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CORRESPONDENCE

IN-HOUSE

JUNE 1943

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Fresno, California  
June 1, 1943

Dear Mrs. McLaughlin:

Thank you very much for the letters from the Honolulu people and I shall return them right away. I am going to take the liberty of making a copy and keeping it so that I can show it to people here. Would there be any objection, do you suppose, to providing several of the local committee members with copies so that the information will have a wider circulation? I won't do anything right away but unless I hear from you to the contrary by the end of the week, I'll assume that it is all right.

I enclose a letter printed in tonight's Bee and it is very much to the point. I trust that Mr. McClatchy has it brought to his attention. If you think that Mrs. Kingman would want it for her files, will you be good enough to forward it to her.

This afternoon one of our former students, a Japanese American soldier, came to see us. He had just been sworn in and then obtained a 7-day leave and came home before reporting for duty in Mississippi. He says that he is treated wonderfully on the train and here he has no trouble - a few people look at him but nothing more. We took him out to the new student union and bought him a coke and he met several faculty friends and seemed to enjoy himself thoroughly. He told us one amusing incident - the departing volunteers get many little presents at the centers and much of it is in the form of a dollar or two in an envelope with some little message from the friend making the gift. There were 33 boys in his group and they had lots of envelopes with greetings and small gifts. 8 or 10 were written in Japanese and not one of the 33 boys could read it so several of the volunteers have to wait until they find a Japanese scholar before they will know whom to thank for their presents. One such present was \$25, even!

This boy had been working in the Leave office at Gila and they have many requests for employees from the outside. He told us that many times the Japanese would decline a good job because they felt that there were too many Japanese in the community already and they preferred to wait for an opportunity in some region where there were few, if any, of the Japanese. Even 10 families in a community seemed to them to be too much for desirable relocation and those who are out aren't suffering from lonesomeness, either.

I hope that we'll have more such visitors because it does your heart good to see them and to realize how simple it will be for some, at least, to return as soon as the hysteria dies down. I do really believe that there is a growing reasonableness among people, despite the various resolutions. Silverman's statement that the Madison, Wisconsin, Am. Legion chief was one of the most helpful of the relocaters just shows that in this region we can hardly appreciate the good sense that does exist in other regions. I think that maybe we'll win yet -

Very sincerely,

Margaret Cozart

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WM C BURTON TREASURER.

*Sent June 11/43*

*Can you suggest  
any other 2nd party?  
She told Mrs. Mc. that F.P. Com. doesn't  
do specific cases.*

MRS. ALFRED MCLAUGHLIN  
3575 CLAY STREET  
SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

June 3, 1943

Mrs. Harry Kingman  
535 San Luis Road,  
Berkeley, Calif.

My dear Mrs. Kingman:

You know that letter that you were good enough to send me at Fresno never came. I have waited to see whether it would be returned to me because I want to use it in a report I am going to make to the League of Women Voters on a case of evacuation. Have you a duplicate?

*(C)*

I have heard from Miss Cosgrove in Fresno about a new-born Japanese baby whose mother was tubercular. The mother will be returned to the Sanitarium. The fate of the baby is in the hands of the WRA. Should anything be done ~~about~~ by the Fair Play Committee, to be sure that the baby is properly taken care of, or what do you know about the case? It might be better if you have any facts to write direct to Margaret Cosgrove.

I was very glad that I stayed over and talked to the Fresno Group; glad, first, because I had to do some brushing up myself; and second, because they are such fine people it was heartening to meet them.

Sincerely yours,

*Emma McLaughlin*

*I replied, tells her  
to talk w. Mrs. Olson  
at WRA, who handles  
all F. O. cases etc  
7.*

Mrs. Ruth Kingman

June 4, 1943

Mr. Alfred J Lundberg  
2129 Grove Street  
Oakland, California

Dear Mr. Lundberg:

I have read with interest the By-Laws of the Committee on American Principles and Fair Play. I read with even greater interest the list of names on the letter-head of that organization. It is a heartening thing that men of the calibre shown on that list should join together in such a cause.

I am, of course, in agreement with the principles for which the organization stands.

