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L.W. Neustadter.
January sixth.
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Dear Mrs. Kingman,

In reply to your kind favor of the 3rd. inst. I still feel that the minority rights of non-union labor, Negroes, and other groups are more vital to us than the restoration of these to even law-abiding Japanese; we are still at war with Japan, while the above named minorities are as a rule American citizens, mostly native born.

I realize of course that war imposes many hardships upon all alike, but the Japanese cannot hope to evade the duplicity of their war lords; each and every member of a discredited Nation, must suffer for the deeds and atrocities perpetrated by those in power in his or her Homeland; we hope that many Japanese are loyal to the United States, but we dare not relax our vigilance until Japan has been decisively beaten.

Unlike the Nazis, or the Germans, the Japanese can in the near future be taught the rudiments of civilization, they are an imitative people; while the only good German is a dead German; but why not wait for the reformation of our little yellow comrades until peace and the Allied victory permit us to be generous without endangering our National security?

Absolute justice being as yet just around the corner, a far corner, we must place security above the ideals of the blind lady with the scales; that is a realistic policy in a realistic world.

We must of course treat our Japanese population kindly and in accordance with our policy of tolerance; we dare not however, let our bars altogether down; as the Japanese would say "so sorry".

I repeat, when Negroes can ride in the same compartments as whites, when they are permitted to vote, even under the protection of soldiers' rifles, in our not-so-sunny South, when non-union workers can apply for work without having their heads bashed in, then we can get busy with our local Japanese; they do not deserve any priority; after all, our own law-abiding citizens come first; if we protect the rights of the Japanese, we must then do the same for our Germans, coyotes & other predatory vermin, including the destructive rat, we cannot afford to play favorites until the war is won.

Regretting my inability to agree with you, I remain nevertheless,

Very sincerely yours,

Louis W. Neustadter

January 3, 1943

Mr. H.V. Nicholson
1554 Las Lunas St.
Pasadena 4, Calif.

Dear Mr. Nicholson:

Happy New Year! Things are going quite well, thank you, except that, as usual, we are swamped with the "things we ought to have done", etc...

I've seen some of Mr. Nagata's things and think that they are very good. But for two reasons, I hesitate to send him the lists you suggest.

1. We have refused to send our mailing list to other people, feeling that once the precedent of "sharing" lists is set it is hard to control.
2. We have only our card files and the office personnel is already overtaxed with work.

I am sending Mr. Nagata the names of our local chairman and several church leaders whom I know to be interested.

I would appreciate your further thinking on this matter. Many groups with varying attitudes and interests would like our lists.

What to do?

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman

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TELEGRAM

January 3, 1944

Mrs. Donald C. Peattie
940 Mission Canyon Rd.
Santa Barbara, Calif.

Sorry Peattie ill. Should set Myer dates by
tomorrow if possible. If meeting desireable
is Jan. 25 satisfactory. Regret urgency.

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman

January 3, 1945

Mr. Thomas R. Bodine
1201 Chestnut St.
Philadelphia 7, Pa.

Dear Butch:

Thank heaven for Quaker persistence! Ever since I saw Will James at a political Caucus and saw how he gently but firmly gave not one inch, even to the "sense of the meeting" I've had great respect for Quaker "non resistance". This time it's holding the line for student relocation was swell!

Our Xmas cards this year were indicative of our efforts -- at least 60 - 70 were from Nisei or their parents.

It is gratifying to hear from them, as in this barren atmosphere out here, it gives us just that extra dynamic to carry on.

Did you read Dec. 20, Time, "Races" --and did you see Christian Science Monitor, 11/27/43, Byline Rodney L. Brink?

Read 'em and know we're in there swinging!

Cordially,

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman

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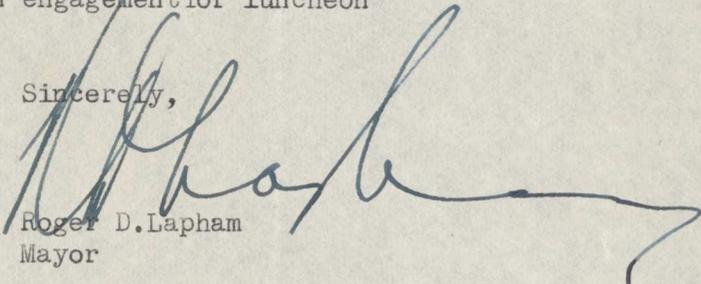
Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman,
Executive Secretary,
Pacific Coast Committee on
American Principles and Fair Play,
465 California Street,
San Francisco 4.

My dear Mrs. Kingman:

I much appreciate your invitation to be the guest of your Committee at luncheon on January eleventh, at the Commercial Club, 465 California Street, at which time Mr. Dillon S. Myer, National Director of War Relocation Authority, will speak.

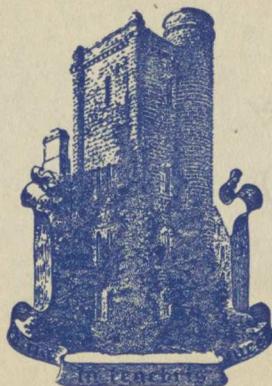
I regret that I must decline because I have already made an engagement for luncheon on that date.

Sincerely,


Roger D. Lapham
Mayor

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*P.S. Would like I see Mr. Myer
if he can find time*



SAN FRANCISCO THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY
SAN ANSELMO, CALIFORNIA

January 3, 1944

Committee on American Principles
2234 Telegraph Avenue
Berkeley, Calif.
Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman, sect.

Dear Mrs. Kingman:

As a partial fulfillment of the requirements for the B.D. degree in the San Francisco Theological Seminary, I am writing a thesis on the orientation of the Orientals in the United States. It will deal with the coming of the Orientals to this country, legislative and social factors governing their orientation, their problems, possible assimilation, their future role in American life, and the church's role in this orientation.

I have been referred to this committee by the Rev. Gordon K. Chapman for materials on the Japanese in America today. I will appreciate it if you can send me information and materials indicating the present location of the Japanese in America today, the present policy of the government towards them, and what will be their future here in America. Any other materials which you can send me, concerning this and kindred issues, will be greatly welcomed. If there are any expenses involved, I will be glad to pay for them. I was over at the office of this committee a few days ago, but it was closed.

Thank you for your kind attention. If I can be of any possible help to you and your committee, let me know.

Sincerely yours,

Harold Jow
Harold Jow
Seminary, Box C
San Anselmo, Calif.

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January 5, 1944

Mr. Harold Jow
Seminary, Box C
San Anselmo, Calif.

Dear Mr. Jow:

In reply to your letter of January 3, may I say that we are very happy to send you copies of what material we have. I think that you will find the greatest amount of information as to government policies in the W.R.A. pamphlets, while Galen Fisher's "Balance Sheet" is the best thing I know on the subject generally.

