post in the OPA may prevent his being very active. Such a group would not need to meet often, and decision as to who should be called on to write, interview, or what not, could be left to you and one or two others, by telephone, I should think. Oftentimes, it might seem best to get some one outside this steering committee to do the writing or what not. As a rule, stress should be laid on facts. We would try to keep you supplied with relevant data, similar to the enclosed.

I should have telephoned you, except that my last attempt to reach you proved unwelcome, I recall. I hope you will let me hear from you at the earliest possible date, but only after you have thought it over.

Very sincerely yours

Galen H. Fisher

June 3, 1943

Senator Albert Benjamin Chandler  
Senate Office Building  
Washington, D.C.

My dear Senator:

I am most eager to have the report of your Committee which has been investigating the Relocation Centers. When it is complete, will you please be so kind as to send me a copy?

In the meantime, will it be possible for me to have a copy of the hearings of January 20, 27 and 28, 1943 and of February 11. I understand that the hearings were before a Senate Military Affairs Committee, on S. 444.

We are most interested in your recommendations, and are waiting to read the entire report, so that we can have a more accurate idea of your considered conclusions. Spotty news coverage has made this difficult up to the present time.

Very sincerely yours,

ROBERT R. REYNOLDS, N. C., CHAIRMAN  
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COMMITTEE ON MILITARY AFFAIRS

June 7, 1943

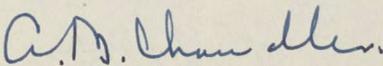
Miss Ruth W. Kingman  
Committee on American Principles and Fair Play  
Room 203 California Street  
San Francisco, California

My dear Miss Kingman:

Replying to yours of the 3rd let me say that at this time there is no available report on the Relocation Centers. I am, however, requesting the Clerk of the Committee on Military Affairs to send you copy of the hearings.

With all good wishes, I am,

Faithfully yours,



Albert B. Chandler

June 3, 1943

Mr. Alfred Shemanski  
c/o Eastern Outfitting Co.,  
Seattle, Washington

My dear Mr. Shemanski:

I am writing to ask you to become a member of the Advisory Board of the Pacific Coast Committee on American Principles and Fair Play which is being formed to support the principles enunciated in the Constitution of the United States, particularly as they apply to Americans of Japanese ancestry.

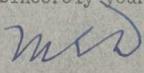
The Committee is already functioning through its San Francisco office. I enclose a copy of its initial release to the press. This will acquaint you somewhat with our purposes and principles. The enclosed temporary letterhead will indicate the high calibre of citizen that has already been enlisted in the northern part of the state. A similar support is being sought in southern California and in Oregon and Washington.

It is not contemplated that members of the Advisory Committee will be expected to attend many meetings nor are its members accepting any financial obligation. The program will be financed by voluntary contributions from individuals up and down the Pacific Coast, but financial support is not a condition of your acceptance.

You will be interested to know that already we have received acceptances of this invitation from Frank S. Bayley, Jesse Steiner, and Henry Elliott, Jr., of Seattle.

It may be that the future of all minorities in this nation will depend somewhat on the success or failure of the work of this Committee. It should play an important function in defending the American way of life, and I sincerely hope that you consent to accept this invitation to add your name to its roster.

Sincerely yours,

  
Monroe E. Deutsch

CC: Mrs. Kingman ✓

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June 3, 1943

Mr. Wm.C Burton  
989 South Elmolino  
Pasadena, California

Dear Mr. Burton:

In reply to your wire of yesterday, I am sending you some of the material we have gpb together to date. Some of it you have already had, while others are new. If you would like larger quantities of any of it, kindly let me know and I shall do my best to send it on.

As to our southern California sponsors, by next week our roster will be much longer. However, I shall be happy to list those already members of the Advisory Board.

Rabbi Edgar F. Magnin of Hollywood  
Dr. Robert Millikan of Pasadena  
Rev. Donald H. Tippett, Los Angeles  
Mr. A.B. Ruddock, Pasadena  
Judge Benjamin J. Scheinman, Los Angeles  
Bishop James C. Baker, Los Angeles  
Mr. George Hjelite, Los Angeles (since printing of letterhead)  
Father Edward J. Whelan, Loyola, Los Angeles  
William B. Monro, Pasadena  
Bishop Bertrand Stevens, Los Angeles  
Etc.

Chapters organized or organizing, to date, Fresno, Pasadena, Seattle, Portland, Sacramento, with general organization including memberships all over the State. Student organizations are active at the University of California in Berkeley and in Los Angeles, in Stockton, Mills College San Jose State, Washington University, College of Puget Sound and Pomona.

The general organizations in San Francisco and Oakland and Berkeley are being drawn into local chapters this month, although thus far they have done only sporadic work other than organization and Executive activity.

Very sincerely yours,

June 3, 1943

Mr. W. Carl Spencer;  
Costa Mesa  
California

Dear Mr. Spencer:

We wish to thank you for your check for \$10.00 which covers a sustaining Membership in our Committee. Following your suggestion, I have written to both Mrs Weisberger and Mrs Osborne of Santa Ana, sending them both material concerning our organization.

One of the most forceful things our members can possibly do is to send in refutations to the varbous inaccurately reported news stories and editorials which appear in the local press. One of the things we here in the office try to do is to provide authentic material from which these refutations may be taken.