It is all too easy in times of deep public emotion to cut away from the principles upon which democracy is built. It is only natural to think that those principles of fair play and human kindness should apply to those groups you like and that they have no application to those who, at the moment, you despise. It may be that the Japanese people, as a whole, have revealed such basically evil characteristics that we may never be able to deal with them as a people or as a government, but I am sure that we would do ourselves more harm than we would the Japanese if we permitted our hatred of the evil things they collectively stand for to goad us into a negation of the principles upon which our government and our civilization is founded. I am glad that at least a few of our leaders can see beyond the hysteria of the moment.

I am taking the liberty of enclosing my check for \$25.00 which I hope will be of some small value in the work of the Committee.

I want to tell you again how clearly and how well you presented this matter at the Board meeting.

With warm personal regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

M.B. Silberberg

FAIR  
PLAY

1644 Van Ness Avenue  
Fresno-1, California  
June 6, 1943

Dear Mr. Fisher:

Enclosed is an item from today's Fresno Bee and it will doubtless interest you. Mr. Burns is an undertaker just across the street from our house and he is undoubtedly greatly influenced by the Bee's ideas and this must be one sample of it. He was very vocal about the great quantities of stored farm machinery, autos, tires, etc., some time ago.

I wrote him a very amiable letter and asked him for more details, while pointing out that the headline writer didn't really treat him fairly, etc. If anyone is trying to keep a master file of such things, and if my reply or letter to him is of any interest, I'll be glad to make a copy and send it to you.

Mrs. McLaughlin tells me that she has given you some other items I sent to her and I wonder if the Bee's account of her talk to the local Fair Play group on May 20 would be of interest. I sent it to her but she returned it to me and I have one copy in addition to that of my own collection of clippings if you care to have it. ✓

I'm going to send Bruce and Florence a copy of your letter to the San Diego paper because I know that they are interested in the whole problem, as well as in your contributions.

Very sincerely yours,

*Margaret Cosgrave*

Margaret Cosgrave

*The Congregation Emanu-El*  
*Arguello Boulevard and Lake Street*  
*San Francisco*

IRVING FREDERICK REICHERT  
RABBI

June 8, 1943

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

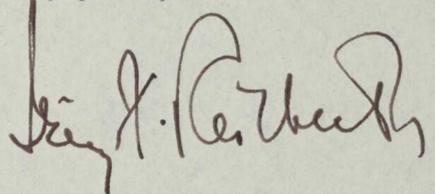
Dear Mrs. Kingman:

The enclosed letter is self-explanatory. Will you please be good enough to comply with Judge Scheinman's request.

I am sorry that I could not attend the meeting yesterday, but I had to meet a class at that hour.

With kind regards, I am

Sincerely yours,



IFR:AM

3455 So. Hoover Street  
Los Angeles, 7, California  
June 8, 1943

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

Dear Dr. Phillips,

I am quite sure the Los Angeles Times did not intend to keep the morale of the "seeming minority" which shows concern for the outstanding racial tensions and persecutions taking place these days. Nevertheless, it was with enthusiasm that I learned of your group and its program.

Our present emergency in Los Angeles is the so-called "zoot suit" riots. Local governmental and law enforcement agencies have completely collapsed in their responsibilities. The vigilante law is in many ways ending "due process of law" for us as well as for racial minorities.

We hope for continued success from your group and that we may be kept informed of your program or

the results of your investigations.

Sincerely,

George Maurer

Fresno, Calif.  
June 9, 1943

Dear Mr. Fisher —

Enclosed is part 2 of the local flurry. The Bee called Dr. Phillips early in the day, inviting him to reply to Senator Burns and he wrote the statement which appears in the enclosed clipping. It appeared in Monday's paper.

Yesterday, Tuesday, there was no reference to any of it. Mr. Burns spoke to a local luncheon club & stated that the legislature was keeping in touch with all fascist & un-American activities & would keep the authorities informed. He sounded quite sensible & sane.

I, personally, believe that the Bee

chose the time when the Dies  
Committee was starting to perform  
in h.A. to dazzle the Desno readers  
with the affair. It was good aggressive  
journalism to stir up interest in  
that manner but it seems to have  
fizzled out in a hurry.