I suggest that for material on the future of the American Japanese, you secure from the office of the Department of Justice, Washington, D.C., the address "Democracy and the Minorities" delivered November 11, 1943, by Attorney General Biddle, and that you refer to the statements we are sending, made by Ambassador Grew of the State Department.

I am afraid that the future of this group is too uncertain to project any definite prediction, but I still have confidence in the fair-mindedness of the majority of Americans.

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman

RWK:mj

January 4, 1944

Dr. Lester K. Ade
Education Consultant
War Relocation Authority
Barr Bldg.,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Dr. Ade:

Much has happened to us all since I met you in that little god-forsaken hotel in Delta a year ago, when I was on my way into Topaz for my "three weeks behind the barbed wire". I regret not having seen you in September or October when I was in Washington. There is much I'd like to talk over with you.

Before I go on to the problem in mind, may I tell you about my brother, who is now Major Charles D. Winning, training at Camp Custer for service with A.M.C. Needless to say he is delighted, and is hoping that fate will take him to the Pacific Area, where he put in his first service overseas some twenty odd years ago. His wife is Lt. Freda G. Wing of the U.S. Marines.

From time to time I receive letters, some from evacuees whose children are still on the projects, some from the high school students themselves, often from Caucasian friends to whom evacuees have written. The burden of these letters, not in any particular tone of complaint, (too often of resignation) they deplore the fact that the Center High Schools, while planned for the maintenance of standards acceptable to our Universities, fall far short of providing adequate College preparation.

I don't know how to answer these letters. I do know that the increasing difficulty in enlisting satisfactory and competent personnel is indisputable. I also know that the facilities in some centers are woefully inadequate.

What can I say to these people?

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman

RWK:mj

WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY

WASHINGTON



January 12, 1944.

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

Dear Mrs. Kingman:

This will acknowledge and thank you for your letter of January 4. I like your descriptive remarks relative to our experience in Central Utah. When do you plan to return to spend some additional time "behind the barbed wire"? I too regret that you were too busy to even let me talk to you by telephone when you were in Washington last fall.

I had a very nice Christmas card from the Major and his Pal the Lieutenant. I am pleased to know that they are both in uniform. My only reaction is that I am envious. I am still anxious to get over-seas.

Relative to the question you raise with me as to how to reply to folks who raise questions about our high school programs in the War Relocation Authority Centers can only say that we are accredited by the State Departments of Public Instruction in each of the States in which we are operating secondary schools. In order to be accredited we naturally have to have acceptable college preparatory curriculums to meet the general requirements for admission to college.

If the questions which are reaching you are concerned with particular colleges that have unusual and stringent entrance requirements then it is true that we are unable to formulate a program to meet the interest of only a small percentage of the students. You doubtless know that the large percentage of students in our high schools are not particularly headed for college and their programs are not formulated to meet the interest and needs of college-preparatory students.

More and more the colleges are not requiring 4 years of Latin, 3 to 4 units in higher Mathematics and like courses. In all of our high schools surely a student can get 3 to 4 years of work in English, 3 to 4 years of work in Social Studies, 2 or 3 units in Mathematics, and 2 or 3 units in Science. I would also like particularly to call your attention to the fact that each high school has an Educational Advisor who checks with each student with respect to their education goals. Not one of these Education Advisors has informed me that they have been unable to meet the demands of any substantial number of their students.

Mrs. Ruth Kingman

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January 12, 1944.

Perhaps your best reply to any student who raises superficial questions and makes broad general criticisms of our general program can be answered with the common reply which I regularly use, and that is that the high school curriculums are typical of the ones recommended in the States in which our Relocation Centers are situated. Our programs by and large are broader and more comprehensive than the curriculum offerings in the neighboring high schools. We are constantly criticised by members of the Congress and others for treating our students much better than the students in the high school in the area where our relocation centers are situated.

Won't you be kind enough to pass on to me the specific names of students writing you and the names of specific high schools that you have referred to in your letter of January 4. If we know the exact names of the students making such complaints, the name of the high school and the shortcomings mentioned, we shall be in a much better position to remedy the situation than we are without these data.

Again thank you for your courtesy in writing me about this matter and in return accept my very best wishes for the fulfillment of your hopes and plans for the future.

With cordial regard and deep appreciation, I am

Sincerely yours,

Lester K. ADE
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LESTER K. ADE
Director of Education

January 4, 1944

Mr. Chester Rowell
149 Tamalpais Rd.
Berkeley, Calif.

Dear Chester Rowell:

It is all too true that we often neglect doing the gracious thing when people are near to us. That is very specifically true in the case of our Committee and its very highly valued member Chester Rowell. We go on, quoting you widely, sending out thousands of reprints of your editorials, and only now I'm writing to say thank you for your fine help, and at the same time I am writing partly to ask another favor.

Before I go any further, however, may I say that I'm enclosing the reprints as we've had them set up. The Chronicle gave us the mats and we had them done "as is" for the very make up suggests Chester Rowell, and that's what we want. Of the June reprints, we have sent out approximately 1,000, and one of November, 10,000, the latter for use all over the country in Bill of Rights week.

It would seem that it is about time for some good national magazine to send one of its best people out here to evaluate underlying pressures on the west Coast that are keeping alive the appalling bitterness and hatred toward all persons of Japanese ancestry, regardless of citizenship and unquestionable loyalty.

Harper's has done some good things to date, and some of us feel that if you were to write to the editor, Mr. Frederick Lewis Allen, 49-W. 33rd St., New York City, making the suggestion, he might see the merit in a suggestion for another piece of work.

With the recent action of the California State Board of Agriculture, which, notwithstanding the governor's rather

fretful comment, was voted at a meeting attended by six out of the nine regular members, there appears to be an opening for someone from outside the controversial coastal area, to make an objective analysis. The Assistant Editor of Harper's, Mr. George R. Leighton is a crack analyst and reporter. We should like to see him take this on. We have all seen that the Middlewestern and Eastern press do not see eye to eye with most of our West Coast journals, and have written well and objectively. A strong presentation in a national magazine such as Harper's, if placed upon the desks of some of our more recalcitrant or shortsighted editors and legislatures might well aid in the creation of a better perspective. Surely they cannot wish to see California in the bad light it is shedding in the national scene.

I have written to Mr. Leighton, expressing my hope, and have told him that someone will write to Mr. Allen to the same effect. I hope that you will feel free to do so.

What is your feeling about this?

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman

RWK:mj

January 4, 1944

Miss Alice Takeuchi
65 South Fourth St.
Columbus 15, Ohio

Dear Alice:

Happy New Year!

Mr. Kingman and I are delighted to know that you are enjoying Columbus so thoroughly. When your letter came, telling us about it, I took the liberty of showing it to my friend Mrs. Ruby Heide, Secretary-Treasurer of the Alameda County C.I.O.