I am sending you two or three statements which you may find useful for that purpose, and urge that you and your friends be constantly on the alert not only to chek on the press, but to inform your legislators, both state and Congressional, of the feeling of you all on the subjects relating to the rights and responsibilities of all American citizens, regardless of color or race, most particularly at this critical time.

Very sincerely yours

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman

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June 5, 1943

Miss Emily Lehan  
1123 17th St  
Sacramento, California

Dear Emily:

You were a peach to send me all of that dope. It is exactly what we want, and all of it that you can get. I am going over that pamphlet put out by the group you spoke of, with several of our lawyers with the "racket" as well as the "military" angle in mind.

Can you possibly get 10 more and air mail them, special delivery, to me. I would like to have them on Monday afternoon at our Executive Committee Meeting, when we are having an emergency session, in which your letter, among other matters, will be thoroughly discussed.

If you can send them, send them to me at Rm .203 465 California Street, San Francisco, in care of the Committee on American Principles and Fair Play. I haven't my check book here, but will send check to cover all expenses as soon as the pamphlets arrive.

Prof. Paul Taylor of the University, who is our Executive Committee is to be in Sact's Monday and is going to try to reach you. I have talked fully with him and he is eager to talk with you. I hope that you can see him for a real conference, as you can be mutually helpful.

I shall inform you on the meeting as soon as possible.

I asked Rev. Vere Loper to speak to Dr. French of the School for the Blind concerning the small boy you were asking about. He makes the following report.

He does not know how full the report from Dr. French was. He does not know whether there has been any pressures put on the school. These are his specific findings.

- 1) There has never been any application for acceptance in the Berkeley School For the Blind by the boy.
- 2) Letters of inquiry have been received by the school from various persons asking for information about the situation.
- 3) Such letters contained no formal applications or requests for forms for such applications
- 4) The boy was never a student in the school, and even before evacuation had not applied for admission.
- 5) The specific policy regarding such an application, should such be forthcoming, is not certain pending statements and opinions of the State Board of Education and Governor Earl Warren. Neither of these has made any such statement to this date.

I think that this about covers it. Perhaps there should be a formal application, with copies of it sent to Mr. Dexter and to the Governor. Obviously nothing will happen until that can be done.

Good luck and keep up the good work. Do you have any one in mind whom we might retain on a part time basis in Sact'o to do the thing we both feel necessary?

I cannot let the letterheads out for use for persons not authorized by the committee. However, we are now preparing a statement to go out for general and specific release of Tuesday which I feel will do some of the things you want done. Jot down a few others, and I'll dash 'em off.

Cordially yours,

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MRS. RUTH W. KINGMAN  
Office: 2207 Union St., Berkeley  
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June 4, 1943

COPY--Sent to all of Executive Committee,  
plus Sproul, Harrison, Barrows, Crum, Gaines,  
Grady, Neustadt, Wilbur, Blaisdell, McCombs

There is to be an extremely important meeting  
of the Executive Committee of the Committee on  
American Principles and Fair Play on Monday  
afternoon, June 7 at 4 o'clock in Room 203,  
465 California Street, San Francisco.

As you probably know, there has been a statement  
drafted by the West Coast Congressional delegation  
and being urged for adoption by civic organizations,  
which we feel to be highly dangerous to the  
unity of the war effort and to post war readjustment.

The Committee is meeting to consider sending out  
a specific statement concerning possible govern-  
ment policies we feel will be more unifying and  
proper. I am including copies of both proposed  
statements, urging your consideration of them,  
and hoping that you can attend the meeting on  
Monday when the Tentative Draft of a proposal  
to be sent out by our Committee is to be discussed.

Very sincerely yours,

Ruth W. Kingman

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June 5, 1943

Bishop James C. Baker  
College of the Pacific  
Stockton, California

Dear Bishop Baker:

At the suggestion of Mr. Galen Fisher, I am sending the enclosed material. The Executive Committee of the Committee on American Principles and Fair Play is meeting on Monday to consider sending out some such statement as is suggested in Mr. Fishers proposed "Government Policies Touching the Japanese in the United States".

After the meeting on Monday, I shall send you any revisions that are made as a result of discussion by that Committee.

Very sincerely yours,

( Mrs. Ruth Winning Kingman)

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June 5, 1943

Miss Clafa Breed  
4215 Trias Street  
San Diego, California

Dear Miss Breed:

After having heard Eleanor speak of you very often, I feel that I am writing to an acquaintance. When your nice sister told me that you might be able to use some of this stuff, I told her that I would send it immediately. Then in the press of things, I promptly forgot all about it. Please forgive me.

I think that Eleanor said that she was going home for a week. She also asked me for copies of the material I am sending you. Will you kindly tell her that I am sending it to Panoramic Way, and that I hope that that is what she meant. I was extremely fuzzy when she called me by phone, and would hate to be urged to swear to anything either of us said.

This present hysteria about Americans of Japanese ancestry is certainly sickening. It makes the whole war thing-- at least what we hope we are fighting for, a shadow without substance. Let us hope that the little we can do will help maintain somewhat of a more even keel in our group thinking and action

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman

June 5, 1943

Mr. Robert E. Kenny  
Attorney General  
State Building,  
Sacramento, California

Dear Mr. Kenny:

Are the newspaper reports correct that you submitted a brief to the United States Supreme Court in support of the evacuation of American citizens of Japanese ancestry?

