

5:1

CORRESPONDENCE

INCOMING/OUTGOING

MAY 1945

C-A

171

May 1, 1945

Mr. Simon Gross, Manager
Robert Marshall Civil Liberties Trust
150 Broadway, New York

Dear Mr. Gross:

Your remittance of \$2,500. as a grant to this Committee was most gratefully received, and will be conscientiously used.

Our Executive Secretary, Mrs. Kingman, spent about two weeks in Washington last month, and accomplished much of what we had in mind to accomplish, although the illness of Mr. McCloy, Asst. Secretary of War, prevented her seeing him as to getting the more active cooperation of the Western Defense Command in counteracting the hostility of certain vested interests to return of loyal evacuees. She was, however, able to secure more aggressive action by the War Relocation Authority and certain other important Government agencies. She is likely to see Mr. McCloy in San Francisco shortly.

We have kept in close contact with the Attorney General of California in his vigorous efforts to bring the full force of the law to bear against sneak attacks on resettlers and various discriminatory practices. Boycotts have been severe in a few communities, but seem unable to work long, since some few will secretly refuse to comply, and then the whole scheme breaks down.

We have continued to do field work in the more hostile districts, as far as workers could be secured, and from next week, Mr. George Rundquist of New York, will renew his service under an informal joint arrangement with us and the Church Councils of the Coast. As a retired businessman who has worked for two years on behalf of resettlement, and has already commended himself to many people on this Coast, he will be able to push the formation of Councils for Civic Unity and "air Play groups in "hot spots".

The most encouraging recent development is our securing of expert publicity service, by a group of men and women whose hearts are in civil liberties work, and who will serve us at a very moderate cost. It was the head of this group who handled so well the publicity for the notable Conference on Interracial Cooperation which we staged at the Palace Hotel on January 10-11.

Sincerely yours

Galen M. Fisher

Straight wire
5/2/45

Mr. George Rundquist
Northbound Santa Fe-
Stockton: 16.51

HAVE RESERVATION HOTEL SHATTUCK. WILL MEET TRAIN IF ON TIME.

Ruth Kingman

PRINCETON UNIVERSITY PRESS • *Publishers*
PRINCETON • NEW JERSEY

reply
5/14/45

Trustees
President, CHARLES SCRIBNER
GEORGE A. BRAKELEY
J. DOUGLAS BROWN
ELMER G. BUTLER
WHITNEY DARROW
HAROLD W. DODDS



CHRISTIAN GAUSS
E. HARRIS HARBISON
CURTIS W. MCGRAW
CLARENCE B. MITCHELL
FRANK W. NOTESTEIN
ROBERT K. ROOT
HUGH S. TAYLOR

DATUS C. SMITH, JR., *Director*
NORVELL B. SAMUELS, *Sales Manager* • P. J. CONKWRIGHT, *Art Director* • ELMER ADLER, *Consultant*
IRVING M. UPDIKE, *Business Manager* • EDITH A. CRAY, *Service Manager*

May 1, 1945

My dear Mrs. Kingman:

I am sending you herewith advance press proofs of our book *THE GOVERNING OF MEN*, by Lieutenant Commander Alexander H. Leighton, which we are publishing June 18. The list price of the book will be \$3.75.

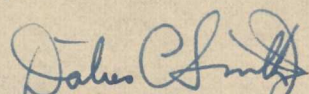
A bound copy will be sent you as soon as one is available, but in the meantime I was anxious to have you (and Mr Arthur Cushman McGiffert, to whom I am also sending a set of these proofs) know about the book, which I believe will be of exceptional interest to you. As you possibly know, or as you will discover from the book, Commander Leighton is an anthropologist and psychiatrist who was detailed by the Navy and the Office of Indian Affairs, to go to Poston and "apply the method of the Social Sciences" to the Poston project. His study group was on the ground and at work before the Poston strike developed. This book is, in its first part, a truly clinical report of the strike and the tensions that produced it. In the second part Commander Leighton draws general conclusions based on the Poston experience.

If I am correct in believing that you will be interested in helping this book secure the largest possible distribution, I shall be most grateful for any help you may be able to give us toward that end. We have already had indications that booksellers on the Pacific Coast are completely uninterested in the book, and I think we are going to have to put more than the usual amount of effort into sending the customers into the bookstores.

You may be sure that any suggestions, as well as any concrete assistance you may be able to give us, will be most welcome.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman
2234 Telegraph Avenue
Berkeley, California
DCS-B


Datus C. Smith, Jr.

May 14, 1945

Mr. Datus C. Smith, Jr., Director
Princeton University Press
Princeton, New Jersey

Dear Mr. Smith:

Thank you very much for sending us the set of advance press proofs of your book "The Governing of Men" by Lt. Commander Alexander H. Leighton. I have had time to only scan it, so far, but am looking forward eagerly to sitting down without long enough to give it a full reading.

We have needed more of just such careful analyses, and Commander Leighton's material should provide just the kind of documentation we are looking for.

I am not at all sure that we can be of any great service in providing a wide distribution of the book. However, I can promise that if we had a list of the booksellers in most of our West Coast cities, we can be sure that they are approached by prospective customers who will indicate an interest in the book.

May I also suggest a short list of persons to whom you might wish to send review copies: Mrs. Nancy Barr Mavity, Book Review Editor, the Oakland Tribune, Oakland, California; Joseph Henry Jackson, Book Review Editor, San Francisco Chronicle, San Francisco, California; Professor Jesse F. Steiner, University of Washington,

Mr. Smith

Page 2

5/14/45

Seattle, Washington; Donald Culross Peattie,
940 Mission Canyon Road, Santa Barbara, California;
Sidney Roger, KSFO Broadcasting Station, San
Francisco, California; Professor E. S. Bogardus,
University of Southern California, Los Angeles,
California.

You will, of course, have the usual review
outlets, in comprehensive form.

We look forward to seeing the book and have
high hopes for its objective presentation.

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman
Executive Secretary

RWK:coh

COMMITTEE ON RESETTLEMENT OF JAPANESE AMERICANS

Sponsored Jointly

by

The Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America
The Home Missions Council of North America

in cooperation with

The Foreign Missions Conference of North America

297 Fourth Avenue, New York 10, N. Y.

GEORGE E. RUNDQUIST
Executive Secretary

May 1, 1945.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

HERMANN N. MORSE
Chairman
J. QUINTER MILLER
Secretary-Treasurer
ROSWELL P. BARNES
MARK A. DAWBER
JOHN W. THOMAS

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman,
2287 Telegraph Ave., Room 215,
Berkeley 4, Calif.

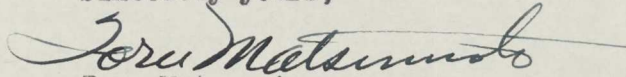
Dear Mrs. Kingman:

Thank you very much for your letter of April 28th. In view of your reply, I wonder if you would care to give us a statement for use in our RESETTLEMENT BULLETIN as to how you view the situation on the West Coast. Your organization is well known among the evacuees and they know that you are their best friends on the coast. This, of course, places a responsibility on you - and not a very light one indeed. I think it would be very helpful, therefore, if you could make some of your thoughts known to the evacuees in the Centers as well as to the resettlers in other parts of the country who are thinking of returning to the West Coast. I realize that you are very busy, but a statement of about 1500 words would be extremely helpful.

I believe that the group which is interested in the hostel in San Jose is the Council of Churches. I have looked up the name and address of the person in charge and it is as follows: Dr. Hugh M. Jones, Westminster Presbyterian Church, 1100 Shasta Ave., San Jose 11. May I suggest that you contact him? I agree with you that at the moment it is wiser to have a Caucasian sponsor and represent the hostel in San Jose.

Mr. Rundquist left for the West Coast on Sunday. He will be seeing you very soon.

Sincerely yours,


Toru Matsumoto
Director for Resettlement

TM/R

May 9, 1945

Mr. Toru Matsumoto,
Director for Resettlement
Committee on Resettlement of Japanese-Americans
297 Fourth Avenue
New York 10, New York

Dear Mr. Matsumoto:

Thank you for your letter of May 1, 1945. It came just a couple of days before George Rundquist's arrival, so I waited to talk over my reply with him.

George agrees with me that it would probably not prove helpful for us to make a statement for the evacuees in the Centers, at this time. I would hesitate to tell them not to try to come West, as I do not want to deter any specific plans for relocation which are already made. However, as George and I both feel that we cannot urge them to come unless there is permanent housing available, I can't conscientiously suggest a wide return.

This being the case, George feels, and I agree that we should give the present program a chance for the summer months, at least, before we make any widely published statement.

If, at the end of summer, something pretty drastic has not been proposed, in the way of provision of housing, we shall not hesitate to speak loud and long. Meantime, we are pressing as hard as we can in that direction, and have hopes of some degree of success.