Very sincerely,

Margaret Cosgrove

466 East California Street  
Pasadena 5, California  
June 10, 1943

reply  
8/2/43  
RWK

Dear Mrs. Kingman:

You will have received before this my card of yesterday. I am now enclosing the seven point resolution of the American Legion. Mrs. Buwalda saw one of these when a neighbor came to get her signature but has been unable to secure a copy. She said that Rabbi Magnin's name was signed as one of the sponsors and our executive committee believes that you should write or have written a letter to him. We think he could not understand the full import of all the points and this should be cleared up.

The Optimist Club endorsed this program and I am told the Kiwanis did but I have not seen that in print. The City Directors refused to take action on this as requested stating that "it was too controversial" but the Chairman of the Board added that he believed that 90 per cent of the Pasadena citizens would agree. We are hoping very much that a copy of the resolution your group was to formulate will be available for our executive committee tonight.

Are you taking any stand on efforts to either wipe out all Exclusion Laws or to change them in the case of the Chinese? This was asked at our members' meeting last Tuesday. There was a difference of opinion there as to what should be our attitude.

Also some of the members questioned afterward my statement that our group was not working for or endorsing the return of the Japanese during the war. They asked for some printed statement as to that and I said I could not give it, but you had stated it. They said that personally they did not subscribe to it, for if a Citizen of Japanese ancestry has been declared loyal, he should have the right to return here. Most of us -and I know the executive committee-would not subscribe to that, but what authority have we for the statement I made?

We have no chairman. Feeling is so strong now that the men say no active business man would care to serve. We could get a minister but feel that is not what we want, so much against my wishes I am having to be acting-chairman.

Will you please let us know the names of additional sponsors as you receive them?

I am ashamed that writing in haste as I am, I can not put my hand on the clipping giving the Legion seven point program but I have no doubt you have seen it in other places. They are circulating it from door to door for signatures in some parts of the city.

In great haste,

Sincerely yours,

(Mrs) Maynard Fore Thayer.

I had already written Mr Blair.

reply 6/16/43  
mgc

FRANK J. MCCOY  
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EL ENCANTO  
HOTEL AND GARDEN VILLAS  
SANTA BARBARA, CALIFORNIA

"If you like California  
you will Love Santa Barbara"

June 12, 1943.

Dear Mrs. Kingman:

Knowing you will be interested in the enclosed letter from Mrs. Elkus of the Shunlin Foundation, I send it on to you; please do not trouble to return it. I shall keep you informed, as <sup>she</sup> you sends me additional information.

While we must not count our chickens before they are hatched, none the less Mrs. Elkus seems decidedly friendly.

We are having a quiet, restful vacation - exactly what we wanted and needed.

We trust things are going well with both of you. With warm regards from Mrs. Jones and myself, I am, cordially, Wm. L. Jones

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*reply to  
To Joseph Power  
6/29/43*



**REAL ESTATE  
INSURANCE  
LOANS**

June 13, 1943

Dear Mrs. Kingman,

Our Quaker friend, H.V. Nicholson, has had a visit with Joseph P. Loeb of the legal firm of Loeb and Loeb, 610 Pacific Mutual Building, Los Angeles. This is a large firm of influence.

Mr. Loeb told Mr. Nicholson that he, as a Jew, was especially concerned at the hypocrisy the West Coast is showing in the "handling" of the Japanese minority.

He should be a good man for your Los Angeles committee. We find many things in which Los Angeles and Pasadena groups should be cooperating. Please advise us as soon as they get organized.

Sincerely,

San Francisco, California.  
June 18, 1943.

*Mrs. Kingman*

*File*

Mr. Galen M. Fisher  
465 California St.  
San Francisco, California

My dear Mr. Fisher:

This is to acknowledge receipt of the material from Mr. Miller Freeman of Seattle with the proposal for a Congressional Investigation of the Japanese problem. . . . I do not favor such an investigation by the Congress at this time.

With regard to the other material, such as excerpts from statements made by various persons you quote in the leaflet, may mean anything in relation to the whole original statement by the person . . . . . For instance I do not know just what the present policies of the War Department really are and, I doubt if any other member of the Committee knows. However, I am quite willing to abide by the War Department's handling of the Japanese problem in the conduct of this war to subdue the Axis powers, to win the war and, to establish a just peace in the world.