If so, will you kindly have sent to this office, a copy of the brief? Or would it be more convenient and permissible for us to study it in your offices?

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman

June 5, 1943

Attorney General Robert W. Kenny

June 7, 1943

Mrs. Alfred McLaughlin  
3575 Clay Street  
San Francisco

Dear Mrs McLaughlin:

I can't imagine what became of the letter I sent you. If you had received it you would have noted that in order to get the material, I got out of a very sick bed, and all unbeknownst to my husband and my doctor, went down to my office, scraped up the information, and scurried back to bed to write it up.

As a result, the letter, which was in long hand, was not "carboned", so that I do not have a copy. However, I imagine that the stuff you particularly want is the material on Dual Citizenship. I feel that what we had was too sketchy, so I have prevailed upon Prof. Max Radin to give us a Memo which can be more readily understood than the learned quotations from the Law books.

He has just sent it, and I am enclosing it. If you still wish to know about the present status of the Legislation, I shall be glad to look it up and send you the latest reports.

Very sincerely yours,

Young Women's Christian Association

PORTLAND - OREGON

BROADWAY AT TAYLOR



June 7, 1943

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Mrs. Ruth Kingman  
Executive Secretary  
Committee on American Principles and Fair Play  
2007 Union Street  
Berkeley, California

Dear Mrs. Kingman:

The Portland Library has just called asking if we have had any statements from government officials against the deportation of Japanese.

They are calling for it in the reference room and they have turned ~~it~~ to us for information.

Sincerely,

*Mildred Bartholomew*  
Mildred Bartholomew  
Public Affairs Secretary

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June 8, 1943

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Honorable Henry Stimson, Secretary of War  
War Department  
Washington D. C.

NEWE THURSDAY N ON JUNE TENTH IMPORTANT LOCAL ORGANIZATION  
WILL VOTE ON RESOLUTION MEMORIALIZING CONGRESS TO IMMEDIATELY  
DEPORT ALL JAPANESE REGARDLESS OF WHETHER OR NOT THEY ARE  
AMERICAN CITIZENS. THIS HIGHLY UNAMERICAN MOVE IS AGGRESSIVELY  
SUPPORTED BY THOSE AFFILIATED WITH AMERICAN LEGION, ASSOCIATED  
FARMERS, GRANGE AND OTHER BLOCS. LAST WEEK I SUCCEEDED IN DELAY-  
ING VOTE BUT I GREATLY NEED HELP AT NEXT THURSDAY'S MEETING. CAN  
YOU OR SOMEONE CLOSE TO YOU SEND ME A STRONG FAST WIRE COLLECT  
POINTING OUT INJUSTICE OF SUCH ACTION AND DANGERS INHERENT IN IT  
AS TO OUR RELATIONS WITH CHINESE AND OTHER NATIONALS IN FAR EAST. YOUR  
HELP WILL BE MOST TIMELY AND GREATLY APPRECIATED I ASSURE YOU.

E E MACNAUGHTON, PRESIDENT

First National Bank of Portland.

3455 So. Hoover St.  
Los Angeles 7, Calif.  
June 8, 1943

Dear Dr. Phillips:

An article in Today's edition of a Los Angeles newspaper brought your group to my attention. Beyond the immediate upsurge of hope arising from the knowledge that such a group did exist, there came a desire to share, through correspondence, our mutual desires for universal fair play.

I commend your expressed opinion that the arbitrary destruction of civil rights for any racial, religious or political group will destroy those rights for all. In such a state individual civil liberties will depend on your neighbors opinion of you.

If, in order to destroy an evil that pervades certain societies, we must imitate that evil, then we can have no hope of building a foundation for human progress other than one which can be blown down again in another whirlwind of emotional instability.

It is through such vigilance as yours that we can eventually bring about the psychological adjustment of grievances needed to pave the way for world brotherhood.

The interest in your work is high both in myself and among my friends. We would be intensely interested in any information you may have at hand concerning the organization and activities of your Committee on American Principles and Fair Play.

Sincerely,

Helen E. Stuart

June 9, 1943

Mrs. Kenneth Hayes  
117 Tamalpais Rd.  
Berkeley, California

Mrs. Kingman sends her sincere thanks for  
the enclosed material. Copies have been made  
of John J. McCloy's letter.

Encl: Copy letter John J. McCloy  
letter Ward Johnson  
letter Will Rogers, Jr.  
letter John Z. Anderson  
letter George E. Outland  
letter Jerry Voorhis

6/11/43

Telegram

Esmer Rhodes

544 E. Orange Grove

Pasadena.

Committee takes no position on  
return at this time. Confidence in present  
policy warranted.

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THE COMMITTEE FOR  
WORK WITH JAPANESE AMERICAN EVACUEES

Appointed by the National Council of the  
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Midwest Office

6501 WYDOWN BOULEVARD  
SAINT LOUIS, MISSOURI

June 9, 1943

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2207 Union St.,  
Berkeley, Cal.

Dear Mrs. Kingman:

At the suggestion of Mr. Fisher, we are mailing you in another envelope 200 copies of our single-page leaflet, "You Can Do Something About It", and 20 copies of the Readers' Digest reprint.

Also, I enclose a check for \$5 as a contributing member to the committee. How are finances getting along?