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman
Executive Secretary

RWK:cch

Mrs. Kingman
COPY

May 2, 1945

Mrs. Ellen Turner
American Council on Race Relations
988 Market Street, Rm. 202
San Francisco, California

Dear Mrs. Turner:

I have just been rushed to death with trips,
office work, etc.

George Rundquist has been in since Monday
morning. Ruth Kingman blew in today.

In a few minutes I have to go out to the First
Congregational Church. Raymond speaks for 10 or
15 minutes along with four or five other speakers.
I am to take part in a panel discussion at 4:00;
subject: Return of the Japanese. Then there is
a big dinner and evening address by Walter Meulder
Race Relations Committee of the Church Federation
and Professor at University of Southern California.

Tomorrow morning, a group of us get together
with Mr. Crotty to try to plan ahead in regard to
Fair Play work.

I hope you are not working too hard with
Larry Hughes away. Have been looking for a letter
from you.

Enclosed is a copy of the debate which Rita
has made for you. When you have finished reading
it, we would like to have it back. Of course you
can have copies made if you would like to have
one to keep.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

GDB:rmr
Enclosures

Gracia D. Booth
Executive Secretary

COPY

Mrs. Kingman

May 3, 1945

Mr. Eric Thompson
War Relocation Authority
Benjamin Franklin Bldg.
735 State Street
Santa Barbara, California

Dear Mr. Thompson:

I had hoped to hear from you long ago regarding your trip to Manzanar, and also as to whether or not there are local committees in your area organized for Fair Play.

I think I discussed with you the need of such committees and my responsibility in checking up on this and stimulating organization if none already exists. Perhaps I was not clear in my own conversation with you since I was riding in the front seat and you in the back.

However, I have heard indirectly that the Ventura people are eager to get organized and I wonder if they realize that there is a Southern California office and executive secretary of the Fair Play Committee and that Santa Barbara, Ventura, San Luis Obispo, etc. are all in the Southern California district. I would be tickled pink to know if they have groups already in action. If so, please send me the names of committee chairmen or key people in order that I may send them a suggestive outline of procedure as O.K'd or approved by the Fair Play Committee.

Regards to Mrs. Thompson,

Sincerely yours,

GDH

Gracia D. Booth
Executive Secretary

GDB
rnr

apparently meant for Mrs. Kingman - Fair Play Committee. Please answer - H/K

Japanese American Committee for Democracy

72 West 52nd Street, New York 19, N. Y.

PLaza 8-2680

reply 5/14/45

ERNEST S. HIYAMA

Chairman

TOKUJI KASAI

TETS NEKAMURA

Vice-Chairmen

MARY IKEDA

Treasurer

NORI IKEDA

Executive Secretary

MICHI OKAMOTO

Ass't Secretary

TOSH GRINER

Recording Secretary

ADVISORY BOARD

REV. ALFRED AKAMATSU

Japanese Methodist Church,
N. Y. C.

PEARL BUCK

Author

EARL B. DICKERSON

Chicago Urban League Board,
Chicago, Illinois

PROF. ALBERT EINSTEIN

Princeton University

ABNER GREEN

American Committee for
Protection of Foreign Born

YASUO KUNIYOSHI

Artist, N. Y. C.

KENNETH K. KURIHARA, PH.D.

Former Lecturer

BISHOP FRANCIS J. MCCONNELL

Methodist Episcopal Church,
N. Y. C.

CAREY McWILLIAMS

Author and Lecturer

LEWIS MERRILL

President,
United Office and Professional
Workers of America, C.I.O.

MICHAEL J. OBERMEIER

President,
Hotel and Club Employees
Union Local 6, A.F.L.

RT. REV. EDWARD L. PARSONS

The Diocesan House,
San Francisco, Calif.

DR. ADAM CLAYTON POWELL, JR.

U.S. Congressman, N.Y.C.

CHESTER H. ROWELL

San Francisco Chronicle
San Francisco, Calif.

KATHERINE TERRILL

Panora, Iowa



May 3, 1945

Mr. Harry Kingman
Regional Director,
Committee on Fair Play
627 Furniture Mart Bldg.
1355 Market St.
San Francisco 3, Calif.

Dear Friends:

May I express our appreciation for the valuable and effective work of your Committee in furthering democratic ideals of fair play. All groups concerned with extending those just principles on which our country was founded are benefiting from the gains made by your Committee; but we Japanese Americans particularly feel warmth towards your hard-working efforts.

Our organization's English language publication, the NEWS-LETTER, would like very much to publish an article dealing with the thinking of Relocation Center residents regarding the following points:

1. Antagonism towards WRA, including demands for Mr. Myer's resignation;
2. Demands for keeping the centers open for the duration or longer;
3. Opposition to return to the West Coast;
4. Requests to return to Japan.

We feel we can help clarify and adjust their thinking to more realistic terms through factual presentation; point out the parallelism of their arguments to those of anti-Japanese American groups; indicate the inconsistency of their thinking.

Your Committee can be of great service to us by assisting us in compiling material on West Coast anti-evacuee sentiments and statements made by individuals or groups. These can be used to indicate the similarity of expressions made

Following letter
sent by old route
Amor Unity
Ex. by Pac. Citizen

DEFEAT THE AXIS — HELP FREE THE PEOPLE OF JAPAN!

by the evacuees and how they are thus actually aiding the anti-evacuee groups. If such material is available, we would certainly appreciate your forwarding them to us at your earliest convenience.

Many thanks, and hoping for your assistance,

Most sincerely yours,

Kazu Iijima
Kazu Iijima, Editor (2)
J.A.C.D. NEWSLETTER

P.S. Enclosed are copies of the NEWSLETTER for your interest. The next and subsequent issues will be in enlarged tabloid-size.

May 14, 1945

Mr. Kazu Iijima, Editor
J.A.C.D. NEWSLETTER
72 West 52nd Street
New York 19, New York

Dear Mr. Iijima:

Your letter of May 3, addressed to my husband, Mr. Harry Kingman, Regional Director of the President's Committee on Fair Employment Practices, has been referred to me. Mr. Kingman felt that in all probability, as you had addressed him as Regional Director of "Committee on Fair Play", you had in mind our Committee on American Principles and Fair Play, of which I am executive secretary. As the President's Committee (or F.E.P.C.), of which my husband is West Coast Director, is concerned only with employment for minority groups, he was doubly sure that your letter should be answered through this office.

We are glad that you are helping to clarify the thinking in the centers. Too much cannot be done in that direction. It would certainly be unfortunate if the center residents should become increasingly confused.

We have not compiled material on West Coast anti-evacuee groups. So far as I know, there has been no such compilation made public, as yet. The Rockefeller studies will bring it out sooner or later, but that doesn't help much when it is most needed.

Mr. Iijima

page 2

5/14/45

May I suggest that you write to Mr. William Carr, of 1360 W. Colorado Street, Pasadena, California, whose organization "Friends of the American Way" has been most forthright in identifying anti-evacuee groups and individuals? He might possibly have what you want.

Enclosed you will find the latest pamphlet we have sent out, together with the American Council on Race Relations, and copies of Galen Fisher's recent articles. The latter may prove helpful to you.

An article by Caleb Foote is due to appear in the F.O.R. paper Fellowship Bulletin for June. I believe it is somewhat critical of the Government for its inadequate aid to enable evacuees to resettle.

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman
Executive Secretary

RWK:ech

Mrs. Kingman

COPY

May 4, 1945

Mr. T.C. Henderson
Community Church
Ventura, California

Dear Mr. Henderson:

Through Gary McWilliams I learn that there is a group in Ventura anxious to organize for Fair Play to Japanese Americans and other racial minority groups.

I have only recently come on to the Fair Play Committee as Executive Secretary of the Southern California branch extending from Santa Barbara on South.

I am very happy to learn that Ventura people are ready to do something constructive. Would you please write me regarding the situation and the set-up there; whether or not you have such a committee or wish to organize, and if I can be of any help, please call upon me.

Would you please inform me if there are active anti-forces in and around Ventura.

Whenever new citizen's or civic unity groups are formed to work on the race problem, with emphasis on the return of the Japanese, sub-committees are usually formed as follows: 1. Public Relations Committee 2. Coordinating and Stimulating of Local Agencies Committee 3. Housing (both emergency and permanent) 4. Community and Church Integration 5. Employment. Of course, through all these committees, the job of public enlightenment and education can be carried on.

Under separate cover we are sending you a packet of literature and will send you more if you have need of it.

Sincerely,

GDB
PER

Mrs. Gracia D. Booth
Executive Secretary

COPY

Mrs. Kingman

May 4, 1945

Mr. Carey McWilliams
541 South Spring St.
Los Angeles, California

Dear Carey McWilliams:

I have been hoping to hear from you, but know that you are very very busy.