I would offer the following amendment to the proposed resolution:

Change the language of the entire last line of the resolve to read as follows:

attitude toward all loyal persons of Alien Ancestry and / or Aliense of enemy countries now residing in the United States.

Sincerely yours,

*Geo. G. Kidwell*

George G. Kidwell

Mrs Ruth Kingman

Route 5, Box 8205,  
Sacramento, California.  
June 19, 1943.

Mrs. Harry L. Kingman,  
465 California St., San Francisco.

My dear Mrs. Kingman:

I have just received one of the June 15 leaflets of the Committee on American Principles and Fair Play. It is a good statement, and should appeal widely to those who can think straight. Can you have copies, together with a letter of invitation to join the Committee, sent to the following Sacramentans? I do not know whether any or many of them may respond, but I believe they at least ought to be willing to support the principles for which your group stands.

Mr. J.R.Overturf, Superintendent of Schools  
Dr. James F. Bursch, Deputy Superintendent of Schools  
Mr. George C. Jensen, Assistant Sup't. of Schools  
Mr. William Burkhard, Assistant Sup't. of Schools  
These may all be addressed at 1200 21st St.

Mr. W. A. Brandenburger, Ochsner Bldg., 719 K St.  
Mr. E. G. Funke, Ochsner Bldg., 719 K St.  
Mr. John J. Hamlyn, Calif. Western States Life Bldg., 10th and J Sts.  
Mr. Fontaine Johnson, Capital National Bank Bldg., 7th and J. Sts.  
Mr. Gregory E. Koshell, 4110 Stockton Blvd.  
Mr. Thomas Leeper, Mitau Bldg.,  
Mr. Sumner Mering, Calif. Western States Life Bldg., 10th and J  
Mr. Geo. L. Popert, Bank of America Bldg., 8th and J  
Mr. Otto Rohwer, Capital National Bank Bldg., 7th and J.  
Mr. Harry B. Seymour, Capital National Bank Bldg., 7th and J  
Mr. Sherman Wilke, Ochsner Bldg., 719 K St.

The above eleven persons are attorneys

Dr. E.S.Babcock, (Medico-Dental Bldg) home address: 2681 10th Ave.  
Dr. C.L.Bittner, 4110 Folsom Blvd.  
Dr. George L. Browning, 926 J St.  
Dr. Paul H. Guttman, 1528 39th St.  
Dr. Thomas R. Haig, 3344 H St.  
Dr. George J. Hall, 4022 Folsom Blvd.  
Dr. Andrew M. Henderson, 1600 Capitol Ave.  
Dr. Burt F. Howard, 1224 40th St.  
Dr. Norris R. Jones, 2725 Coleman Way  
Dr. Irene Mugford, 1357 41st. St.  
Dr. Frank Ohanneson, California State Life Bldg., 10th and J  
Dr. B.J.Rea, 2633 7th Ave.  
Dr. and Mrs. Leslie B. Reardan, 2648 6th Ave.  
Dr. Eleanor Rodgeron, 1021 28th St.  
Dr. Henry L. Saverien, H St. Road  
Dr. H.F.Schluter, 2706 Coleman Way  
Dr. Harold Zimmerman, Sutter Club, 9th St. and Capitol Ave.

These are physicians.

reply - in person  
Guler  
RWW

Other names of persons who may be interested, but not classified according to their occupation, are:

Mr. Harry G. Denton, 1324 47th  
Mrs. W.S. Brant, 906 46th  
Dr. Charles Bursch 2527 F St.  
Dr. Walter Dexter 2928 Highland Ave.  
Mrs. Walter Dexter " " "  
Mr. and Mrs. E.I. Cook, 2676 6th Ave.  
Dr. Nicholas Ricciardi, 1000 41st St.  
Mrs. Kenneth W. Dowie, 2727 27th St.  
Mr. Frank B. Durkee, 1901 11th Ave.  
Mr. Wray Eggleston, 2014 25th St.  
Mr. Dana S. Frame, 2140 Marshall Way (also Mrs. Frame)  
Mrs. Walter C. Green, 1149 Markham Way  
Mrs. P.D. Bevil, 2800 Castro Way  
Mr. Harlow Hanlon, 1049 55th St.  
Mr. C.J. Hopkinson, 2710 Curtis Way  
Miss Mabel R. Gillis, 2121 21st St.  
Mr. and Mrs. John E. Carpenter, 1537 37th St.  
Judge Peter J. Shields, 2009 23rd St.  
Mrs. Frank Todd, 2605 U St.  
Mr. Lloyd Sweetman, 1350 Arcade Blvd., North Sacramento  
Mr. and Mrs. Dale Nason, 1236 10th Ave.  
Mr. George Linn, Sierra Oaks Vista  
Mrs. George F. McCormack, 2200 L St.  
Mr. Malcolm Murphy, 1735 11th Ave.  
x Judge Rolfe L. Thompson, 3459 College Ave.  
+ Judge Malcolm C. Glenn, 700 21st St.  
Mr. Eugene L. Williams, 1140 40th St.

These are practically all professional people, well-known in this city. I presume that if you send letters to them, they will go in the name of your committee and not in my name. If you get some favorable replies, we would be glad to be notified, as there is, I believe, a growing group actively interested here. If it were feasible, I believe you might do some good here, by visiting many of the people named above, to enlist their support. Please add my name to your membership list. The work you are attempting seems to me one of the best ways I can help in the war effort.

Cordially yours,

*Henry J. Tyler*  
H. T. Tyler

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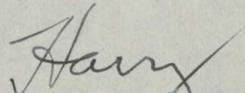
Mrs. Ruth Kingman  
Executive Secretary  
Pacific Coast Committee on American Principles  
and Fair Play  
Room 203  
465 California Street  
San Francisco, California

My dear Ruth:

I have some doubts about a Congressional investigation even if it is a good committee. Hearings always give a chance for "sound-offs" by publicity seekers, and the courtiers of headlines are unfortunately not the only people who appear before the committee. On the other hand, there is a good deal to be said for pulling the matter away from the local groups like the Native Sons and getting it into the hands of those with at least the pretense of national responsibility.

On the whole, I think I would stay away from a Congressional investigation for the time being at least. As we concentrate on fighting the Japanese over there instead of here, the clamor may tend to subside.

Very truly yours,

  
Henry F. Grady  
President

HFG:rb

reply  
6/28/43

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June 19, 1943

*Ans. "ref" by J*

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

Dear Mrs. Kingman:

I am in receipt of a notation that the Executive Committee is considering recommending "a Congressional investigation of the whole problem of Japanese in America".

I think that it would be most unwise to attempt to do anything of that nature, for many reasons. In the first place, I think it is definitely outside of the purposes for which this organization originally came into being, and in passing, I think that it is a fair criticism that this organization is beginning to go beyond its original purposes, which I definitely think it should not do. In the second place, I think that a Congressional investigation of the Japanese problem at this time would be most unwise, and would accomplish nothing. Surely, there are much more important tasks for everyone to be engaged in, including Congressional committees, than "junketing" around the United States, and listening to a lot of volunteer statements, many of which have little or no foundation in fact, and represent ill considered opinions of people who have some pet idea, or something to gain by the appearance. In any investigation there is not the slightest question but what there would be a lot of opinions expressed as to whether persons of Japanese ancestry should return to the Pacific Coast, and in my opinion any committee could not fail to make recommendations, either for or against such a proposition. I think that as far as that situation is concerned that matter should be left exclusively in the hands of the War Department, and no Congressional committee, nor civilian organization, should interfere with that. I think that the Committee on American Principles and Fair Play should be careful not to deviate from the position that that phase should be left exclusively with the War Department. There is no question but what considerable pressure has already been brought to bear upon the War Department in this matter, and if the current rumors as to why Gen. DeWitt was removed are correct (and I do not know whether they are

HAGAR, CROSBY & CROSBY

or are not) I think it is too bad. I have seen some Congressional committees function, and I think that no position should be taken on the question as to whether or not a Congressional investigation of the whole Japanese problem in America should be undertaken, or if any position is to be taken then I strongly feel that a recommendation should be made that no Congressional investigation be indulged in.