*X*  
Last night in a planning committee of our own executive committee, one of the men, who is associated with Ralston Purina in their Advertising Department, felt quite strongly that it might be possible for some of us to do what the Labor Unions have done and found very helpful, and what was done also by the committee for the Allies in combating Isolationist propaganda; that is, to buy a half page or so of space for very carefully prepared copy, and to include a suggestion that all those in support of the position presented should send contributions to help in the work, to the address given for those sponsoring the advertisement. The fact that this had proved successful in other controversial issues was certainly a point in its favor. If this seems a wise thing to do, I would be glad to be one of a group contributing \$10, or perhaps even \$20, if necessary, in order to give it a trial. I don't believe such an advertisement or such a publicity campaign of two or three advertisements which might cost as much as \$1000, could arouse much more antagonism or opposition than is already being expressed.

I am assuming that you will discuss this question with Mr. Fisher and others, and I shall be very much interested in hearing the result of their decisions.

Very truly yours,

*Clarence S. Gillett*

Clarence S. Gillett

*+ Depends what papers + how much. I doubt if more than \$200.  
in any two papers would be justified.  
gm, 7*  
Enc.  
CSG/MB

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MRS RUTH W KINGMAN=

:2207 UNION ST

=HEAR FAIR PLAY COMMITTEE LIKELY TO PUBLISH DISAPPROVAL  
OF RETURN OF JAPANESE AMERICANS TO WEST COAST FEEL SUCH  
A STATEMENT OUT OF HARMONY WITH PURPOSE OF FAIR PLAY  
COMMITTEE AND ROOSEVELTS STATEMENT RE JAPANESE AMERICAN AT  
TIME OF REGISTRATION=

ESTHER RHOADS.

*June 11.  
Reply - Committee takes no position on  
return at this time. Confidence  
in present policy was kept.*

CHARLES B. VOORHIS  
FIRST TRUST BUILDING  
PASADENA, CALIFORNIA

June 10, 1943

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

- Attention: Mr. Monroe E. Deutsch -

Dear Mr. Deutsch:

For fear my letter to you of May 20 may have gone astray, I am quoting it below and will appreciate knowing whether you receive this:

"Referring to your letter of April 30 and my reply of May 14, let me say that I have still further considered the matter of becoming a member of the Advisory Board of your Committee, and, for the reason that I have just accepted some responsible obligations in connection with the war effort which will demand all of the time and attention I am able to give, I shall be unable to attend any meetings of your Committee, and I am unwilling to accept membership when I cannot give the necessary time to do my full part. Therefore, I must decline your invitation to become a member of the Advisory Board.

"In this connection, let me say that I am a member of the Pasadena Chapter or Committee for Fair Play and will continue this membership. Our Committee will work in harmony and conjunction with yours. Will you therefore please not use my name on your roster."

Sincerely yours,

*CB Voorhis*

7/15/43

CEV.MR

Dear Mrs. Kingman:

I have written him from Santa Barbara, thanking him for his participation in the Pasadena Committee and assuring him that in accord with his request his name would not appear on the Advisory Board.

*Ordinary*  
*Monroe E. Deutsch*

Dear Mrs. Kingman:

The name of the Japanese boy  
of '1 who wanted to be admitted  
to Berkeley School for Blind  
is Kengo Takamoto who  
is now at the Lewis Oringra  
project - Formerly he was at  
the Tulare Center here.

He is extremely bright +  
able + deserves the special  
training - as even with his  
handicap of complete blindness,  
he is now starting the 5<sup>th</sup>  
grade -

Could you find it about it  
from the school there - he has  
already applied for entrance -  
+ find out what pressure  
needs to be brought on the  
state education department  
at this end?

Emily Lehan

~~Kaper~~

Yield  
June 5/43

Emily Lohan

Y. W. C. A.

1122 17th ST. SACRAMENTO



THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS



Ruth Kingman  
Y. W. C. A. - Univ. of Calif.  
2207 Union  
Berkeley,  
California

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822 So. Alvarado

Reply  
June 11/43

Dear Mrs Kingman,

I have a letter from  
Mr. Wm C. Carr of Pasadena  
thanking me for some remarks  
made for the Lawyers' Club pro-  
testing racial discrimination, etc  
in case of Japanese.

In it he requests me  
to write you about the formation  
here of a group to oppose  
racial discrimination, saying  
Pasadena had a group of  
nearly 100 citizens of good  
and well known standing.

If such a group is  
established here I would be

interested to join, but I believe it very desirable to have it made up as far as possible of persons favorably known in this community.

Do you know any persons, <sup>here</sup> disposed to take a stand on these questions? I have a few of whom I am sure, although I have been shocked at the number who either actively support discrimination or are passively in favor of it.

As to myself you'll find a sketch in Who's Who in Am.

Very sincerely,

W. W. Scott  
Mrs. Ruth Kingman,  
Berkeley, Calif.

COLUMBIA FOUNDATION  
RUSS BUILDING  
SAN FRANCISCO, 4

MARJORIE ELKUS  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

June 10, 1943

Dr. Monroe E. Deutsch  
El Encanto Hotel  
Santa Barbara, California

My dear Dr. Deutsch:

I have discussed with our attorney your proposal for the partial financing of the Pacific Coast Committee on American Principles and Fair Play, and as far as he was able to determine, the Columbia Foundation would not be subject to question should the Board decide to act favorably upon the request.

Unfortunately, as I explained to you, the Board is not planning to meet for approximately five to six weeks, having just held the second quarterly meeting. However, I shall prepare the request for Board consideration in case it is decided to hold an interim meeting, which sometimes happens, as I am aware of the immediate need for funds to carry on the program.