However, a Mrs. Turner, whom you will remember interviewing recently, said you had mentioned several contacts which you thought it would be good for me to make in the work of the Fdr Play Committee. I think they were both Hollywood organizations of some sort--the Hollywood Writer's Mobilization Group (I believe), and the other a Hollywood Committee for Democracy.

Would you please give me the names and addresses of the person to contact and any other suggestions which you may have. I would like very much to have your guidance and would appreciate any suggestions you may have to offer, as this field of work is so new and so very very broad.

I am sure as you speak in different communities, you will come across many "leads" which would be helpful to me as I attempt to carry out the program of organizing civic unity or citizen's committees in the Southern California area which I represent.

Very sincerely,

GDB
RMP

Gracia L. Booth
Executive Secretary

NATIONAL JAPANESE AMERICAN STUDENT RELOCATION COUNCIL

1201 CHESTNUT STREET, PHILADELPHIA 7, PENNSYLVANIA

JOHN W. THOMAS, Chairman

RITTENHOUSE 9372

May 4, 1945

ELIZABETH B. EMLER, Director

THOMAS R. BODINE, Field Director

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Kingman
535 San Luis Road
Berkeley, California

Dear Ruth and Harry:

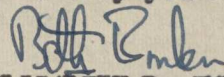
We know you will be interested to see the enclosed pamphlet telling the story of student relocation. Tom prepared it. We are hoping, as you can guess from the final paragraphs, that it will help us in raising funds. The hurdle between the Nisei students and a college education is no longer the overcoming of government restrictions or the finding of colleges and universities that will accept them. Their problem now is to find the small amount of scholarship aid that most of them must have to complete their education now that their families are less able to help. With the camps closing by January 1, 1946, the parents must save all their resources for their own resettlement, to start their own lives over again.

Unfortunately, most of the groups which have been giving the Nisei scholarship aid are finding they must reduce or discontinue their help since the demands on their funds from overseas are increasing. The students that are particularly affected by this situation are the non-church members and Buddhists who make up over fifty percent of the student group. Unless some scholarship help can be extended to the students now in college and to the 1945 project high school graduates who are of college calibre, a large number of the 2,000 students in college will have to drop out and few of the high school graduates will be able to go on with their education. We are, therefore, turning to all the friends of the Japanese American students for help in raising a \$20,000 scholarship fund to carry these students through this difficult transition period.

We know that you probably are also trying to raise funds for Japanese American work, but we wonder if you could suggest to us any friends on the West Coast who might be particularly interested in this problem facing the students. We don't want to cross any wires with your money-raising efforts, but we certainly would appreciate any suggestion you could give us. We were sorry to miss seeing you, Ruth, when you were East, but I understand it was a flying visit. I hope you may be coming our way again. Tom joins me in sending you both our best wishes.

We want at this time to thank you for sending us a copy of "A Balance Sheet on Japanese Evacuation" by Galen Fisher and for the dozen copies of "American Fighting Men Speak Out". These have been most useful to us and we appreciate your sending them on to us.

Sincerely yours,


ELIZABETH B. EMLER (Mrs.)
Director

EBE:lws

THE COUNCIL

This Council was organized at the request of the War Relocation Authority and with the approval of the War Department. The purpose of the Council is to assist in the relocation of students who have been evacuated from West Coast war zones and who wish to continue their studies on the college or university level.

JOHN W. NASON, *Chairman*

ELIZABETH B. EMLIN, *Director*

CARL ACKERMAN	Dean, School of Journalism, Columbia University
FRANK AYDELOTTE	Director, Institute for Advanced Studies
REMSSEN BIRD	President, Occidental College
PAUL BRAISTED	Program Secretary, Hazen Foundation
EARL R. BROWN.....	Executive Secy., Board of Missions and Church Ext. of the Methodist Church
E. FAY CAMPBELL.....	Director, Dept. of Colleges and Theological Seminaries, Presbyterian Church
C. REED CARY.....	Assistant Executive Secretary, American Friends Service Committee
MRS. SANFORD E. COBB.....	Reformed Church in America
CARTER DAVIDSON.....	President, Knox College
MARK A. DAWBER.....	Executive Secretary, Home Missions Council
WILLIAM F. DELONG.....	Board of National Missions, Evangelical and Reformed Church
MONROE E. DEUTSCH.....	Provost, University of California
CLARENCE A. DYKSTRA.....	Provost, University of California, Los Angeles
WALTER C. EELLS.....	Executive Secretary, American Association of Junior Colleges
MILTON S. EISENHOWER.....	President, Kansas State College of Agriculture and Applied Science
A. ROLAND ELLIOTT.....	World Student Relief Committee in North America
MRS. MARTHA FLETCHER.....	Staff Executive of American Unitarian Youth
ELEANOR FRENCH.....	Executive Secy., National Student Council, Young Women's Christian Association
RAY GIBBONS.....	Director, Council for Social Action, Congregational Christian Church
FRANK P. GRAHAM.....	President, University of North Carolina
JOHN O. GROSS.....	Secy., Dept. of Educational Institutions, The Bd. of Ed. of the Methodist Church
CAROLUS P. HARRY.....	Secretary, Board of Education, United Lutheran Church in America
CARL HEINMILLER.....	Executive Secretary and Treasurer, Missionary Society of the Evangelical Church
HAROLD B. INGALLS.....	Associate Secretary, National Council of Student Christian Associations
THEODORE H. JACK.....	President, Randolph-Macon Women's College
SABURO KIDO.....	National President, Japanese American Citizen's League
J. W. MARSHALL.....	Foreign Mission Board, Southern Baptist Convention
WILLIAM O. MENDENHALL.....	Former President, Whittier College
KARL W. ONTHANK.....	Dean, University of Oregon
CLARENCE E. PICKETT.....	Executive Secretary, American Friends Service Committee
EDWARD B. ROONEY.....	Executive Director, Jesuit Educational Association
ABRAM LEON SACHAR.....	National Director, B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundations
ALFRED SCHMALZ.....	Clergyman, Congregational Christian Church, Darien, Connecticut
LEE PAUL SIEG.....	President, University of Washington
KENNETH C. M. SILLS.....	President, Bowdoin College
GUY SNAVELY.....	Executive Director, Association of American Colleges
ROBERT G. SPROUL.....	President, University of California
JOHN W. THOMAS.....	Secy., Dept. of Cities, American Baptist Home Mission Society
HELEN B. TURNBULL.....	Asst. Secy., Div. of College Work, Natl. Council of the Protest. Epis. Church
ROSCOE WEST.....	President, Association of State Teachers Colleges
WILLARD M. WICKIZER.....	Executive Secretary, Committee on War Services, Disciples of Christ
RAY LYMAN WILBUR.....	Chancellor, Stanford University
M. R. ZIGLER.....	Executive Secretary, Brethren Service Committee
GEORGE F. ZOOK.....	President, American Council on Education

Consultants:

BESS GOODYKOONTZ.....	Assistant Commissioner of Education, United States Office of Education
JOHN H. PROVINSE.....	Chief, Community Management Division, War Relocation Authority

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE COUNCIL

JOHN W. NASON, <i>Chairman</i>	President, Swarthmore College
EARL R. BROWN.....	Executive Secy., Board of Missions and Church Ext. of the Methodist Church
E. FAY CAMPBELL.....	Director, Dept. of Colleges and Theological Seminaries, Presbyterian Church
C. REED CARY.....	Assistant Executive Secretary, American Friends Service Committee
A. ROLAND ELLIOTT.....	World Student Relief Committee in North America
ELEANOR FRENCH.....	Exec. Secy., National Student Council, Young Women's Christian Assn.
HAROLD B. INGALLS.....	Associate Secretary, National Council of Student Christian Associations
EDWARD B. ROONEY.....	Executive Director, Jesuit Educational Association
GUY E. SNAVELY.....	Executive Director, Association of American Colleges
JOHN W. THOMAS.....	Secy., Dept. of Cities, American Baptist Home Mission Society
HELEN B. TURNBULL.....	Asst. Secy., Div. of College Work, Natl. Council of the Protest. Epis. Church

(Titles are given for identification only and in no way commit the institution to which the council member belongs.)

Night Letter
5/5/45

Mrs. Lawrence Norrie
1918 La France Drive
South Pasadena, California

HOPE I CAN STAY YOUR HOME THURSDAY NIGHT MAY 10 THANKS.
ALSO WISH TO CONFER LARRY PREFERABLY HERE MAY 8 OR
LOS ANGELES 10th. WIRE REPLY COLLECT.

Ruth Kingman

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY
461 MARKET ST.
SAN FRANCISCO 5, CALIF.