Yours very truly,

*Gerald H. Hagar,*

GHH:ASR

Reply 9/3/43  
RWX

940 MISSION CANYON ROAD  
SANTA BARBARA  
CALIFORNIA

June 23, 1943

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

Dear Mrs. Kingman:

When Dr. Monroe Deutsch was here in Santa Barbara, I asked him to come to my house and meet a group of twenty-five people to tell us something about the Pacific Coast Committee on American Principles and Fair Play. Almost everyone present signified his desire to belong to a permanent branch of this Committee in Santa Barbara. I think they are looking to me, in spite of my lack of executive ability, to get that branch started now. I will arrange to call the first meeting and let the group choose its own officers and get through with the business side of the organization.

But I must have some assistance. Will you please write me how you wish our local Committee to organize itself, what officers ought a small branch to have, and what activities should be a permanent part of our program? Are dues a requisite thing, and if so, what should they be? Some organizations of wide scope permit the local chapters to retain a certain amount of their dues for local secretarial work, postage and printing expenses. How would you expect this to work out in our case?

One of the most helpful things that you could do for our opening meeting is to supply me with material which I can distribute to the people who will attend it, which should set forth the principles of the Committee and place in our hands some manifestos, broadsides, counterblasts you deem most useful. If there is a charge for this material, I will be glad to assume a reasonable amount for a starter until this Committee gets organized and on some financial status of its own.

Sincerely yours,

*Donald Culross Peattie*  
Donald Culross Peattie

P.S. The first meeting will be called as soon as I have your reply and can show my friends how headquarters wants us to proceed.

OK my  
6/23/43

MRS. ALFRED MCLAUGHLIN  
3575 CLAY STREET  
SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

Box 246  
Saralaga

Dear Mrs. Kugman -

So acknowledge the  
letter sent to Fresno &  
to me here - Both are very  
valuable - The 1<sup>st</sup> was about  
the legislative result &  
as you know the latter was  
about that nationality. Now

my immediate job has been to  
gather the paper material  
for the Cully League of  
Women Voters to be used  
by those local leagues  
seeking to study the <sup>evolution</sup>  
of Japan - I had sent to  
Berkeley for the book on  
dual nationality & had

the facts not had left these  
summaries in Fresno -  
so I reviewed Dr Radin's  
statement with some care.

I also left in Fresno  
the War Department's proceedings  
for the Japanese combat  
unit & the President's  
letter. Have you copies  
of these - since I am making

3 sets of documents  
for the League, I would  
like 3 copies of  
each if you have  
them - if not, I  
would like one of  
each & I will  
send for rest.

Your efforts are  
not in vain if  
the League makes  
the material.

Gratefully  
Evelyn M. Langley

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Committee on American Principles and Fair Play

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June 24, 1943

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989 So. El Molino Ave.

Ans 6/30/43  
Dear Mrs. Kingman:

Last evening we had a fine executive committee meeting with three outside chairmen also. We still have no chairman and are told we must look for an older retired man as the matter is so hot with the Legion and the Junior Chamber of Commerce sponsoring the other kind of resolutions that no one in business would dare buck it.

Your package of folders arrived and we are very glad to have them and think you did a good bit of editing in getting them out. We plan to make good use of them and may need more. Question -- Did you send to each of our members? Some report not having received any and we wonder if it was an error of mail. ✓

As to the petition with Rabbi Magnin's name, I have not seen one myself but Mrs. Buwalda did. I will ask her to get one if she can and mail it to you.

Mr. Carr has most ambitious plans for his Contact Committee. First he plans to write many organizations in Arizona in regard to the law passed there forbidding the sale of everything but food and clothes ( am not sure of the exact wording) to the Japanese , though they are not mentioned by name. Second, he has secured from Harper's permission to reproduce the article in the June number "The Japanese Americans in Hawaii" and plans to get out an attractive folder with 10,000 as the first installment. These he plans to send out over the country to Legion Posts, etc. He says he could keep a hundred people working all the time.

Mr. Carr turned over to me one matter he felt did not belong to his committee and I would like your opinion on it. It is <sup>in</sup> regard to the distortion of facts such as in Air Force which played up the sabotage of the residents of Honolulu on December 7th which is untrue as to facts. Mr. Carr went in to Los Angeles to consult the firm of Loeb and Loeb, why I do not know except that they handle many movie contracts. He was told there would be no use in trying to work with the studios here but that letters could go to certain departments in Washington on the ground that such distortions did harm to our war effort. You will remember that one statement by some army information officer which you sent me on a mimeographed sheet, said that Air Force had to be deleted before it could be shown in Hawaii because it was so far from the truth. By the way I wish very much we could have a few copies of that sheet with its statement from the Chief of Police in Honolulu, this Army Information officer and others. ✓

Mr. Carr felt that his committee should not handle this but that some member of the Publicity Committee should and he has names of people in Washington to approach. Before we do anything I should like your reaction. In some

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ways it seems to me this belongs to the Pacific Coast Committee. One letter to the various people will not do any good, it probably involves quite a correspondence. Little Tokyo was also given as an instance, though I must admit I have not seen either one. Has your group had this brought to your attention before and what do you think is the way to handle it?

We hear you were in Los Angeles to organize a Chapter and I certainly hope one is under way. With the Mayor of the town making the statements he does, it is essential that some group tries to hold things to a saner viewpoint.

I wonder if you have considered having Dr. Remsen Bird on your central committee. He made such a fine talk at our open meeting and I think his name carries weight. However I see a lack in representation from the south from groups other than educators, ministers and the like. I hope you secured some of the Labor group and the business group. Really it does not seem like a country of free speech when a business man would be afraid to come in with us lest his business be ruined.

I hoped to get this off by air mail today but was interrupted. I would like your opinion on the movie question as soon as possible.

Sincerely yours,

*Maynard Fore Thayer.*

*June 25-*

*Mr Carr wishes me to ask if it would be possible for him to have one of the new folders to send with each Harper reprint or 10,000 that means. He says this would explain about the organization to people all over the United States. He only wishes he could send out 100,000. On the back of the reprint will be the names of Pasadena Japanese Americans now in service. This is an important project - may we hear from you? M F T.*

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June 25, 1943.

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

Dear Galen Fisher and Ruth Kingman:

The enclosed letter from Homer Morris is being sent to you at the request of William Maier from Hawaii. I think you know all the material in it but it is sometimes interesting to have it corroborated by some one else.

The talk with you (Mrs. Kingman) today was very suggestive and I hope will lead us into some constructive activity.

Sincerely,

Josephine W. Duvneck  
Associate Secretary

JWD:sl

Encl: Wm. Maier to J. Conard (June 17, '43)  
H. Morris to J. Duvneck (June 4, 1943)

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*Reply with  
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July 31, 1945*

June 28, 1943

Mrs. Harry L. Kingman  
Committee on American Principles and Fair Play  
2201 Union Street  
Berkeley, California

Dear Mrs. Kingman:

Attached is a copy of the letter from Congressman Johnson about which I telephoned you today. I think that my reply to this letter should be more than personal - i.e., that it should represent the opinions of the Committee on American Principles and Fair Play, as nearly as those can be determined. I should appreciate it, therefore, if you and some of our other colleagues would prepare a draft for me. I think that we should reply to Congressman Johnson as promptly as possible.

Yours sincerely,



RGS:KWH  
Enclosure

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CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Washington, D. C.

June 22, 1943.

Mr. Robert Gordon Sproul  
c/o University of California  
Berkeley, California

My dear Bob:-

I am taking the liberty of sending you a Resolution, No. 29, and a Bill, H.R. 3012, which I introduced in the House yesterday.

The reason I am sending you these is that I want you to know what is in them as you are Chairman of the Committee on American Principles and Fair Play.

By these legislative steps and plus a treaty provision, I hope that we may be able to deport to Japan every Japanese Alien and also every American born Japanese who has been found to be a traitor or guilty of subversive conduct, as defined in the act and Resolution.

I want you to know that I have no desire to injure or hurt any loyal American citizen who happens to have Japanese parents. Their rights are as sacred as ours - and I happen to be the son of an immigrant. But I do firmly believe that we must take a firm stand and get rid of all the Japanese Aliens and those who are really traitors, after adequate hearing and an opportunity for the presentation of evidence by the accused.

I believe you know me well enough to know that I have a sense of fairness and would not willingly or knowingly injure any innocent person. Neither am I doing this because I have a hatred for people of a different race or of different color than I am. I am firmly convinced that this is a step we should take if we are to solve this ticklish Japanese problem and if we learn anything from this war and the manner in which it was started. Race problems or any other kind of difficulties cannot be solved by coddling those who are bent on destroying us. Situations of that kind must be handled with a firm hand and a desire to do justice to the guilty as well as the innocent.

Am having a lot of fun here and meeting a great many interesting people. There are many Californians and one of those that I meet frequently is Ned Dickinson, your law school Dean.

With kind personal regards to you, I am,

Sincerely yours,

(signed) Leroy Johnson

COPY

August 7, 1943

Hon. Leroy Johnson, Congressman  
Third District, California  
Post Office Building  
Sacramento, California

Dear Roy:

Thank you for your courtesy in sending me a copy of Resolution No. 29 and H.R. Bill 3012, with your letter of June 22, written from Washington, both having to do with Japanese deportation. A reply has been delayed, partly because of a short vacation in the high Sierras, which I was able to take, and partly because the delicate questions on which you invited my comments needed both analysis and reflection.

In the first place, I share wholeheartedly your desire to punish every American-born Japanese who has been found to be a traitor or guilty of subversive conduct. I believe, however, that the same standards should be applied to Japanese aliens, instead of making the mere fact that they are aliens proper ground for deportation.

Most of the Japanese aliens were admitted to our country in full conformity to our laws as these laws stood at the time of their admission, and they are not deportable under laws now on the statute books. To pass ex post facto legislation would seem to me both unfair and unwise. Moreover, of all these aliens, including those who have returned to Japan for a visit, two-thirds have not been in Japan since 1925, or more than seventeen years ago. Their ties with the present Japanese Government would not, therefore, seem to be close.

The majority of these aliens have children, and in some cases grandchildren, born in the United States. Thirty-nine per cent of the American citizens of Japanese ancestry are under fifteen years of age (1940 census) and would experience in most harmful way the results of separation of families consequent upon deportation of aliens.

Finally, the alien Japanese population, already decreasing, will have decreased markedly within a few years, the average age of the aliens being 56.

The total group of persons of Japanese ancestry in this country, two-thirds of whom are citizens, constituted less than one-tenth of one per cent of the population of the United States in 1940. Can it be that we have so little confidence in our own institutions, educational, cultural, legal, and punitive, that we must make a specific law or laws to apply to such a minute part of our total population?

Hon. Leroy Johnson

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August 7, 1943

Most important of all, I shrink from pursuing any course which would render Americans subject to the charge of thinking in terms of race. I feel that your bill, made applicable to persons of Japanese ancestry only, draws dangerously close to Nazi parallels; that Congressional adoption of such a measure would be a serious departure from the American tradition. To justify such action, I should want an abundance of evidence of a most indisputable kind that persons of Japanese ancestry are more dangerous to national security than any other group. No such evidence has been submitted to me as yet.

I am glad that you are enjoying your experience as a congressman. I know that your district is fortunate to be represented by a man such as you, even though you and I would not seem to be in full agreement on the issue discussed in this letter. I'll try to drop in and see you the next time I am in Washington.

Yours sincerely,

Robert G. Sproul

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Mr. Maurice Harrison  
111 Sutter St.  
San Francisco, Calif.

Dear Mr. Harrison:

May we send copies of the enclosed state-  
ment to all California State Legislators and  
California Congressmen and Senators, with this  
covering note to be signed (by multigraph) by  
you and President Robert Gordon Sproul, and my  
own personal signature?

Very sincerely yours,

*Ruth W. Kingman*  
Mrs Ruth W .Kingman *RWJ*

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*My dear Mrs. Kingman*

*This is satisfactory to me.*

*Our letter should go out on usual letter heads  
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*permission  
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