It was very pleasant talking with you the other day, and I do appreciate your comments on the California Welfare survey question. I hope you and Mrs. Deutsch enjoy a pleasant holiday, and I will keep you advised regarding the progress of your request.

Cordially yours,

*Marjorie Elkus*  
(Mrs.) Charles deY. Elkus, Jr.  
Executive Director

ME:ma

June 11, 1943

Mrs. Henderson:

Mrs. Kingman has requested me to pass on her sincere thanks for the clippings sent up from the Los Angeles Times, and to tell you that we are counting on receiving some more.

Sincerely,

Secretary

mj

June 11, 1943

Editor Santa Ana Register  
Santa Ana, California

Dear Sir:

You are to be congratulated for your farsightedness in presenting a fair-minded attitude toward the loyal Americans of Japanese Ancestry

Our attention has been called to a reprint of a letter in your paper on May 17, 1943, signed by Alton L. Hall. May I request that you send us 500 copies of the reprint?

I shall send you my check upon receipt of the reprints and a voucher covering same.

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ruth Kingman  
Executive Secretary

RWK:mj

reply 6/28/43

OFFICE OF

*R. C. Hoiles*

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CALIFORNIA

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PAMPA, TEXAS  
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BUCYRUS, OHIO

June 16, 1943

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

Dear Mrs. Kingman:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter of June 11 requesting 500 copies of the Alton L. Hall letter in the Register. Mr. Hall had some printed and we presume he still has some. We are sending you a carbon copy of the letter we sent to him. It is self-explanatory.

We are also enclosing an editorial we ran on May 7 on the Jap subject under the heading of "Cool Heads Needed". Possibly you did not see it.

Yours very truly,

*R. C. Hoiles*

Publisher

RGH:BG

June 15, 1943

Mr. Alton L. Hall  
Route 1  
Huntington Beach, Calif

Dear Mr. Hall:

We have a letter from the Pacific Coast Committee on American Principles and Fair Play, Room 203, 465 California Street, San Francisco, stating that their attention had been called to a reprint of a letter in The Register of May 17th signed by Alton L. Hall. The letter requested we send 500 copies of the reprint and said upon receipt of the reprints and a voucher covering same they would send check. The letter was signed by Mrs. Ruth Kingman, Executive Secretary.

If you have any of the reprints left, suggest that you send them.

Very truly yours,

RCH:BG

President

Mrs. Ruth Kingman:

I am sending you all the reprints I have left. They have been sent to all senators & congressmen in Washington, besides <sup>many</sup> Am. Legion & some pastors in California.

Since the resolutions have been adopted and are now being used in Washington, I suppose, to show the Coasts attitude, my circular is somewhat out of date, inapplicable.

At present I am introducing "Common Ground" (222 Smith Av., New York City) to about fifty of my friends, asking them to read the articles on the relocation situation.

wrote  
adv.  
address  
6/23/43  
President Anderson of Redlands Univ.  
has an address that should be  
given radio spread. It is wonderful,  
witty, captivating, convincing.

Alton R. Hall

St. 1, Huntington Beach

6-17-43

June 11, 1943

Mr. George Winfield Scott  
832 South Alvarado St.  
Los Angeles, California

Dear Mr. Scott:

We were pleased to receive your letter telling of your desire to join in a Los Angeles Committee on American Principles and Fair Play.

I expect to be in Los Angeles in the near future for the purpose of organizing such a group. Just now Mr. Joseph Powers, who may be reached at 1318 Maltman Ave., Los Angeles, is doing some preliminary work, and will probably appreciate suggestions of prospective supporters.

We shall certainly inform you of developments in the Los Angeles organization.

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman

RWK:mj

ask Fisher what charge, & send OKWNY

THE COMMITTEE FOR  
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CLARENCE S. GILLETT  
Executive Secretary

June 11, 1943

Mrs. Ruth Kingman,  
2207 Union St.,  
Berkeley, Cal.

Dear Mrs. Kingman:

The copies of the two or three pieces of literature that you have just gotten out, came this afternoon. The statements by Chief of Police Gabrielson and by Col. Kendall J. Fielder are thrilling. We would certainly like to have more of these, and since Mr. Fisher suggested that if we wanted only 100 or so, we should order from you, we would like to have you send us 50 of these statements and 25 each more of the sheet with the extract of Hon. Joseph C. Grew's talk and 25 more of Mr. Fisher's letter, sent to the San Diego Union. We shall be quite ready to pay whatever the usual charge is for these things.

These statements from Hawaii are still so new that I am sending them on at once to Dorothy Cushing of our Board, in Boston, and it may be that she can still get some publicity for them. The WRA sent us a little leaflet, giving reprints of various news items favorable to Japanese Americans. I believe it ought to be quite effective. We have written for further copies and if we get them, we will send some on to you.

Sincerely yours,

Clarence S. Gillett

CSG/1B P.S. - Is it possible you could get the A.P. or U.P. to send out the Hawaiian letters as news? That would be great!  
C.S.G.

June 21, 1943

Rev. Clarence S. Gillett  
6501 Wydown Ave.  
St. Louis, Mo.

Dear Mr. Gillett:

I have mailed under separate cover the material requested in your letter of June 11th. Unfortunately we cannot spare at present more than twenty copies of Mr. Fisher's letter, but more are now on the press and we will soon be able to send extra copies on request.