May 5, 1945

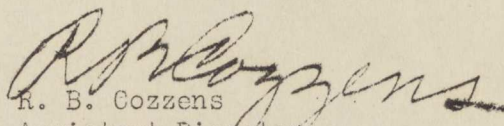
Mr. Galen M. Fisher
11 El Sueno
Orinda 2, Calif.

Dear Mr. Fisher:

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

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

Sincerely yours,


R. B. Cozzens
Assistant Director

Enclosures

UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY

WASHINGTON

2 copies
1 copy to Chapman

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

Bruce Maguire
715 S. Hope St.
L.A. 14

MAY 5 1945

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

Dear Galen:

Following my talk with you over the phone, I received your letter, and after discussing the matter with John Provinse, relayed his reply back to you.

We anticipate that we will have a very busy summer in carrying out the relocation program. We will be short on administrative housing and for that and other reasons, it was decided we could not pay the expenses of volunteer workers for this summer nor provide housing for them in the relocation centers. We feel we cannot distinguish between requests, because once we open the door, it would be almost impossible to stop the flood. We will be glad, however, to have the assistance of some of your students provided their expenses can be paid from other sources and they can live outside the centers.

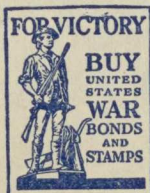
This ruling may seem harsh to you and I want to assure you it is not because we wish to be harsh nor because we do not appreciate the help provided in the past and could again be provided this year. On the other hand, there have been so many demands from people wishing to go into the centers now that we were compelled to adopt this policy.

We deeply appreciate the wonderful work you have done and will continue to do. I know of no one in the country who has made a greater contribution than you have made.

Kindest personal regards.

Sincerely,

D. S. Myers
Director



U. S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY

In reply, please refer to:

1031 South Broadway
Los Angeles 15, California

Information Division

May 5, 1945

*reply
5/16/45*

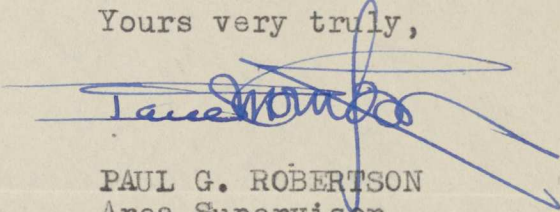
Mrs. Ruth Kingman
Pacific Coast Committee on
American Principles and Fair Play
2234 Telegraph Avenue
Berkeley 4, California

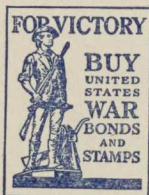
Dear Mrs. Kingman:

We could make good use of two thousand
copies of your leaflet entitled, "Homeward Bound".
Are they obtainable in that quantity?

As you perhaps have heard, our last
district office was opened last week bringing the
total to our full quota of five.

Yours very truly,


PAUL G. ROBERTSON
Area Supervisor



Knigman
COPY

May 7, 1945

Mr. Chimata Sumida
Rohwer Relocation Project
Ho Gehee, Arkansas

Dear Mr. Sumida:

It has been a long time since I have seen or heard from you or any of your family, and I wonder what plans you are making about relocation, and if you are coming back to the coast.

You probably know that Mr. Booth and I have been out here for some timenow and are so happy to have any part in helping the evacuees return to their former homes.

Community sentiment is really better than I had expected and jobs I think are plentiful enough. The biggest problem seems to be that of housing. However a number of church groups are keenly interested in seeing hostels opened in different areas for temporary housing at least, especially for the "Issei."

Half in Torrance and half in Gardena is a language school, together with about 20 acres of ground. The custodian is Sohei Kakehashi of your project. It is my understanding that Mr. Kakehashi has been approached on numerous occasions by WRA officials, soliciting his cooperation in leasing or selling the property to various individuals and organizations, and that he has not seen fit to discuss the affairs of the former language school with the WRA. I think I understand his point of view. Since I do not know him and feel that I do know you, I would like to state a problem to you and ask you if you see fit, to talk with him about it. Of course, you know that I will understand if you feel it is inadvisable for you to do so.

COPY
--2--

Mr. ~~Snida~~

May 7, 1945

The housing situation in Los Angeles is perhaps as difficult as any place in the United States. Community organizations such as the one which I represent as well as the churches are attempting to make available for temporary residence all available places. The language school of Torrance could be made into an excellent place for temporary residence. It would be possible, I am sure, to get a committee of outstanding citizens to sponsor such a hostel. I am sure you understand the need of hostels and how they operate. If you feel inclined to make exploration on the matter, I would appreciate it more than I can tell you.

Dr. Clarence Gillett who is executive secretary of this National Congregational Committee is recovering from an operation and I am acting as associate executive secretary in his three-month's absence.

As of April 1, however, I took up my duties as executive secretary of the Southern California Branch of the Committee on Americans Principles and Fair Play, with my headquarters at the same office as Mr. Gillett's.

I thought those of you who know of and are interested in the activities of the original Fair Play Committee group in Pasadena and the group more recently formed in Berkeley would be interested in knowing of my connection with the same committee.

Thank you for the prompt attention I know you will give my concern, and with best regards to you and your family and our many friends in Rohwer, I am,

Sincerely yours,

GDB:rmr
Encl. Hostel leaflet

Gracie D. Booth
Assoc. Exec. Sec.

Mrs. Kingman
COPY

May 7, 1945

Mrs. Afton Nance
328 1/2 No. Magnolia
Rialto, California

Dear Mrs. Nance:

When visiting Mr. Van Norden the War Relocation Officer at Santa Ana last week, he told me the story of the little incident in Oasis regarding the Nisei school children the shopkeeper, and he also tells me that you are a member of the Fair Play Committee.

Beginning April 1, I succeeded Katherine Kaple as executive secretary of the Southern California branch of the Fair Play Committee and am very anxious to know others outside Los Angeles who like yourself are definitely interested in securing Fair Play for the Japanese Americans.

I should like to thank you for your attitude in this matter and your prompt passing on of this incident to the WRA office in Los Angeles. (G. Raymond Booth is my husband).

I would appreciate very much your keeping me informed as to all incidents both friendly and unfriendly.

Hoping to meet you some of these days,

Sincerely,

GLB
rwr

Gracia D. Booth
Executive Secretary

Mrs. Kingman

COPY

May 7, 1945

Mr. Arnold M. Serwer
Acting, Chief, Reports Division
U.S. Department of the Interior
War Relocation Authority
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Serwer:

My secretary and I are quite sure we enclosed a sample study packet in the box of "70,000 American Refugees" which we sent you recently, but we are sending you another packet so you may see one.

We still have many copies of "70,000 Refugees" is yours for more.

We also have extra copies of all of the literature in the study packet which you may order separately if you wish. We simply make up the packet as a sample cross-section of our most up to date literature. Of course, it does not contain nearly everything which we have on our shelves as the enclosed list reveals.

Please call upon us again if we can be of further use.

Sincerely yours,

GDB
rur

Gracia D. Booth
Executive Secretary

COPY

May 7, 1945

Mr. Earle O'Day
1031 South Broadway
Los Angeles 16, Calif.

Dear Mr. O'Day:

When I spoke to the Council of Church Women in Long Beach on Friday, a woman came up to me afterward and asked if I could possibly locate some Japanese people for her.

She wanted to write them and urge them to return and offer to help them in any way possible if they decide to come back. I suggested that she write their names, etc. on a slip of paper and I would try to find them.

When I got home, I found this is all the address she gave. Don't know if you or any other in WRA can locate people on such little information. The family operated a cafe on East Third St. in the 100 block on the South side of the street in Long Beach. Their minister was the pastor of a Japanese church near Locust above Anaheim. I could not find her name in the telephone directory so I am unable to secure anymore information and if you cannot locate the people on these few facts, she will have to scout around herself and at least find out their names which she could not remember.

Eric Thomsen told me last Friday that he had sent some information to this area office some days before regarding the general public acceptance in his area, asking that it be sent on to me. To date, I have received no information, and I am very eager for any that comes in. I feel it is just as important to know where groups and well organized committees exist or are possible as it is to know of unfriendly conditions. I must have the all-over picture to do any kind of efficient job. I imagine this report has been just overlooked. Could you check on this for me please. Thank you.

Sincerely,

GDB:rmr

Gracia D. Booth
Executive Secretary

May 8, 1945

Mr. Roger Baldwin
American Civil Liberties Union
170 Fifth Avenue
New York 10, New York

Dear Roger Baldwin:

I was talking to Lawrence Hewes today, and he has assured me that he has prepared the memo you have asked for, and is sending it via his Chicago office and Sandy Liveright.

I've kept at him continuously for five or six weeks on this and really think that it is finally in the mails.

At any rate, Mr. Hewes, himself is starting east on Sunday, and should be in New York before long. I suggest that you drop a note to Sandy Liveright asking him to get Larty to drop in to see you in New York. There is a lot in the telling of that Oregon story that can't be clearly expressed on paper.