I don't have time to write a real letter now. This Fair Play Committee keeps me madly busy, beyond a point where I can begin to care for personal correspondence. You must be equally as busy, but I'm very unfairly hoping that you will have time for another letter soon.

The following two paragraphs are from a letter from Mrs. Heide, and are self explanatory.

"Many, many thanks for letting me read your communication from Alice Takeuchi. I was so impressed with this communication, I took the privilege of reading sections of it to the Council, without mentioning any names, whatsoever.

"I felt that this communication could no doubt do more to break down any prejudices which might be in the minds of any of our delegates, than any other single piece of material I had been able to get hold of - and it did!"

The C.I.O. is consistently fine in its racial attitude, and outspoken in its program. Mr. Kingman and I are delighted that you are in the Columbus office.

Happy New Year again -- and write soon, even if I don't!

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman

RWK:mj

January 4, 1944

Mr. Ralph P. Merritt
Manzanar Relocation Center
Manzanar, Calif.

Dear Mr. Merritt:

The mimeographed sheet and the newspaper clipping covering the visit of the representative of the Senate Fact Finding Committee were received and greatly appreciated.

Everything you send seems to be of great interest and to have a vital relationship to the interpretation of the job at hand. If only there were more channels in which such material might be used! Also, more personnel and budget to handle it all.

The action of the California Board of Agriculture seems to be the most important to break lately. If proper use is made of it in Washington, it should prove constructive, don't you think so? We are pursuing that line, hoping for the best.

I've met Mr. Bernhard (I think it's spelled that way) who seems to be, by far, the most understanding of the Paratroopers from Washington. Having spent so much time on a project, he seems to have a much greater comprehension of the problem of group relocation than anyone from the National Office I've talked with.

Did you find him cooperative and constructive? He had to take over in San Francisco due to illness of Congressman Webster. I've been impressed with his willingness and determination to cut through the red tape originating from Washington.

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman

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WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY

Manzanar War Relocation Center
Manzanar, California

In reply, please refer to:

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January 7, 1944

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

Dear Mrs. Kingman:

Thank you for yours of the 4th. As additional material I am sending you the enclosed editorial written by Roy Takeno in our Manzanar Free Press, which I think is an accurate and constructive statement of the position of many thousands of our citizens of Japanese ancestry.

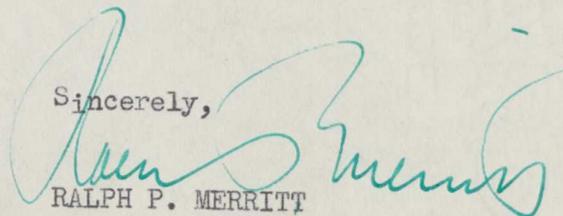
Personally I am afraid that the action of the State Board of Agriculture has been nullified by the Governor's characterization of the resolution as coming from persons not properly qualified to speak for the Board of Agriculture. However, I wish it were possible to use it effectively but doubt that it will carry much weight.

Edgar Bernhard, in the San Francisco office of the WRA, is a very fine man whose effectiveness you are correct in appraising highly. However, he is not a Paratrooper but a permanent member of the San Francisco staff.

On Monday, the 16th of this month, a meeting is being held in San Francisco for all project attorneys with Mr. Bernhard and Mr. Phillip Glick, the Chief Counselor of WRA from Washington. I am hoping that some good will come from this conference.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,



RALPH P. MERRITT
Project Director



January 4, 1944

Mr. Louis J. Meillette
P.O. Box 459
Honolulu, Hawaii

Dear Louis:

Alona etc. I never have thanked you for the several things you've sent over. It is only because we're so terribly over rushed and under staffed. I was particularly well impressed with those last stories of you Honolulu members who have received award for distinguished service. I hope to make use of these ^{in a} pamphlet we're ^{to} get out made up of letters from men in the service. So far, we do not have any from Nisei who have been in action. Can you get any for us? We can use them either with or without signature (we want the signatures, but will withhold publication on request).

At the Assembly Interim Committee Hearings in Los Angeles, (see Time, December 20, page 20) the Committee showed sincere interest in such a letter, produced by one of the witnesses. They seemed to be in complete ignorance of the presence of Japanese Americans in the U.S. Army in the South Pacific.

I shall greatly appreciate any help you can give us on this, as I have your cooperation in the past.

This new job of Harry's as regional Director of the President's Committee on Fair Employment Practice, keeps him at his desk for a 48 hour week. You can imagine what that does to his golf game. Even at that he cracked through with a 38 a couple of Sundays ago on the only 9 he's done in months!

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman

RWK:mj

[Handwritten signature]

January 4, 1944

Mr. A. L. Wills
341 Federal Bldg.
Honolulu, 2, T.H.

Dear Mr. Wills:

At the request of Mr. Ernest Besig, I am enclosing a statement of the principles and program of the Committee on American Principles and Fair Play.

Sincerely,

Secretary

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(Friends Service)

Committee On Racial Equality
1830 Sutter St.
Jan. 4, 1944

Mrs. Ruth Kingman
465 California St.
San Francisco, Calif.

Dear Mrs. Kingman:

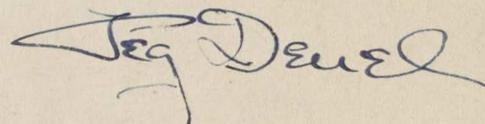
The Committee On Racial Equality is a new organization to San Francisco, composed of young people who are interested in eliminating racial prejudice in this city. We want to add our moral support, and eventually some financial support to the Pacific Coast Committee on American Principles and Fair Play. We think highly of your work and are most appreciative of your splendid efforts.

We should be glad to have you put us on your mailing list, and to let us know if there are things we can do to help. Most of us are working during the day, but, we, as an organization would be glad to do things together in a group.

Our membership is inter-racial, and thus far all of our efforts have been spent in the field of Negro interests. We are particularly interested in the Marinship investigations, and have sent wires to the national F.E.P.C. urging their support of an immediate settlement.

Wishing you success in your splendid undertakings.

Very sincerely



EDGAR ALLAN LOWTHER
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January 5, 1944

Mr. Chester H. Rowell,
Pacific Coast Committee on
American Principles and Fair Play,
465 California Street,
San Francisco

Dear Mr. Rowell:

This is a belated reply to your
letter of the 15th ult. concerning the purposes
and program of the above Committee, with which
I am in complete agreement.

Enclosed is my check as a con-
tributing member.