The charge for the papers is \$1.10.

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary

mj

ROBERT W. KENNY  
ATTORNEY GENERAL

STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
LEGAL DEPARTMENT

State Building  
San Francisco 2  
June 11, 1943.

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman  
Executive Secretary  
Committee on American  
Principles and Fair Play  
2207 Union Street  
Berkeley, California.

Dear Madam:

In compliance with your request of June 5, 1943, I enclose copy of the brief of the States of California, Oregon and Washington, as Amici Curiae, in the case of Hirabayashi vs. United States of America.

Very truly yours,

ROBERT W. KENNY, Attorney General

By

*Chas. W. Johnson*  
Chas. W. Johnson  
Supervising Deputy

CWJ:W

enc.

FOR VICTORY



June 12, 1943

Bishop James C. Baker  
Care of Dr. Tully C. Knoles  
College of the Pacific  
Stockton, California

Dear Bishop Baker:

I am sending a carbon of the final draft of the resolution which has been adopted by the Committee on American Principles and Fair Play.

The material is on the press now, but perhaps you will want a copy sooner than the release can be made.

Very sincerely yours,

Ruth W. Kingman

RWK:mj

Encl: carbon draft

June 13, 1943

Dr. Hubert Phillips  
Dean of Lower Division  
Fresno State College  
Fresno, California

Dear Dr. Phillips:

Appropriate material has been mailed to Miss Helen Stuart and Mr. George Maurer, and they have been notified of the organization now being effected in Los Angeles. Thank you sincerely for enclosing the letters.

There is now on the press a statement by the Committee to combat resolutions now being made throughout the state, and you may expect several hundred copies sometime next week.

Very sincerely yours

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman

RWK:mj

June 12, 1943

Mr. George Maurer  
3455 So. Hoover St.  
Los Angeles 2, California

Dear Mr. Maurer:

In answer to your request for information in a recent letter to Dr. Hubert Phillips of Fresno State College, I am enclosing material relevant to the work of the Committee.

A branch organization is now being effected in Los Angeles, and you will be informed of its progress.

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman

RWK:mj

June 12, 1943

Miss Helen Stuart  
3455 So. Hoover St.  
Los Angeles 7, Calif.

Dear Miss Stuart:

In answer to your letter to Dr. Phillips of Fresno State College stating a desire to help in fair play, I am enclosing material relevant to the work of the Committee.

A branch organization is now being effected in Los Angeles, and you will be informed of its progress.

Very Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman

RWK:mj

Rec'd  
6/11/43  
RWK

LAW OFFICES

A. L. WIRIN  
257 SOUTH SPRING ST.  
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA 12  
MICHIGAN 9708

June 12, 1943

Miss Ruth Kingman  
c/o Pacific Coast Committee  
on Fair Play  
227 Union Street  
San Francisco, California

Dear Miss Kingman:

While in San Francisco yesterday I phoned  
your office to say hello; but you were out.

I write to inquire as to what is the likeli-  
hood of your coming down to Los Angeles rather imme-  
diately in order to seek to offset some of the very  
hysterical publicity against the Japanese being  
engendered by the Dies Committee.

Regards.

Sincerely yours,

*A. L. Wirin*

ALW:g  
(Dictated but not read by Mr. Wirin)

Young Women's Christian Association

PORTLAND - OREGON

BROADWAY AT TAYLOR



June 12, 1943

*ans 8/243*

Mrs. Ruth Kingman, Executive Secretary  
Committee on American Principles and Fair Play  
2007 Union Street  
Berkeley, California

Dear Mrs. Kingman:

The Progressive Business club luncheon is history and it is bad history. The vote stood 18 for deportation and 3 against, with 41 not voting. The paper had nothing to say about the 41.

I enclose a telegram which Mr. MacNaughton sent to Secretary Stimson, President Roosevelt and Cordell Hull, and the reply from Mr. Stimson which came just in time to use at the luncheon. It is authoratative and I think we have a right to use it.

I heard Dr. Webster at the City Club today. The room was packed with some of Portland's very best men. He muffed the ball. I talked to Mel Arnold after it and he was pretty sick. He tried to get Schaffer from Minidoka who is able and fluent and convincing, but it seems Minidoka is not in the Oregon jurisdiction and San Francisco sent Dr. Webster. I imagine he is a good person in small groups where he talks straight across, but he spent exactly 20 minutes of his precious 40 in wordy ground work that everybody who has lived on the coast and read the papers has known for a long time.

I talked with him afterwards. He felt the meeting had failed and he was quite nonplussed about it. Arnold had done a big build-up and he was sick. So, if you are helping to arrange gatherings for Dr. Webster, I think he needs a smaller company, a deliberative atmosphere and a much longer time.

*longer session*  
Our work has not made any headway, interestingly enough, but I am not worried because I know the demands that this flareup has made are going to enlist membership in the Central organization in San Francisco. All the men who are being called

*of malweasy*

on will feel the need of backing from a local group and will get in and play ball.

~~Since~~ <sup>he</sup> MacNaughton consented to go on the Pacific Coast Committee, I am going over and talk to him about it again in a couple of days. I am thinking about the allocation for Oregon. We will get at that when I talk to Mr. MacNaughton because in his talk yesterday, almost everything he used was material released from your office and he knows that takes time and money to get together.