Sorry that this has been slow--but I couldn't hurry it.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman
Executive Secretary

RWK:cch

May 9, 1945

Miss Chiyeko Nagareda
2151 Pacific Avenue
San Francisco, California

Dear Chiyeko:

Now that next semester is drawing nearer,
I wonder if your plans still call for enrollment at the University of California?

If so, as I told you in our telephone conversation several weeks ago, I shall be very happy to introduce you to several people who are interested in placing Nisei students in homes and in securing adequate work for them.

If you would like to come over to Berkeley one day soon, will you phone me at my office (Ashberry 6214) and we will set a day and time.

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman
Executive Secretary

RWK:ech

May 9, 1945

Miss Frances MacClusky
Central Utah Relocation Center
Topaz, Utah

Dear Mac:

I got in touch with Chiyeko a couple of months ago, and she promised to call me soon, so that I could introduce her around here at the University of California.

Since then, I've been back in Washington and haven't talked with her. However, I've just now written to her, at her San Francisco address, and have asked her to call me next week. At that time, I'll get her to take "annual leave" for a half day and come over to Berkeley, at which time I shall take her around to the various persons who have indicated an interest in getting her placed for this coming semester.

I noticed in the W.R.A. Bulletin that Adrian has left or is leaving W.R.A. Where is she, and what is she up to?

Beverly has passed all of the exams and has been approved for OCS with high recommendation, and is now awaiting orders--which, of course, in the Army can mean anything or nothing. Meanwhile, she's learning a lot, and welcomes the educating process.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman
Executive Secretary

RWK:ccn

May 9, 1945

Mrs. Lynn Brannan
Box 44
Auburn, Washington

Dear Mrs. Brannan:

Mrs. Kingman has asked me to advise you that Mr. George Rundquist will soon be coming North. He will be there quite some time and will get in touch with you so that you will have an opportunity to discuss the organization of some sort of Fair Play activity.

Both Mrs. Kingman and Mr. Rundquist have been in Seattle twice to try and effect some organization of community forces for good-will, which would include nearby communities. As yet, this type of thing has not taken hold there.

I am inclosing a copy of the By-Laws of this Committee which may give you an idea of the nature of this Organization.

Thank you for your interest and support of Fair Play in behalf of Americans of Japanese ancestry. Mr. Rundquist will be able to lend a great deal of aid in the formation of a community group for fair play for minority peoples and will appreciate your suggestions as to the situation in Auburn.

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary

Straight Wire
5/9/45

William R. Mathews, Editor
Arizona Daily Star
Tucson, Arizona

HAVE EXCELLENT EDITORIAL FROM UNIDENTIFIED TUCSON NEWSPAPER
ABOUT FOUR DAYS AGO ENTITLED "NOT A WHITE MAN'S ACT." CAN
YOU IDENTIFY AND DATE IT FROM STAR? CAN WE REPRINT IT?
WIRE REPLY COLLECT.

Paul S. Taylor
2287 Telegraph Avenue
Berkeley 4, California

Mrs. Kingman
COPY

May 9, 1945

Mr. Eric Thomsen
Benjamin Franklin Bldg.
735 State Street
Santa Barbara, California

Dear Eric:

Your letter of May 7 came to me today.
Thanks very much for the information and suggestions.

If you can give me any names of key people in the towns you mentioned I will contact them immediately. In the meantime, I will contact Earle O'Day. Sometimes he has names on hand and I will go through my lists.

Your remark regarding the children of light and the children of darkness reminds me of the man from Hood River with whom I talked in Minidoka camp who said that the friends of the Japanese only needed to make a louder noise than the enemies of the Japanese for them to feel that it was wise for them to come back home again.

I contacted the area office here and Earle O'Day will send on the report you said you had sent.

Please keep me posted as to community attitudes and don't hesitate to suggest more work if it is needed.

Regards to your wife,

Sincerely,

GDB
rmr

Gracia D. Booth
Executive Secretary

Mrs. Kingman

SAME LETTER SENT TO:

Rev. Mr. Eidsath (Presbyterian)
1720 West Gardena Blvd.
Gardena, California

COPY

Mr. Cecil P. Lyon (H.S. Prin.)
25425 Walnut St.
Lomita, California

May 10, 1945

Mr. Perry (below) is H.S. Prin.

Mr. Harold Albert Perry
2500 Carson
Torrance, California

Dear Mr. Perry:

I am writing you at the suggestion of Mr. Earle O'Day of the War Relocation Authority office who has informed me of your friendly interest in the returning Japanese Americans and their parents.

As you know, there is a great deal of adverse public sentiment toward their return to the coast. Wherever there is likely to be any number wishing to return to their former homes, we feel that it is the responsibility of citizens in that community, who believe in upholding the Constitutional Rights of all loyal Americans, to cooperate.

In many cases, the evacuees have returned with their old friends and neighbors welcoming them and have met with no unfriendliness whatsoever. On the other hand, there is often an attempt at intimidation and unpleasant incidents do occur.

In most communities, there is really more good will than ill will, but the people of good will so often are not organized to express this good feeling constructively.

We would be very much interested in knowing if there is any sort of organized group in your community whose specific aim it is to stand ready to meet any emergency while at the same time paving the way for the returnee and actively welcoming each one to the community. If there is such an organization and you feel that such a committee would be helpful in your community, we would be glad to confer with you and assist in any way possible in stimulating the organization of such a group.

Sincerely,

GDB:RMF
Enclosures

Gracia D. Booth
Executive Secretary

May 10, 1945

Winthrop League
First Congregational Church
2345 Channing
Berkeley, California

Dear Members:

Thank you for the volunteer service which you have given our Committee. I hope that you have felt the importance of even the "littlest" tasks in the very important work of combatting prejudice, and discrimination against minority peoples.

Your efforts are appreciated.

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary

May 10, 1945

Mr. Louis J. Meillette,
General Secretary
Y.M.C.A.
P. O. Box 459
Honolulu 9, Hawaii, U.S.A.

Dear Mr. Meillette:

Just before Mrs. Kingman left for Los Angeles she received word from General Wilbur that the Special Exclusion Order has been lifted and that Mr. Hoshiyama will be notified.

She has asked me to convey this message to you.

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary

May 10, 1945

Miss Eleanor Gaylord
Mission Community Center
362 Capp Street
San Francisco, California

Dear Miss Gaylord:

At Mrs. Kingman's request I am sending you, under separate cover, a kit of material pertaining to the work of this Committee. Some of the material is out of date, but I think you will like to see it.

Mrs. Kingman is going to Los Angeles for a few days and will call you as soon as she returns.

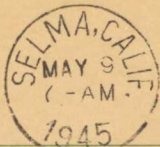
Very sincerely yours,

Secretary

reply
5/100 45

I have a rather vague
recollection that sometime
ago I received a letter
from you asking for my
usual ten dollar
contribution — but no
recollection at all of
whether or not I ever
paid it. Will you please
look up when it fell (or
falls) due and let me
know again. I'm sorry

Mrs. John A. Hoiem
Rt. 1, Box 171
Fowler, Calif.



THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

Committee on American Principles and
Fair Play
2234 Telegraph Ave
Berkeley 4
California

May 10, 1945

Mrs. John A. Hoiem
Rt. 11, Box 171
Fowler, California

Dear Hoiem:

According to our files, your last
contribution was received April 27, 1944.

We sent Finance letters the first
of this year seeking contributions for
1945.

Thank you for your card and interest
in our work.

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary

May 10, 1945

Mr. Dillon S. Myer, Director
War Relocation Authority
Barr Building
Washington, D. C.

Attn: Mr. Tozier

Dear Mr. Tozier:

We would like to secure 2000 copies
of the War Relocation Authority Publication,
MYTHS AND FACTS ABOUT THE JAPANESE AMERICANS,
Answering Common Misconceptions Regarding
Americans of Japanese Ancestry; published
April, 1945.

The American Council on Race Relations
and this Committee would like to send them
out to a carefully selected mailing list.

Please let us know if it will be possible
for us to secure that many copies.

Thank you.

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary

UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY
WASHINGTON

May 21, 1945

Miss Constance Holliday
Secretary
Committee on American Principles
and Fair Play
465 California Street
San Francisco 4, California

Dear Miss Holliday:

We received your letter of May 10, in which you requested 2000 copies of "Myths and Facts about the Japanese Americans."

The demand for this publication has been so great that we have decided to multilith it in pamphlet form. We are, therefore, sending you 500 of the mimeographed copies, and will send you an additional 1,500 when the multilithed version is finished. That will be ready for shipment in the next few weeks.

We appreciate your interest in the problems of the Japanese Americans, and feel sure that the pamphlet will be put to good use.