Sincerely yours,

Edgar A. Lowther

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January 6, 1944

Mr. Frederick Lewis Allen
Editor "Harper's"
49 West 33d Street
New York City

Dear Mr. Allen:

I enclose a letter addressed to me by Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman, executive Secretary of the Pacific Coast Committee on American Principles and Fair Play, suggesting that I write to you, as she has already written to Mr. Leighton, presenting the idea that "Harper's" "send one of its best people out here to evaluate underlying pressure on the West Coast that is keeping alive the appalling bitterness and hatred toward all persons of Japanese ancestry regardless of citizenship and unquestioned loyalty." If you will look over the list on the enclosed letterhead of the Committee on American Principles and Fair Play you will see that it contains the names of many of the best-known and most respectable citizens in California. They constitute a decidedly responsible backing, but we have had also violent and hysterical propaganda on the other side, some of it the reflection of mere emotionalism, some of it political riding on the wave of prejudice, and some of it utterly malicious and conscious distortion of known facts as a part of a much larger conspiracy to disunite Americans, to sow distrust and suspicion of our Allies and to conduct a propaganda which is identical with, though one might generously hope, not instigated by the simultaneous Goebbels propaganda from Germany.

The worst of this comes from the Hearst papers and is largely written by Mr. Hearst himself. Otherwise his intelligent and otherwise honest publishers and editors would not print it. They know better. Unfortunately, the Native Sons, the American Legion and other considerable organizations have got noisily aboard the same propaganda, and it obviously does appeal to the prevalent prejudices and current emotions of a large part of the California people.

What this Committee on Fair Play is trying to do is to restore some intellectual clarity and some respect for the law and the Constitution, at least into the paper record of the case. We have avoided getting aboard any of the radical theorism on the contrary side and accept without question during the military emergency all the military measures which have been taken, regardless of any intellectual differences of opinion on them which any of our members may have. There are some groups, notably a local one in my home town of Berkeley, which have allowed themselves to be made the forum from which other and literally crackpot groups have put out propaganda, going so far as to demand that, under threat of boycott, all local merchants employ Negroes as clerks and that the University compel the fraternities and sororities to accept Negroes as members. Needless to say, our committee has taken no part in these agitations.

I enclose also reprints of two columns by myself in the San Francisco Chronicle on the subject, which the Committee has reprinted and circulated. They include statements of Mr. Grew and cautious indications of statements made to me in Washington by Assistant Secretary McCloy, all in the same spirit.

Whether you think this worth taking up as a national balance to the obviously unbalanced situation in California, some of which is spontaneous and some of which is promoted by agitators, you will know best. If you should think it worth your while to send anybody to California for a preliminary survey of the matter, I am at your service for any assistance I might render. I may say that I have had long experience on these questions, both in Japan and in the United States, and that I was in Manchuria when the Japanese took it over. I had some very revealing experiences both there and in Tokyo, some of it from the professionally expert liars of the Japanese army.

Sincerely,

Chester H. Rowell

January 6, 1944

Miss Peg Deuel
1830 Sutter St.
San Francisco, Calif.

Dear Miss Deuel:

Thank you very much for your letter of January 4, and congratulations on the organization of one more group whose efforts are directed at breaking down racial tensions. I have heard Mr. David Selvin speak of you and your good work.

I am placing your name on our mailing list, and shall be happy to send you any material which we send out generally. May I say that more material goes, very naturally, to paid subscribers to the Committee, and we must finance the mailing of such material.

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman

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TELEGRAM

January 6, 1944

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

Understand Sgt. Ben Kuroki en route to San Diego. Have been asked by San Francisco Commonwealth Club to locate him as they wish to invite him to be Commonwealth Speaker. This opportunity should not be missed, if such appearance permissible. Can you wire me his whereabouts? Thank you very much .

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman

WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY

WASHINGTON

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman
Comm. on American Principles & Fair Play
465 California Street
San Francisco, California

JAN 6 1944

Dear Mrs. Kingman:

Many thanks for the copies of the California Monthly. Yori Wada's article is beautifully, almost poetically, written, and anyone who can read it without getting a lump in his throat, and without getting its message, must be completely insensitive to the things that life is made of.

Sincerely,

D. S. Meyer
Director



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JOE GRANT MASAOKA JAPANESE AMERICAN CITIZENS
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1/6/44

Pacific Coast Committee on American Principles
and Fair Play

2234 Telegraph Avenue
Berkeley 4, California

Dear Sirs:

Received your literature concerning
the War Relocation Authority information
and am very much in favor with your
policy of correcting common errors about
the Japanese-Americans.

My address has be chang and is:

John Nichols A.S.
V-12 N J U
1301 E. California St.
Pasadena 4, California

Sincerely

John Nichols

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LARRY TAJIRI, EDITOR

January 6, 1944

Mrs. Ruth Kingman
Pac. Coast Com. on Amer. Prin. and Fair Play
2234 Telegraph Avenue
Berkeley 4, California

Dear Mrs. Kingman:

Thank you for your phone call. I called our office in Denver shortly afterwards and found that Sergeant Kuroki had already left for California. He was in Denver visiting relatives. They believe that he is now assigned to an army air base at Santa Monica, California, but they indicated that Sergeant Kuroki himself was quite vague as to his duties at his new post and also did not know just where he would be. I believe our Denver office would communicate with you if they have any further information on his whereabouts. I believe an opportunity for Sergeant Kuroki to appear before such a group as the Commonwealth Club in San Francisco presents an extra-ordinary opportunity for the presentation of a type of positive material with which to counter the many lies and exaggerations which are being spread by those who would insight race hatred.

Incidentally, you may be interested to know that liberal groups in Hollywood are planning a great mass meeting at the Shrine Auditorium in Los Angeles, which would dramatize the part which our minority group is playing in the war effort. Norman Corwin, one of the top radio and screen writers, is preparing the script for the program, and Carey Mc Williams has written me that a section of the program will be devoted to Japanese Americans. Many Hollywood stars will also appear and an audience of 6,000 is expected. I think that this is another step forward in countering the vicious propoganda which has been spread on the West Coast.

I believe you are already aware of this, but the Des Moines Sunday Register published on January 2, an editorial titled, "Californians Aren't All Like That" which stressed the word of your Fair Play Committee and also mentioned the action of the California State Agricultural Board and the recent editorial in the San Francisco Chronicle. If you do not have a copy of this fine editorial, I would be very glad to send you our copy.

Very sincerely yours,

Larry Tajiri
Larry Tajiri, Editor

LT:ttt

January 12, 1944

Mr. Larry Tajiri
413 Beason Bldg.
Salt Lake City, Utah

Dear Mr. Tajiri:

I am still waiting for final word from Dr. Deutsch, president of the Commonwealth Club, on the Kuroki invitation.

After talking with you, and receiving a wire from Mr. Joe Masaoka, I wired Assistant Secretary of War John McCloy for the Sergeant's address, and provisional permission of the War Department. Both were forthcoming, and Dr. Deutsch is just this afternoon in a committee meeting, from which the invitation will probably be issued.

I shall let you know as soon as possible. Meantime, of course, the matter is "off the record".

Thank you very much for your help, and good luck for the forthcoming year.

Cordially yours,

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman

RWK:mj

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Executive Secretary, CLARENCE E. PICKETT

January 6, 1944

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman
2207 Union Street
Berkeley, California

Dear Mrs. Kingman:

We have learned through the local Fair Play Committee that Dillon S. Myer is to speak in Pasadena the evening of the 24th. Some of our folks who work with the Fair Play Committee, and especially those helping with our Japanese work, are eager to hear him at that time.

We have written a note to the W.R.A. office in San Francisco suggesting that a little group of us interested both in the work of resettlement and in the public opinion problem in California, would like to have a conference with him while he is in this area. Perhaps the supper hour might be convenient for him. However, we will adapt ourselves to his schedule and will be glad if you can help arrange for us to have a short conference with him.

Very cordially yours,

David E. Henley

David E. Henley

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FREDERICK W. ROMAN
Ph. D., D. Litt., Director

January 6, 1944

Mrs. Ruth Kingman
2234 Telegraph Avenue
Berkeley, California

My dear Mrs. Kingman:

I have just learned that Dillon S. Myer is speaking here at the Biltmore at noon for the Town Hall on Monday, January 24, and on that same Monday evening at the Library in Pasadena.

Now my Forums have spent a very great deal of time on the whole problem. I have given the Movement a great deal of support, and for that reason I am writing to ask if Mr. Myers could speak for my group in Pasadena at the McKinley School on that same Monday evening. He could begin promptly at 7:30 P. M. and he could talk for a half hour or possibly three quarters of an hour, and then we would take him over to the Library where he is to speak for the other committee. Our group will gladly pay \$30. for the thirty minutes. We will either pay it to him or to your committee. Furthermore, if it will help, we will take him from the Biltmore that afternoon to Pasadena. He can have dinner with a few of us there.

Further, I have learned that you have no organization set up here in Los Angeles. You can set up your work in this office here if you like. We will help direct it under your guidance.

Kindly let me know if ~~this plan will work.~~

Very truly yours,

Signed by: JSK, secretary

FREDERICK W. ROMAN

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January 10, 1944

Mr. Frederick W. Roman
214 Loma Dr.
Los Angeles, Calif.

Dear Dr. Roman:

I am writing with the request of Mrs. Kingman to tell you that unfortunately Mr. Myer's schedule is too full to permit the assignment of an additional meeting. The delay in answering was due to the necessary consultation with the WRA office in San Francisco, concerning Mr. Myer's route. May I apologize for any inconvenience we may have caused you?

Sincerely,

Secretary

mj

p.s. I am sure Mrs. Kingman will write to you in the near future regarding the Los Angeles Branch of the Committee. Thank you so much for your kind offer.

reply
1/10/44

Executive Office of the President
OFFICE FOR EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT
Washington, D. C.

January 6, 1944

In Reply Refer To S-47

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

Gentlemen:

It will be appreciated if you will send to
the Office for Emergency Management, 499 Pennsylvania
Avenue, N. W., Room M-210, Attention Mrs. Abrams
one copy of the following publication: A
Balance Sheet on Japanese Evacuation by
Garlan Fisher

This publication is for official use and it
is our understanding that it is complimentary.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely yours,

Donald R. Watson
FOR Donald R. Watson
Chief Purchasing Officer

January 7, 1944

Mr. Ralph T. Fisher
American Trust Company
Oakland, Calif.

Dear Mr. Fisher:

Enclosed you will find authoritative statements regarding the problem of the American Japanese in Hawaii. From the small pamphlet entitled "A Voice That Must Be Heard", two selections have been copied on a separate sheet, for your greater convenience if you did not wish to send the entire booklet.

I hope the enclosures will be suitable for your use. If we have overlooked any specific statement you had in mind, please let us know, and we will send it promptly.

Sincerely,

Secretary

mj

January 7, 1944

Mr. George H. Leighton
Assistant Editor
Harper's Magazine
49 W. 33rd St.
New York City, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Leighton:

From time to time I have meant to write to you, congratulating Harper's upon its excellent article pertaining to loyal Americans of Japanese ancestry. Only my over occupation in trying to get such well documented material before as wide a public as possible, particularly on the Pacific Coast, has kept me from doing so.

If you will check your files you will see the Pasadena Branch of our Committee sent out 10,000 reprints of Mr. Cecil Henry Coggin's article "The Japanese Americans in Hawaii" of your June 1943 issue. Your other material related to the same subject has been uniformly excellent, and we wish you to know that it is appreciated and widely quoted.

The burden of this letter is a request that Harper's send out a crack writer -- Paul Taylor says that you personally, should come, to the West Coast and really cover this thing.

The recent action of the California State Board of Agriculture, with the fretful comment upon it by Governor Earl Warren, could be the basis of a beautiful evaluation of some of the underlying pressures which have brought about this additional blot upon the racial history of the United States.

The political implications are obvious.

I am enclosing a copy of the resolution, together with the press release put out thru the regular channels, following the meeting of the Board. I am also sending a copy of the comment Governor Warren is reported to have made in the San Francisco Examiner, December 22, 1943, and a memo on the actual facts.

(Incidentally Paul Taylor tells me that quotes from Time, December 20, page 18, and enclosed Kaltenborn story aided materially in getting the resolution passed. Californians don't like to think that they are appearing in a poor light before the rest of the country.)

Somewhere lies a whale of a story, and I'd like to see it in Harper's. I'm asking Chester Rowell to write to Mr. Allen with more of the same suggestions.

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman

RWK:mj

January 7, 1944

Mr. Tom Clark
Assistant Attorney General
Department of Justice
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Clark:

In your letter of January 1, which was in reply to my request of December 16, that the Attorney General further explain his reported opinion concerning possible legislation revoking the citizenship of disloyal Japanese-Americans, you have enclosed a copy of the Attorney General's speech of Nov. 11.

I probably did not make myself clear. I referred to the enclosed synopsis it appeared in the Los Angeles News on December 9, and while the Nov. 11 address is undoubtedly the strongest statement to date, on the subject of racial minorities, it is quite unrelated to the later story.

It is of utmost importance that we on the West Coast who are trying to maintain a fair attitude, and who insist that the policy governing treatment of Americans of Japanese ancestry shall be based firmly upon the Constitution, should be fully aware of any interpretations the Attorney General is making in that area.

Is there any farther information we may have?

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman

RWK:mj

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

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

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January 26, 1944

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

Dear Mrs. Kingman:

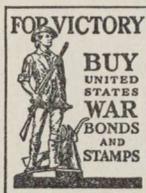
This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of January 7th requesting information as to an alleged statement made by the Attorney General on December 9, 1943. Examination of the records of the Dies Committee reveals that the Attorney General was misrepresented in the press reports as to his statement. What he actually said was that Japanese who expressed a preference for citizenship in Japan rather than in the United States might by legislation be permitted voluntarily to renounce their United States citizenship, thereby become expatriated and be removed from the United States. Such a change of citizenship would be comparable to that of the aliens who become naturalized in this country. The Attorney General felt that no constitutional amendment would be needed for a permissive statute of this sort, the operation of which would depend upon the volition of the person concerned.

Very truly yours,

For the Attorney General,

Tom C. Clark

TOM C. CLARK,
Assistant Attorney General



January 7, 1944

Mr. Samuel Nagata
30-18-C
Heart Mountain, Wyo

Dear Mr. Nagata:

Mr. Nicholson of Pasadena has just written to me expressing your desire to add to your mailing list. It has, thus far, been necessary for us to maintain the policy of not releasing our list, as it is not feasible to give it to some and to withhold it from others. I am sure that you appreciate our position in this, as grave misuse could be made.

I am, however, taking the liberty of sending you the names and addresses of our Board members, feeling confident that these people will appreciate and make the best possible use of material you might wish to send them.

With best wishes for the coming year.

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman

RWK:mj

January 7, 1944

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

Dear Mr. Fisher:

Enclosed are some further statements concerning the American-Japanese problem in Hawaii, that were not included in the material forwarded to you yesterday.

I hope you may find these of some use.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary

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January 7, 1944

Committee on American Principles
and Fair Play
2234 Telegraph Ave.
Berkeley 4, Calif.

Dear Sir:

Do you have available the leaflet which carries the opinion of William Denman, United States Circuit Judge, in the case of Gordon Kiyoshi Hirabayashi vs. United States of America? If you do we would like to order 50 copies of it.

Sincerely yours,

Shigeo Tanabe
Shigeo Tanabe

no charge

January 12, 1944

Mr. Shigee Tanabe
404 Park Ave. Bldg.
Detroit 26, Mich.

Dear Mr. Tanabe:

The 50 copies of the opinion of Judge William Denman were mailed to you today, as of your request in your letter of January 7.

There will be no charge for this material.

Sincerely,

Secretary

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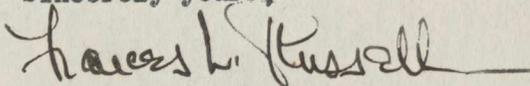
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Dear Mrs. Kingman:

TIME's thanks for the very nice compliments you paid us regarding our article on the treatment of the Japanese in California.

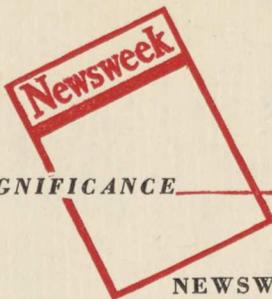
Such praise is indeed good to hear!

Sincerely yours,



Frances L. Russell
For the Editors

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman
Comm. on American Principles & Fair Play
465 California Street
San Francisco, Calif.



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Yours truly
(Miss) Florence Hoyle

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January 10, 1944

Mr. David B. Henley
544 N. Orange Grove Ave.
Pasadena, Calif.

Dear Mr. Henley:

I am writing at the request of Mrs. Kingman to tell you that after consultation with the San Francisco office of the War Relocation Authority, it is with great regret that Mr. Dillon Myer's schedule in Southern California is too full to fit in another program.

However, Mr. Myer is staying at the Hotel Clark, and you may be able to schedule an appointment with him there during his brief stay, in Los Angeles.

Sincerely,

Secretary

mj

January 10, 1944

Dr. John Thomas
212 5th Ave.
New York City 10, N.Y.

Dear Dr. Thomas:

At Mr. Galen Fisher's request, we mailed you some material on the problem of the American Japanese, early last week.

Mr. Fisher suggested that you would be interested to know that taking out a Contributing Membership of \$5.00 would entitle you to all future releases of the Committee, in addition to covering the material already sent.

Sincerely,

Secretary

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January 10, 1944

Dr. Stanley U. North
267 Fourth Ave.
New York City 10, N.Y.

Dear Dr. North:

At Mr. Calen Fisher's request, we mailed you some material on the problem of the American Japanese, early last week.

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Sincerely,

Secretary

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January 10, 1944

Dr. Jacob A. Long,
156 Fifth Ave.,
New York City 10, N.Y.

Dear Dr. Long:

At Mr. Galen Fisher's request, we mailed you some material on the problem of the American Japanese, early last week.

Mr. Fisher also suggested that you would be interested to know that taking out a Contributing Membership of \$5.00 would entitle you to all future releases of the Committee, in addition to covering the material already sent.

Sincerely,

Secretary

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January 10, 1944

Pvt. T. Hikoyeda
U.S. Army 39919484
1st Co., Reg C.
Camp Shelby, Miss.

Dear Tad:

Happy New Year and thank you for the nice card. I've had so many this year from Misai that I've liked Xmas in Berkeley almost as well as I did in Popaz, but quite.

I went to S.A.A. again, and they asked me to send you the enclosed correspondence.

It doesn't look good, does it? They promised to keep at it as best they can, and I think that eventually you will get the money, but when does not look too promising.

My regard to everyone, and to you, particularly.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman

RWK:mj

San Francisco Theological Seminary
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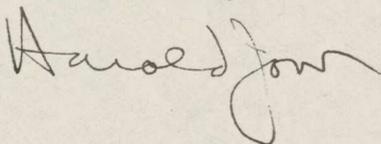
January 10, 1943

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman
Amer. Comm. on Fair Play
2234 Telegraph Avenue
Berkeley - 4 - Calif.

Dear Mrs. Kingman:

I have received your materials on the Japanese-American evacuees, and they will be very helpful in the preparation of my thesis on the Orientation of the Orientals in America. I am indebted to you and the Committee for this. My thanks and appreciation for your kind attention. If I can, in any way, help the Committee in its work, I would be glad to do what I can. Again, thanks for the materials.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Harold Jones". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name "Harold Jones".

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P.S. Did you know Legimbas officially repudiated Techna's Americanism Committee & ^{refused to}
Dear Mrs. Kingman: Did you see our Time article - also
Christian Science Monitor? Mrs. Thayer received ^{support}
several letters from soldiers praising her stand,
including one from Chinese-American ^{soldier}, which we
are planning to reprint ^{in Pasadena Fair Play Committee} with the help of Mr. Carr
and Mr. McNair, we are setting up ~~completely separate~~
"Council on Minority Americans" for the express pur-
pose of sending reprints of favorable articles to news-
papers throughout Calif. Could you mail down ^{regularly} any
favorable article or statement you come across so
we could send it out? The Council will work quietly
and not attempt to get membership except from people
who have money to help finance it--I know we have
sufficient funds to start. ^{Second thing, I sent P.M. man up to}
see you (he is here from N.Y. to do article on Japanese) ^{did he come around?}
Also would any of you up there ^{have to be fairly "big name" - have}
time to do ^{some} ~~four~~ discussion of Japanese over Mutual network. Time
has ^{been tentatively promised.} ^{Let me know if it could be.}
done officially by the Fair Play Committee - Regards. Emily

Emily Lehan
704 S. Lake Ave.
Pasadena 5, Calif.



THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

*Reply
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*Please
forward*

Mrs. Ruth Kingman
Fair Play Committee
U. of Cal YWCA
Union St.
Berkeley,
Calif.

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January 14, 1944

Miss Emily Lehan
704 S. Lake Ave.
Pasadena 5, Calif.

Dear Emily:

Thank you for the card. I haven't yet seen the Christian Science Monitor article, if it is recent. I saw one some time ago by Brink, here in San Francisco. The "Council on Minority Americans" sounds as though it will be effective work.

I haven't seen the P.M. man. I'd like to, and hope that he will show up. I've been sending them a lot of stuff, little of which they've used. We're now trying to get a crack Harper's man out.

Re the Mutual forum. When, where, how long, and who else? If it is up here, I'm sure that we can get a good person if the rest of the panel is good. If in the South, I wouldn't be surprised if Maurice Harrison would go down if invited. He is super and a past Chairman of the State Democratic Party. Donald Peattie is plenty good, nationally, and also might do it. Let me know the details and I'll be more helpful.

Very sincerely, yours,

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman

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1/24/44
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P. O. Box 459
Honolulu 9, T. H.
January 11, 1944

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman
Committee on A. P. & Fair Play
2234 Telegraph Avenue
Berkeley, California

Dear Mrs. Kingman:

I wish I had known earlier that you could use copies of letters from AJAs serving in Italy. I have just seen your letter to Louis J. Meillette saying that you could have used them.

I enclose a clipping from yesterday's Hawaii Times containing such letters, and also a copy of the letter sent to Mr. L. F. Deacon, secretary of Castle & Cooke, Ltd., a businessman who keeps up a regular correspondence with boys both at Italy and at Camp Shelby. Mr. Deacon is a member of our Haole (white) Committee of businessmen who meet every two weeks to work on these matters. This group corresponds to other racial committees that we have organized under the Morale Section of the Office of the Military Governor. Gerald Fisher is chairman of the Press Committee of the Haole Group. We also have committees on Rumors and Incidents and another on Labor.

Mr. Maier and I are still waiting for the final batch of Galen Fisher's Christian Century article, so that we can mail to our combined list.

I'd appreciate being put on your mailing list to receive all material sent to your members, including your financial appeal letter.

Besides these racial committees, Mr. Maier and I belong to an inter-racial group that is working along the lines of your group.

Army officers have made statements about the fine record of the AJAs in Italy, but I assume that you have them in your files.

Sincerely yours,

Charles F. Loomis

Charles F. Loomis

Enclosures

January 24, 1944

Mr. Charles F. Loomis
P.O. Box 459
Honolulu, 9, Hawaii

Dear Mr. Loomis:

Mrs. Kingman is just beginning today an enforced (doctor's orders) vacation of one month, and consequently will not be able to answer your question regarding the work of the Committee for some time. However, Mr. Galen Fisher is expected to return to Berkeley from Washington early in February, and I shall refer your question to him to answer at that time.

Mrs. Kingman also requested that I thank you for the clipping and letter you sent January 11th, and ask you to send as many letters as possible. We will be sure to use some, particularly if any refer to the status of Japanese-American particularly.

Sincerely yours,

secretary

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p.s. Your name has been placed on our regular mailing list, so you may count on receiving our future releases.

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JAPANESE AMERICAN CITIZENS LEAGUE
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January 11, 1944

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman
Pacific Coast Comm. on American Principles & Fair Play
#203, 465 California Street
San Francisco, California

Dear Mrs. Kingman:

I appreciate your letter of January 4.

A few days ago, I received a phone call from National Headquarters in Salt Lake City, who, upon request from you, was inquiring the whereabouts of Sgt. Ben Kuroki. I wired you the only available information we had. I hope that you have been able to get in touch with him. If your efforts have been unavailing, please let me know.

I shall leave for Phoenix, Arizona to arrive there probably on the 19th or 20th. En route, I shall have to stop over in Grand Junction, Colorado, where some agitation regarding Japanese Americans has come up. Tentatively, I shall be accompanied by Min Yasui, Nisei attorney, and my address will be c/o Tsutomu Ikeda, of Mesa, Arizona.

Galen Fisher's letter from Myer was sent on to you by this office. The suggestion of Myer that we proceed in a rather inconspicuous matter, I believe, is well taken so that our activities in contacting influential Caucasians as well as encouraging the Japanese to act cooperatively, will be undertaken with discretion. If there is anything that we may be able to do to accelerate the development of organization plans for a committee on American Principles And Fair Play, please let me know.

I am going to write to Galen Fisher and suggest that he stop by Arizona on his way home. Perhaps we may be able to compare notes and proceed on a unified plan of common action.

I have been hearing reports that produce grown by Japanese will not be handled by Caucasian shippers; that Japanese shippers cannot obtain licenses because Surety bonds are refused them - no insurance company in the state of Arizona will issue Surety bonds to Japanese; no casualty insurance company will issue Japanese Americans property damage or public liability insurance on their cars and trucks. B

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extra legal measures, all Japanese in the State of Arizona are being oppressed in a most un-American way.

The fears of many Japanese residents in that state that physical violence may occur has been conveyed to us. We have discussed this particular matter with the local special agent in charge of the FBI and the commanding officer in charge of Internal Security and they have stated that their departments in the region affected will be quite desirous of securing a general background information so that if these outbreaks do occur, they will be in a position to handle the situation, if necessary.

We do appreciate your interest in this Arizona matter and hope that through your efforts, the decent and American people of the State can be banded together so that there will be organized opposition and articulate sentiment toward un-American practises against the Japanese minority.

Sincerely yours,

Joe Masaoka
Joe Masaoka, Director,^(s)
Membership Division

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January 11, 1944

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

Dear Mrs. Kingman:

For some time I have been intending to write to you regarding a possible trip by Ambassador Grew to the West Coast and Arizona. Mr. Fisher and I have talked of this two or three times and our Committee believes that there is nothing else which would be of as great help in the solving of evacuation problems and resettlement. Probably Mr. Fisher has already made some approaches in Washington regarding this. One of the people with whom I have talked about such a possibility is Mr. John H. Provinse when we were in Gila together. Just this morning I have received a letter from him which was forwarded to me from Santa Maria. I think the best thing to do is to enclose a copy of this letter.

We have written also to Ambassador Grew regarding some other matters and expressing our hope that he would find it possible to make such a trip to the West Coast and Arizona, and have passed along most of the suggestions which Mr. Provinse makes.

Wherever I have indicated to people there was any such possibility, and you may be sure that I have not talked to a large number of people but only to a few key leaders, I have found very great enthusiasm and hearty endorsement to this project.

With cordial greetings and good wishes to you and for the tremendously significant work you are doing.

Sincerely yours,

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December 28, 1943

Dr. Clarence S. Gillett
Protestant Church Commission
for Wartime Japanese Service
Santa Maria, California

Dear Dr. Gillett:

Before leaving Rivers I discussed briefly with Mr. Bennett the public relations educational matter which you presented to me during our meeting a few evenings earlier. Mr. Bennett is very sympathetic to your plans for arranging a series of talks in Arizona, and would be interested particularly in having Mr. Grew appear before at least two audiences in the State. He was of the opinion also that Governor Osborne would not be averse to sponsoring such appearances for Mr. Grew and would probably willingly submit a request to the State Department asking their permission. At a meeting Mr. Bennett was having last Friday with the Governor, he said he would probably be able to discover how the Governor would respond to such a suggestion.

Mr. Bennett feels that should any meetings be arranged in Arizona, talks should be given in both Phoenix and Tucson, since there is much inter-city rivalry between the two. Should Governor Osborne's sponsorship prove undesirable or infeasible for any reason, alternate auspices could undoubtedly be arranged through Mr. Stauffer, owner-editor of the Arizona Republic in Phoenix and Mr. Wm. Mathews, editor-owner of the Arizona Star in Tucson. Both are responsible, respected men in the State.

Since returning to Washington I have discussed the problem with Mr. Myer, our director, and he welcomes the high type of program your plans would provide. A program in California in February or March might prove very fruitful. You will be interested to know that the papers here recently carried a short notice of a series of talks being given to the Washington high schools by Mr. Grew during the next two months.

If Mr. Grew can be booked, it would seem that his talks might better treat with the problems of exchange, treatment of war prisoners and civilians in Japan or Japanese occupied country, and the relation of what we do here to that problem.

With regard to any meetings in Arizona, will you please communicate directly with Mr. L. H. Bennett, Project Director at the Gila River Relocation Center, who is well acquainted with the political situation and with responsible groups and leaders in the state. I think you should be guided by his advice on matters of timing and sponsorship.

Your thoughtful assistance is very much appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) John H. Provinse

John H. Provinse, Chief
Community Management Division

January 12, 1944

Dr. Donald Tresidder
President, Stanford University
Palo Alto, Calif.

Dear Dr. Tresidder:

At the suggestion of Mr. Maurice Harrison, the Chairman of our Advisory Board, I am sending you some of the material we have prepared for distribution during the past year.

WW are increasingly concerned lest prevalent misinformation and consequent prejudice resulting from the bitter campaign of racial hatred carried on by portions of the press shall blind the public to the primary American principles involved in our attitudes toward loyal Americans of Japanese ancestry.

We hope that the material will prove of interest to you,

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman

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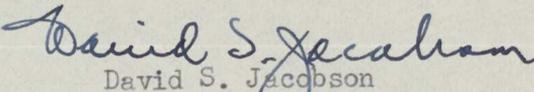
January 15, 1944

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

Dear Mrs. Kingman:

Dr. Tresidder was pleased to have the material which you sent to him at the suggestion of Mr. Maurice Harrison. We are particularly glad to send this on to the Hoover Library on War, Revolution and Peace here at Stanford.

Sincerely,


David S. Jacobson
Executive Assistant

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January 12, 1944

Mr. Chester H. Rowell
149 Tamalpais Rd.
Berkeley, Calif.

Dear Mr. Rowell:

Thank you very much for sending me a copy of your letter to Mr. Allen of Happer's.

Thank you still more for writing the letter, in the first place.

Yesterday I was talking to Mr. Maurice Harrison, the Chairman of our Advisory Board. He has some good ideas about possible contacts with the Eastern press, and I understand will try to see you in the near future for your thinking in the matter.

Next week, Mr. Dillon Myer, Director of the War Relocation Authority, is to be in San Francisco. He hopes to see you, and if he does, it would be most helpful if you could urge him to adopt an adequate public relations policy for W.R.A.

Almost all of the adverse publicity not evolving from political causes could have been avoided in the past, had such a policy been in operation.

Those of us who feel that Mr. Myer is trying to pursue a policy based upon principles as nearly American as possible, in a program involving the use of barbed wire in relation to our own citizens, are concerned lest that program prove less than successful due to lack of adequate interpretation.

We on the outside cannot and should not have to attempt to make that interpretation.

If you can get that over to Mr. Myer, it will be of help to anyone who is trying to maintain the Constitutional rights of the law-abiding persons of Japanese ancestry who are in the United States.

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman

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January 12, 1944

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

Dear Alfred:

I am returning the enclosed correspondence. Needless to say, we will regret having to accept Mr. McFadden's resignation, but I suspect that we will have increasing need of members whose confidence in the thing we are trying to do is strong enough to carry over into support of the considered actions of our Executive Committee.

Thanks a lot for your letter to him too.

Cordially,

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman

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January 12, 1944

Corp. ¹Ma~~ke~~ Masaoka
Service Company
442nd Infantry
Camp Shelby, Miss.

Dear Corporal Masaoka:

Mrs. Kingman has recently been ordered by her physician to take a month's leave from her work. As she has been working full time, with no vacation since January 1942, she is badly in need of the rest.

She has asked me to send you copies of the letters she has sent as a result of your good letter to her.

Mrs. Kingman has asked Mr. Galen Fisher who is now in Washington C.C. to take up the matters to which you have referred, with the War Department and the Department of Education .

She will be back in her office by the ~~inside~~ *middle* of February, and hopes to hear from you again, soon.

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary

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January 12, 1944

Col. William P. Scobey
Executive to the Assistant Secretary of War
War Department
Washington, D.C.

My dear Col. Scobey:

When in Camp Shelby last October, I was fortunate to be able to see much of the work and program of the Japanese American Combat Unit. While there Col. C.W. Pence showed me every courtesy and the then Public Relations Officer, Major Oland D. Russell, saw that I got as full an impression of the place as could be received in a very full afternoon.

Representing an organization which is keenly interested in recognizing the full rights of these men, we are concerned with some of the things which I saw and some others of which I have heard.

As you know, the general morale of the Unit is excellent, but I have received reports from several of the men, indicating the presence of certain discriminatory practices which cannot but have a negative effect on that morale. May I quote from one of the men, a man whose general attitude and judgement are excellent, and whose concern is not personal but for the spirit of the group as a whole.

"Regarding discrimination and prejudices against us in the deep South, which is the reason for this letter, may I say that in addition to the usual minor difficulties and misunderstandings which are bound to crop up, two situations have developed which merit serious consideration. One is that the children of the enlisted men and officers cannot attend public schools in Mississippi and two is the vicious attitude taken by the local civilian police.

"There is a law in Mississippi which declares that non-White persons may not attend schools with white children. This law was passed in the reconstruction days and was aimed at the Chinese shrimp fishermen on the gulf who married Negro