I hope you will make headway on government backing for good relations. I talked to Dr. Webster about that also today. Mel Arnold promised to try to get Secretary Stimson's telegram published.

Best wishes and good luck.

Sincerely,

Mildred Bartholomew

Mildred Bartholomew  
Public Affairs Secretary

Enc.  
MB:AR

<sup>-KKP</sup>  
Sunday. - two panel broadcasts with 2 <sup>representatives</sup>  
+ 2 friends of the Japanese on each. It's hard  
for the Legion to say the same thing over & over  
without it getting tiresome.

June 15, 1943

Dr. Robert O'Brien  
University of Washington  
Seattle, Washington

Dear Dr. O'Brien:

Would it be possible for you to send us the address of Mr. Henry Elliott, Jr.? A prompt reply would be very much appreciated as immediate contact with the advisory board members is essential. Thank you very much for your trouble.

Sincerely,

Secretary

mj

reply 7/7/45 RWK

THE PACIFIC SOUTHWEST AREA COUNCIL OF THE  
NATIONAL COUNCIL OF THE YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATIONS  
OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

AREA OFFICES  
220 GOLDEN GATE AVE., SAN FRANCISCO  
715 SOUTH HOPE STREET, LOS ANGELES

Los Angeles, June 12, 1943

Mr. Harry L. Kingman,  
Stiles Hall,  
Berkeley, California.

Dear Harry:

Thanks for your two letters, the one regarding Hershey and the other regarding the possibility of the YMCA being more vocal in its protest against the blood purge of the American Legion and other patriotic spouters.

I'd like to talk this situation over with you, because I feel that there is such a possibility, but that we do not have the machinery for affecting any kind of an opinion. The Area Board might take action; I am afraid it would be rather lukewarm though. Local Association board members are greatly divided in their opinions, and I would almost hesitate to run the risk of an adverse decision, should we try to take a poll. I think our job is an educational one: first, to join with the churches and other bodies that are vocal in their protests against discrimination and against this specifically; second, to convey to our groups through an educational process that factual material which will help to modify their point of view favorably; third, to find some means of calling attention to the error in the public statements of public officials and others; fourth, to attempt to influence national leadership by correspondence.

Let me have your thinking back. You have aroused my imagination, and I would like to see what we can do. This subject is very close to me and one which I feel is significant for the whole country, because the trend of events is not at all wholesome.

You will be interested to know that Hung Wai Ching was interviewed by President Roosevelt and later by Mrs. Roosevelt, and still later by Wilkie and other high government officials. They all expressed their firm belief that resettlement now must be undertaken in short order.

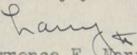
I have some interesting stories that came out of the experience of the Japanese-American boys who came from Hawaii to Fort Shelby, Miss. They were "Jim Crowed" by even the "Jim Crows", and they refused to admit

H.L.K.2.

them to the USO and other facilities of the community. I understand that the general waded in and told Shelby that he would move Shelby but he would not allow Shelby to tell him where he should put the army. He also forced the USO to discontinue dances because of his ruling that the Japanese boys could not be discriminated against.

There are some rays of hope in this situation, but the trouble is, just as you say in your letter, that the vocal people are all on the other side of the fence.

Sincerely yours,

  
Lawrence E. Gerrie

LEN:d

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WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY

3320 A. I. U. Building  
Columbus, Ohio

June 15, 1943

Reverend Vere Loper, D.D.  
First Congregational Church  
Berkeley, California

Dear Sir:

I am writing you at the suggestion of Dr. Boynton Merrill,  
Pastor, First Congregational Church here in Columbus, Ohio.

Dr. Merrill is anxious to have me secure the names of applicants for the position as his private secretary. He has expressed an interest in a girl of Japanese ancestry. He says in his letter, "I need a fine stenographer who can take dictation correctly and swiftly. She will do my personal work and much of the church work. She will be responsible to me, not to a committee. The church is big; the offices beautiful. The hours would be from 8:45 to 5:00 with two afternoons and at least two hours on Sunday off --although, I want the staff to feel freedom and also a sense of personal interest. At Christmas and Easter the work is heavy -- at other seasons it lightens. We who love the work do not "watch the clock" although, I believe, a worker's time and free time should be scrupulously honored, too.

"I believe I could pay from \$110 to \$120 per month. As I have said, she should be, I believe, 'for the good of the cause' a very attractive young woman. She will meet hundreds of fine women and many influential men. She can do her people a great service if she is unusually personable. If she could be a Congregational Church member, it will give me a big talking point with my Church Board -- which will have to be converted, I fear, to the idea. This church membership is not important, but surely she should be sincerely and genuinely devoted to the Christian Church. Any past church experience (particularly the Congregational Church) will make the procedures and terminology and attitudes more naturally and happily familiar to her"

Will you be good enough to put me in touch with Congregational Ministers among the Japanese American who might be able to help me find the sort of girl that Dr. Merrill wants. Perhaps you have had some contact with such a person; if so, will you please write me?

Yours very truly,

(Signed) Everett L. Dalkan

eld/yo

Relocation Officer

June 36, 1943

Mr. Everett L. Dakan  
Relocation Officer  
War Relocation Authority  
3330 A. I. U. Building  
Columbus, Ohio

Dear Mr. Dakan:

At the suggestion of Dr. Vere Loper of the First Congregational Church of Berkeley, California, I am writing to suggest a possible candidate for the position of private secretary to Dr. Boynton Merrill. Having been closely in touch with the group evacuated from the San Francisco Bay Area, I am glad to be able to recommend a young Nisei girl whom I have known for several years.