Sincerely,

M. M. Tozier

M. M. Tozier
Chief, Reports Division



CLASS OF SERVICE

This is a full-rate Telegram or Cablegram unless its deferred character is indicated by a suitable symbol above or preceding the address.

WESTERN UNION

1201

(55)

A. N. WILLIAMS
PRESIDENT

SYMBOLS

DL = Day Letter

NL = Night Letter

LC = Deferred Cable

NLT = Cable Night Letter

Ship Radiogram

The filing time shown in the date line on telegrams and day letters is STANDARD TIME at point of origin. Time of receipt is STANDARD TIME at point of destination

.TA51

1945 MAY 9 PM 3 10

T SA606 16=TUCSON ARIZ. 9-330P

PAUL S TAYLOR=

2287 TELEGRAPH AVE BERKELEY CALIF=

EDITORIAL PRINTED IN STAR APRIL 28 QUOTE AS FREELY AS YOU
LIKE WITH CREDIT TO US=

WILLIAM R MATHEWS.

*By Re 9492
unknown
could this*

28

Arizona Daily
Star -
Tucson,
Arizona

Mrs. Kingman

SAME LETTER SENT TO: **COPY**

Mr. J.C. McClendon
Dixie Bldg.
3913 Ohio Street
North Park
San Diego, Calif.

May 11, 1945

Major R.P. Hartney
War Relocation Authority
Bank of America Bldg.
110 North Sixth Street
El Centro, California

Dear Mr. Hartney:

I am anxious to know whether or not there is an organized group of citizens in your community backing up the work of the WRA on behalf of the returning evacuees.

If there is no such work going on and you feel that there are key people who would go ahead and organize, I would like to know their names and addresses and something of the general community attitude toward those who are coming back.

If you need help in stimulating the organization of some citizen's committee or civic unity council in El Centro or any of the communities of your district, our committee stands ready to assist.

Enclosed is a brochure of the Fair Play Committee and a list of literature which you may obtain from this office.

Sincerely,

GDB:rmr
Enclosures

Gracia D. Booth
Executive Secretary

Mrs. Kingman
COPY

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY

El Centro, Calif.

May 21, 1945

Mrs. Gracia D. Booth
1052 West Sixth Street, Rm. 726
Los Angeles 14, California

My dear Madam:

Your letter of May 11, 1945, was received some days ago, and I delayed answering it until I had made a more extensive survey of the country.

There is no organized group at this time backing up the work of the War Relocation Authority. However, I wouldn't be surprised if there were a few groups, perhaps not organized, of whom the best I can say for them is that their efforts our way are not appreciated, and Time, which cures a lot of things, may eventually bring them in line.

I know the great possibilities of your organization. Its Directors are a potent lot, a few of which are personally known to me.

As everybody in going to the Office of Price Administration feels that their problem is a separate one, I have a similar notion that this county, for various reasons, requires a little treatment somewhat out of the ordinary.

This insular section regards itself as peculiar and different, with which I agree; and in their arrogance, they resent very loudly what they call advice, etc., or any other chosen term.

I feel this myself, and while I lay claim to eight months' residence nearby some years ago, I believe I am in the borderline of being an "outlander".

This rather long statement is to explain why I think particularly any organized effort which unfriendly journalism would interpret as outside interference in this controversial subject, at this time, would lose its good effect.

Later, perhaps, they will catch hold of the idea themselves and our burden will be easier.

I am very glad to know your organization is in the field, filling a great want and doing a good work; and it is comforting to know of a friendly society at hand if need be.

Many thanks for your letter, and with regards to Mr. Booth, I am

Very truly yours,

/s/ Raymond P. Hartney
District Relocation Officer

/ /rur

Mrs. Kingman
COPY

May 11, 1945

Mrs. Paul E. Webb
2563 Hill Drive
Eagle Rock
Los Angeles 41, Calif.

Dear Mrs. Webb:

When Dillon Myer was here some weeks ago he mentioned your name and suggested that I contact you.

I have tried to phone a number of times, but perhaps I have had the wrong number as I get no answer when I call.

As you may already know, Mrs. Kaplan has gone into police work and I came on April 1 as the executive secretary of the Fair Play Committee of Southern California in her place.

I am very anxious to meet and become acquainted with those of you who have been working along this line. Would you give me a ring or drop a note if it would be convenient for you to meet me at my office or for lunch some day.

Looking forward to hearing from you,

Sincerely,

GDB:rmr
Enclosures

Gracia D. Booth
Executive Secretary

May 12, 1945

Mr. Tozier
War Relocation Authority
Barr Building
Washington, D. C.

Dear Toz:

I have just returned from Los Angeles, and a conference with our Los Angeles people. They have requested that they be added to your mailing list to receive the News Digest and any other recent material which you send out.

Mr. Homer D. Grotty, 634 South Spring St., is the Chairman of the Los Angeles Fair Play Committee; Mrs. Gracia D. Booth, the Executive Secretary, 1052 West 6th St., Los Angeles 14. Mrs. Maynard Force Thayer, Executive Secretary of the Pasadena Chapter, 466 East California St., Pasadena 5, would also like to receive the material.

Thank you,

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman
Executive Secretary

RWK:cch

*OK
act
Reply
3/18/45*

PROTESTANT CHURCH COMMISSION
FOR JAPANESE SERVICE

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

GORDON K. CHAPMAN

Room 207, Board of National Missions

228 McAllister Street, San Francisco 2, California

May 12, 1945

Mrs. Ruth Kingman
Committee on American Principles and Fair Play
2287 Telegraph Avenue
Berkeley 4, California

Dear Mrs. Kingman:

Enclosed is a list of the names and addresses of the ministers in Salinas, where I have recently had meetings with prominent citizens. Will you kindly send these ministers any helpful printed material that you may have.

Most cordially yours,

Gordon
Gordon K. Chapman

GKC:AL

Churches and Pastors in Salinas, California

Harold Buckner, 913 E. Alisal	Church of the Nazarene
Robert Crichton, 21 California	Filipino United
W. S. Hall, 114 Midway	Calvary Evangelistic
Douglas Ewan, Lincoln and San Luis	Methodist
Francis Dodson, California and Winham	Baptist
M. L. Kemper, 327 Pajaro	United Presbyterian
Keppel Hill, Lincoln at Alisal	Episcopal
S. Kjaer, 213 Church	Danish Lutheran
I. H. Catherine, 313 E. Market	Colored Methodist
Louis Weston, 713 Mae	Assembly of God
T. H. Fuller, 540 Williams Road	Pentecostal
D. Davidson, Box 947,	Salvation Army
Roy Hohberger, Clay and Church	Y.M.C.A. Secretary
Patrick O'Connor, 14 Stone	Roman Catholic
C. W. Hollums, 34 Rincon	Southern Baptist
Arthur James, Kenneth and Juanita	Free Methodist
L. R. Wood, 66 Hebborn	Pentecostal

CLASS OF SERVICE

This is a full-rate Telegram or Cablegram unless its deferred character is indicated by a suitable symbol above or preceding the address.

WESTERN UNION

A. N. WILLIAMS
PRESIDENT

1201

SYMBOLS

DL=Day Letter

NL=Night Letter

LC=Deferred Cable

NLT=Cable Night Letter

Ship Radiogram

The filing time shown in the date line on telegrams and day letters is STANDARD TIME at point of origin. Time of receipt is STANDARD TIME at point of destination

MAY 12 AM 8 09

TB02

T. JDA206 NL PD NONSUB DUPLICATE OF TELEPHONED TELEGRAM=
MILWAUKEE WIS VIA UD=

GALEN FISHER=

2287 TELEGRAPH AVE ROOM 215

TOPAZ INSTITUTE ON MAY 30TH TO JUNE 6TH CAN SOMEONE FROM
FAIRPLAY COMMITTEE ATTEND EVEN PART TIME OR SOMEONE
ACQUAINTED WITH RECEPTION OF EVACUEES IN BAY AREA AND WHAT
IS BEING DONE FOR THEM EVEN BETTER IF SAME PERSON HAD
SOME GROUP WORK SKILL=

MASAO SATOW.

30 6 EVACUEES MASAO SATOW.

ONS FROM ITS PATRONS CONCERNING ITS SERVICE

May 14, 1945

Mr. Masao Satow
National Council
Young Men's Christian Association
3209 West Highland Avenue
Milwaukee 8, Wisconsin

Dear Mas:

Thank you for your invitation to us to send someone to your Topaz Institute. I have talked it over with Helen Fisher, and he and I agree that the very best person we could send would be Miss Annie Clo Watson, of the International Institute, whose work has kept her close to the returning evacuees.

Miss Watson is still uncertain as to whether she can go or not, because of the illness of her elderly mother. We will be able to let you know very soon. As you know, her experience in the Y.W.C.A. as well as in her present position highly qualify her for any group work she might be asked to do.

I suggest that you write to her directly at the International Institute, 1860 Washington Street, San Francisco, giving her any further information you can, concerning the conference in Topaz.

Mr. Satow

page 2

5/14/45

I had a good visit with Harrie and Thelma Norrie last week, in Los Angeles, and came up on the train with Roy Sorensen. We had a lot of fun, as well as a good discussion of problems of relocation.

When are you coming to California to stay? We need you here.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman
Executive Secretary

RWK:cch

Mrs. Kingman
COPY

Mr. Dillon S. Myer, Director
War Relocation Authority
U.S. Department of the Interior
Barr Building
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Myer:

When the ban on the West Coast residence was lifted by the Army on December 17, the War Relocation Authority made certain decisions which, in the light of experience in the past few months, seems not to have been wise or conducive to orderly liquidation of the camps.

(1) The first was an order announcing that the camps would definitely close on the second of January, 1946. This seems to me to have been a psychological blunder, based on the assumption that fundamentally the people in the camps did not want to relocate and, therefore, was an insulting gesture, particularly in view of the fact that adequate assistance in the relocation program was not made; but more particularly in view of the fact that certain services heretofore given were henceforth denied. It is my conviction that all the persons in the camps actually want to get out, but that due to language handicaps, physical handicaps, financial embarrassment, fear, etc., many of them have not been able to do so.

(2) The second mistake ^{which} seems to be made at that time is in reality a number of decisions made restricting the services which the Government could give in connection with property problems. For instance, self-reliant persons or persons who made decisions about storage or leasing of their property prior to the establishment of a Property Division and who, prior to December 17 had not called upon the Government to manage or store their property, were now denied such services.

COPY

-2-

Mr. Dillon Myer

May 14, 1945

(3) Those whose homes are more than 25 miles from the point of Governmentally stored property may have free transportation of their property to the point of relocation. Those within the 25-mile zone are denied such service. Practically, this means that financially embarrassed laboring class people in the city of Los Angeles may not have such services while rural property-owning people may. This to me seems to be inequitable.

(4) Home owners may not be assisted by WRA in securing eviction of the present tenants in order to regain occupancy. It would be a fairly simple matter for the Property Division or the Project Attorney in the camps to be instructed to render such assistance and give information regarding the laws of the West Coast states in connection with such action under OPA regulations. The relocation offices ought also to be instructed to render such service, which now they may not do.

(5) A great deal of difficulty could be overcome in connection with housing by the introduction of the theory that an evacuee is, in effect, an evictee, which would automatically permit him to secure a V card from housing authorities, thus entitling him to war housing and priorities.

Sincerely yours,

HDC
RMF

Homer D. Crotty
Chairman

CC: Mr. Ickes, Sec'y of the Interior
Mr. Fortess, Under-Sec'y of the Interior

Mrs. Kingman
COPY

May 14, 1945

Mr. Carey McWilliams
904 Spring Arcade Building
Los Angeles 13, California

Dear Carey:

Thank you very much for your prompt response to my request for names and addresses.

I appreciate very much this sort of help since you know the field and the area much better than I.

I would be very glad to receive any further suggestion or names of key people, in communities as you visit them, or get "the feel" of the group toward the returning Japanese.

I am coming in to talk to you one of these days.

Sincerely,

GDB
rnr

Gracie D. Booth
Assoc. Exec. Sec'y.

May 14, 1945

PERSONAL

Mr. Earle O'Day
Reports Officer,
War Relocation Authority
1031 South Broadway
Los Angeles, California

Dear Earle:

I forgot to finish talking with you the other day about your letter suggesting that we might supply two thousand "Homeward Bound" pamphlets. The only catch seems to be that they cost us \$17.13 per thousand, and we can't very well hand them out in quantity without some good fairy financing the transaction.

If W.R.A. can order them, or if you can get an angel to buy them, we'll be able to send them along.

It was good to see you. I'm talking with D.S.M. (tactical) tomorrow with "ideas" on L.A.-
- for what they may or may not be worth.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman
Executive Secretary

RWK:cch

reply
5/22/45

Send kit.

39 East 10 St

NYC 3

May 14, 1945

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman
The Pacific Coast Committee on
American Principles and Fair Play
2234 Telegraph Avenue
Berkeley 4, Calif.

Dear Mrs. Kingman:

I have long been wanting to write you to thank you for whisking me off across the country three years ago when the situation looked quite desperate. Events since then have convinced me more than ever that it was the best thing that ever could have happened to me, for I know enough about Relocation Centers to realize the terrible effect they can have on ~~Japanese~~ people.

I have just read Galen Fisher's articles from the Christian Century and they were very helpful in refreshing my memory on several scores. What occurs to me is that you must have other literature of that sort, or of a different sort, that I can use in generating propaganda. I would appreciate anything that is available. I happened to pick up the pamphlet, "A Balance Sheet on Japanese Evacuation," at the office of the National Conference of Christians and Jews here in New York. I work for the Religious News Service, which is a sort of subsidiary of the NCCJ. I like the work and life is going well otherwise.

I know that you were helping people right and left at the time that you helped me, so just to refresh your memory, I'll give you a part of my background. I was working for Ernest Besig at the time and when you called him, he was surprised to hear that I was going to New York, because I myself did not know that I was till just about that time. Well, many things have happened since then. Roger Baldwin is a friend of mine as a result of the introduction Ernie gave him for me. I even worked in the national ACLU office for a period of time, though I don't like them as well as I do the California branches. I don't think they're as radical.

Since I'm sort of broke at the moment, instead of sending you money, I'm enclosing a couple of articles I've succeeded in getting into print -- in exchange for valuable literature from you.

Thanks again for the not-so-far-gone favor and good luck in your work.

Cordially
Ina Sugihara
Ina Sugihara

May 22, 1945

Miss Ina Sugihara
39 East 10 St.
New York City 3.

Dear Miss Sugihara:

Thank you for your good letter of May 14. It is always good to hear from my Nisei friends, as it always provides a good "shot in the arm!!"

Immediately upon receiving your letter, I called Ernie Besig, and he was delighted to hear that you are working with the NCCJ. When are you coming home to California? I'll admit that the housing problem is terrific. Jobs are available, but a place to live is something else!

We're sending you an odd lot of stuff, part of which you have probably had from W.R.A., and will put you on our mailing list for future stuff.

The general situation out here is better than we expected- except for sporadic terroristic attacks in some of the rural areas. These are decreasing, and while we can't promise much more than tolerance for the Issei, most of the Nisei are having a rather good reception.

If you see my fine friend Everett Clinchy, give him my best, and tell him to be sure to call the Kingmans on his next trip West.

If there is anything more we can do, let us know, and we will try to do it.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman
Executive Secretary

RWK:cch

53-12A
Poston, Arizona

May 14, 1945

Committee on American Principles & Fair Play
Pasadena Chapter
466 East California Street
Pasadena 5, California

Attention: Mrs. Maynard Force Thayer

Dear Mrs. Thayer:

We are in receipt of your letter of May 7th, and we wish to thank you for your comforting thoughts in the loss of our son and brother, Tom.

Your letter was especially consoling due to the fact that as you say, we are strangers, but still you took the pains to let us know that you share with us our loss. Tom wanted very much to return home when the war is over, but he loved his Country more that he preferred to die to preserve democracy. I know my brother was well acquainted with the works of your organization, and I'm sure that he realizes that you are doing so much for what he died for.

We are feeling the loss deeply of our only son and only brother, but we seek consolation in the fact that he has gone to join his Maker and has gone to a much better world.

Again, our sincere thanks.

Sincerely yours,

Mr. + Mrs. K. Nishimoto
and Lily

Copy
to Miss
McCluskey

May 14, 1945-

Dear Mrs. Kingman,

I thank you very much for your kind letter. Since I phoned you last, many things have happened. After discussing over with my parents, I find that I should get my family out here first, and then plan for my entrance to higher education. At present I don't know when and how my family will come out here, but I'm keeping up my hope. Hope you can understand my situation.

I have told this to Miss McCluskey and I'm waiting for her advice now too. Maybe her advice will light up my dark future.

I am very grateful for your assistance. I shall remember you always and shall look forward to the day when I can visit you. Until then,

Respectfully yours,

Chiye
Chiyeiko Nagareda

2151 Pacific Avenue
San Francisco, Calif.

May 16, 1945

Miss Frances MacClusky
Central Utah Relocation Center
Topaz, Utah

Dear Mac:

Enclosed, a copy of my reply from
Chiyeke.

I'm sorry that she doesn't want to
start school yet, particularly as it appears
that the family influence is still too strong.

Should I try to press the matter?

Sincerely,

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman
Executive Secretary

RWK:ech
Enclosure

May 15, 1946

Mr. Saburo Kido
Japanese American Citizens League
412-15 Beason Building
25 East Second South Street
Salt Lake City, Utah

Dear Saburo:

I was very sorry to miss the meeting of the J.A.C.L. Advisory Committee on Saturday. I understand that it was the best yet, very definite and satisfactory.

Enclosed you will find our check in the amount of \$25.00, our part of the expense money. We are more than delighted to contribute to the travel expense incurred in coming to the meeting.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman
Executive Secretary

RWK:och

Mrs. Kingman
COPY

May 18, 1945

Miss Lucile Day
363½ E. Badillo
Covina, California

Dear Lucile:

I have been hoping to get out to see you or call you over the telephone ever since I have been on the west coast, and especially since coming on the Fair Play Committee April 1.

I understand from Raymond that you are doing a fine piece of work in Covina and that he and Katherine Kaplan have been out on separate occasions to meet groups interested in welcoming back Japanese Americans.

I would appreciate it very much if you could write me immediately in detail regarding community sentiment and the progress of your committee (whatever you call it). Also, I would like to know if there are many Japanese Americans returning, how they are being received, etc.

George Rundquist of the Federal Council is on the coast for some months now and at the moment he is in Los Angeles doing field work for the Fair Play Committee. He is visiting Whittier and Montebello first to "spy out the land" so to speak and assist in organizing local committees where such are advisable. Then, he will go into other communities as we see need for such visits.

I would appreciate hearing from you promptly even if you have a strong committee functioning and do not need assistance. We want the all-over picture both good and bad of the Southern California area.

Hoping to hear from you soon, and with best wishes,

Very sincerely yours,

GDB
FMR

Gracia D. Booth
Executive Secretary

THE AMERICAN COUNCIL ON RACE RELATIONS

PACIFIC COAST REGIONAL OFFICE

988 Market Street, Room 202

SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA 2

LAURENCE I. HEWES, JR.
REGIONAL DIRECTOR

May 15, 1945

*Reph by phone Hardy
re Sorensen's A.K. (verbal)*

Mrs. Ruth Kingman, Executive Secretary
Pacific Coast Committee on American Principles
and Fair Play
2287 Telegraph Avenue
Berkeley, California

Dear Ruth:

Attached herewith is a copy of a letter which Sandy Liveright wrote to George Corwin of the International Committee of YMCA's relative to obtaining the services of Satow. Perhaps you should follow up on this with a similar letter to Corwin.

I trust that your trip to Los Angeles had a satisfactory outcome.

Best personal wishes,

Laurence I. Hewes, Jr.

Laurence I. Hewes, Jr.
Regional Director

LIH:DH

C O P Y

AMERICAN COUNCIL ON RACE RELATIONS

May 7, 1945

Mr. George Corwin
International Committee of
Young Men's Christian Associations
347 Madison Avenue
New York 17, New York

Dear Mr. Corwin:

Mr. Laurence I. Hewes, our Pacific Coast Regional Director, has just called my attention to the very outstanding work which Mr. Masao Satow has been doing for Japanese-American evacuees at relocation centers.

The American Council, in conjunction with the Committee on American Principles and Fair Play, has been working for some months on a project for organizing community support and public opinion for the return of evacuees to the Pacific Coast. It has been necessary for organizations like ours to supplement the program of the War Relocation Authority in this regard, and experiences of the past two months have indicated that this type of activity will play an extremely important part in eliminating difficulties and open antagonism to the return of the evacuees.

In this connection, the Federal Council of Churches has made the services of George Rundquist available, and he is now on his way to the Pacific Coast to join in this program. In view of Mr. Satow's very excellent experience in the relocation centers and his wide knowledge of this subject, Mr. Hewes has asked me to communicate with you about the possibility of assigning him to this community organization job on the Coast. Although I realize that the work in the relocation centers is extremely important, I think you will agree with me that the task of paving the way for the return of the evacuees at this moment is of prime importance. I am wondering, therefore, whether you would at least consider the possibility of assigning him to the Pacific Coast.

For your further information, I am enclosing a pamphlet describing the work of our organization and also several copies of our News Letters in which I have marked sections dealing with the organization work being done on the Pacific Coast.

Very truly yours,

(Signed)
A. A. Liveright
Executive Director

May 16, 1945

Miss Murphy
465 California Street
San Francisco, California

Dear Miss Murphy:

The following contributions have been
received in this office:

Mrs. John A. Hoen	\$10.00
Rt. 11, Box 171	
Fowler, Calif.	

Mr. & Mrs. Allen C. Blaisdell	4.00
International House	
Berkeley, California	

Robert Westfall	2.00
70 Baker St.	
San Francisco 14.	

For Pamphlets--- \$7.00

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary

reply
5/22/45

407 E. Pine
Santa Ana, California
May 16, 1945.

Dear Mrs. Kingman,

Here is a copy of my letter to our sheriff. He's been quite "anti" - but lately has calmed down a little. I tried to be as diplomatic as possible. Hope it's all right. Told Mr. Kenney about his crude - and rude - remarks to the nisei - that he, at first, took 45 minutes to answer a call that should take 10. The attorney general said mine was the first un-official statement ^{he had} and he was glad to learn about it. There are several very vulgar officials at the sheriff's office according to Mr. Van Norden - St R A official here.

He has just been moved to Santa Barbara - Is a splendid man - quite a loss here - but that county is far more violent than here.

The young lady referred to - was talked to roughly - no violence - says she's coming back to stay - I hope so - she is very nice.

A Mrs. Sprock, who says she is a member of the Committee, tells me a group of quite influential men have met ^{here} twice to discuss forming a chapter - but that is all I know. Hope they do - for I have little real influence

at all - being all alone.

Thank you again for helping my young friend Paul Higashi. He passed his physical at Denver about March 10th. But that is as far as he has arrived. I am very discouraged now, that he will ever get in the Army - he is too, I know, although keeping up a brave front about it. And of all the Nisei I ever knew - and there are many - he is the most Americanized of them all. It's just unfair to keep him out. Of course, since he passed the first test, his record is clear - but that is, of course, only one factor - he wants to get in. Such is life!

If I can be of any service - please let me know. Have you any idea whether the Army will not continue to induct the Nisei?

Sincerely,
Eduard L. Lingham

407 East Pine
Santa Ana, California
May 16, 1945.

My dear Mr. Elliott,

You are to be commended for your statement in tonight's Register that you intend to interview the men who attacked Miss Masuda. We need a strict interpretation of the law in California in regards to the nisei's right to protection. Too many west coast communities are receiving the most unfavorable publicity in connection with their intolerant attitude.

Lawrence E. Davies, San Francisco correspondent for the New York Times, stated in that paper on May 6, "A feeling of concern among responsible Californians was growing this week as discrimination against returning nisei has been noted in the state." He is quite right - many of us are greatly concerned and always have been.

I spent last evening with Miss Masuda. Her attitude was splendid. It is always the caucasians who show intolerance - not any of the nisei I know so well. She gave me a very generous account of her meeting with you.

I teach here in Santa Ana - at John Muir - and am a member of the American Principles and Fair Play Committee. The chairman is Dr. Sprout

President of the University of California - just appointed by President Truman as advisor to the delegation to Moscow. We are interested in the legal rights of Americans of Japanese ancestry and other minorities.

In today's mail, I received a letter from Attorney General Kenny - a most splendid official. His address to you sheriffs, on this question, is a fine statement of American principles. He said he was pleased to receive a report on the attitudes of local citizens.

I am a frequent visitor at the Nitta home - as they are in mine. A fine family. I notice they have many caucasian friends come to call. One soldier and his wife were there last evening. Although the nisei have met some opposition, it is also very true that they receive many many friendly calls. I know, because I keep in touch with the situation all over the state.

The citizens who value our democratic ideas of justice for all, appreciate firm positive statements from our law enforcement officials. Only by this method can California exhibit to the nation an understanding of her responsibilities.

Thank you for your efforts.

Sincerely,

Edna H. Ingham

May 23, 1945

Miss Edna Ingham
407 E. Pine
Santa Ana, California

Dear Miss Ingham:

It is always good to hear from you. I had a fine letter from Paul Higashi. I do hope that his enlistment goes through, as it means so much to him. Is there anything further we should do? Has he asked W.R.A. in Denver for advice?

I'm sending a copy of your letter re: organization in Santa Ana to Mrs. Gracia Booth, who is our Executive Secretary in Southern California. I am suggesting to her that she get in touch with you - also I will suggest that Mr. George Rundquist, of the Federal Council of Churches, who is working in that area with us, talk with you.

Do let us know more of what goes on. And do keep at Bob Kenny. He needs support, but he also needs needling to be more aggressive.

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman
Executive Secretary

RWK:cch