I received a letter from her last month asking for a character reference to be presented to the Friends Service Committee, through which she hoped to be placed. She is a Methodist, and has a good church background. I am quoting from her letter to me, to give you an idea of the work she has been doing. "The work I seek is, as I have stated, a secretarial or a stenographic one. Being executive secretary of the Community Council here, which is a sort of self-government has done much to keep me in practice. After all these years, it is surprising how little brushing-up I needed to get back into the general office procedures. My work as the executive secretary of the Community Council entails much time as yours must. I attend all the meetings of the Council and the committees, boards, and agencies set up by the Council. I keep all the records, codify the regulations and minutes, am the clerk of the Judicial Commission which is the judicial body of this Center, look after all correspondence, assist in the formulation of the Charter, etc. In other words I am the interim party between the administration and Council, receiving orders from both.

"Whether this practice has added to my business college training I do not know. My shorthand speed is still 100 words per minute, while my typing speed has dropped to 80 words per minute. I am familiar with most of the office appliances, dictophone, mimeograph, dittograph, and comptometer. Filing and bookkeeping I do also. I consider myself competent enough to apply for a secretarial position, which means being a general stenographic assistant and receptionist to an executive.

"The Project Director--head of this center--Mr. Paul A. Taylor, has been good enough to write in my behalf, as has also one of the departmental supervisors....Jobs are available through the WRA and the Civil Service, but I much prefer going out through the aid of a church group. The Friends Committee and the Baptist Society do no discriminate against persons of other denominations, so it does not matter to them that I am a Methodist."

As to being "personable", I have to be a bit careful to keep from going completely overboard about her. She is without exception, the most attractive girl of Japanese ancestry I have ever met. She has beauty, poise, a strikingly beautiful speaking voice, and a command of language, entirely unaccented, which has always shamed us all.

If I could possibly have her for my own secretary she would be here. As it is, may I suggest, most cordially that you get in touch with Miss Alice Takeuchi, 45-8-A, Jerome Relocation Center, Denson, Arkansas, hoping that her possible placement will be effective in providing not only needed manpower but a particularly fine interpreter of the group she represents.

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman

RWK:mj

WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY

3320 A. I. U. Building  
Columbus 15, Ohio

IN REPLY, PLEASE REFER TO:

July 7, 1943

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ans. answer*

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman  
PACIFIC COAST  
Committee on American Principles and  
Fair Play  
2207 Union St.  
Berkeley, California

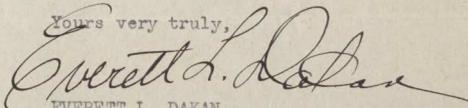
Dear Mrs. Kingman:

We have just been informed by Dr. Merrill that we will have to cancel his job offer for the present. I regret this and so does Dr. Merrill -- I hope that the objectors on his board can be influenced and persuaded to change their minds. Until such a time, however, it would seem inadvisable to pursue our search further.

I am very much interested in Miss Alice Takeuchi, and I wonder if she would consider an application for a job with either the War Relocation Authority or some other agency. I would suggest that you write and urge her to make application to Mr. Harold S. Fistere, Relocation Supervisor, 944 Union Commerce Building, Cleveland 14, Ohio, for a position as secretary in case he increases the size of his staff in this territory.

May I thank you very much for your cooperation, I will get in touch with you later if Dr. Merrill is able to renew his offer at a future date.

Yours very truly,



EVERETT L. DAKAN  
Relocation Officer

eld/yo



D. S. HAMMACK  
CAREY McWILLIAMS  
DAN S. HAMMACK, JR.

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LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA  
Zone 13

June 15, 1943.

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

Gentlemen:

I have been invited to take part in a  
National Radio Broadcast on the subject of whether or  
not any of the Japanese who were evacuated from the  
West Coast should be permitted to return.

If your organization has taken any action  
on this question or issued any statement or release, I  
would like very much to receive a copy.

Would also appreciate it if you would place  
my name on your mailing list, and, lastly, I should like  
to inquire what, if any, action you have taken with respect  
to establishing headquarters in Southern California.

Thanking you for this information, I am

Yours very truly,

*Carey McWilliams*  
CAREY McWILLIAMS

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6/28/43*

June 28, 1943

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

Dear Mr. McWilliams:

You inquired in a recent letter about the establishment of a branch of the Committee in Southern California.

The temporary chairman of the Pasadena branch is Mrs. Maynard F. Thayer, 466 E. California St. In Los Angeles, Professor Joseph Power of 1318 Maltman Ave. is organizing what we feel will be a strong group.

We shall be happy to advise you of further developments in the program.

Very sincerely yours,

Ruth W. Kingman

RTK:mj

June 16, 1943

Mr. Chester G. Hanson  
Los Angeles Times  
Los Angeles, California

Dear Mr. Hanson:

Having just read your series of articles published in the Los Angeles Times, covering your observations at the Relocation Project at Poston, Arizona, I am taking this opportunity to tell you that it is good to see an objective presentation of your impression of things among the evacuees.

These days, when so much of an inflammatory nature is being injected into the news columns, it is encouraging to see straight reporting.

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman