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TELEGRAM

March 18, 1944

Mrs. Lawrence Norrie
1918 La France Dr.
Sol Pasadena, Calif.

Detained in Berkeley until Tuesday. Will go to Hotel. Thanks

Ruth W. Kingman

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915 West Park Avenue
Champaign, Illinois
March 19, 1944

Mr. Galen M. Fisher
Committee on American Principles and Fair Play
2234 Telegraph Avenue
Berkeley 4, California

Dear Mr. Fisher,

I have been informed that you have recently put out a booklet containing all the reprints on articles concerning The Japanese American problems which have appeared in the Christian Century. I would appreciate it very much if you can send me a copy of that booklet. sent 3/24/44 my

I would also appreciate if you can send me any other informational material pertaining to the Japanese American relocation problems.

Can you advise ^{me} as to how I may be able to obtain several photographs on Japanese evacuation and relocation? In particular, I am interested in getting hold of some good pictures on camp life.

Thank you for whatever attention you may give my special request.

Yours truly,

N. Takahashi

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Mrs. Ruth Kingman,
Pacific Coast Committee for
American Principles and Fair Play,
465 California St.,
San Francisco, Cal.,

March 19, 1944

Dear Mrs. Kingman:

I have just concluded a phone talk with Dr. Galen Fisher who tells me you are preparing to have copies made of recent correspondence exchanged between us, to be forwarded to all members of the Committee.

In checking over this correspondence I note that in your letter to me dated March 6th you refer to my letter to you dated Jan. 22. After I wrote you this letter I called you on the long-distance phone from Los Angeles, and then followed this with a letter to you dated Jan. 24th, which I requested be substituted for mine of the 22d, because there were some corrections I wished to make in the text and the phrasing of the letter, and I understood you would do so.

I am enclosing with this letter a copy of my letter to you of the 24th, which please use, instead of mine to you of the 22d.

My understanding is that you will have copied and forwarded to the members of your committee:

- OK
1. My letter to you of Jan. 24
 2. Yours to me dated March 6th.
 3. Mine to you dated March 10th.

owing to the man-power shortage, loss of my secretary, and the fact that I have been on the road, my letters to you were prepared under difficulties, which I am sure you understand. In fact I note that in my reply to you dated March 10th my green stenographer acknowledged your letter of March 2d, when it should have been March 6th.

As stated, I will be glad to pay the cost of reproducing this correspondence,--which I suppose could best be done by having mimeographed.

Yours sincerely

Miller Freeman
Miller Freeman

To get this off at once I am
typing it myself!

March 27, 1944

Mr. Miller Freeman
71 Columbia Street
Seattle, Washington

My dear Mr. Freeman:

As one of the members of the Executive Committee of the Pacific Coast Committee on American Principles and Fair Play, I have been sent a copy of the correspondence between yourself and Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman, its executive secretary. I am keenly interested in what you say and am very glad to drop you a note in accordance with a suggestion toward the close of your letter of March 10, 1944.

I am delighted to see that you stand with others who really understand American principles, in opposing any proposal to deprive American-born Japanese of their citizenship provided they desire to be loyal citizens of this country. As you say, it is politically impossible and would strike a blow at everything upon which our government rests. It would, as you correctly say, readily prove the first step in proceeding against other groups which at particular times should be the subject of hatred and dislike.

I thoroughly agree, too, that any that are disloyal should be interned and treated as persons who have forfeited any claim to American citizenship.

I agree not only that Japanese born in the United States should throw off the control of the Japanese government but that similar steps be taken to prevent the interference of any foreign government within the United States. We have had too much of that from Germany and Italy. We must be on our guard against any and all attempts of foreign powers to keep their hold upon our Americans, or indeed even upon citizens of their countries who reside in the United States.

I personally thoroughly agree with you that we should not for a moment look forward to using our power for the sake of keeping the Emperor Hirohito in authority, whether it be nominal or real.

While I agree that the people of a country should determine its form of government, this should be done on a completely free basis, which has never been the case in Japan. On the other hand, I think that we should, where fair opportunity presents itself, allow the people of other countries to see that a democratic society is the only one which in the long run assures the protection of the rights of individuals. It is the only one which can be assured of cure if mistakes are made by public officials.

You state that you are against molly-coddling the disloyal. So am I. Of course, you do not mean that they should be mis-treated or denied adequate food and shelter. I do not believe that there has been molly-coddling, to be perfectly frank.

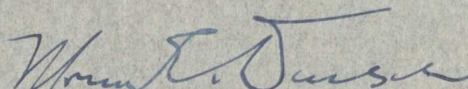
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March 27, 1944

You are quite right, too, that every effort should be made where possible to prevent the exploiting of the American-Japanese or any other group by labor contractors.

I think that there is very little difference in our views.

Cordially,


Monroe E. Deutsch
Vice-President and Provost

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cc: Mrs. Kingman

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FOURTEENTH STREET AND BROADWAY
OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA

March 27, 1944

Mr. Miller Freeman
124 West Fourth Street
Los Angeles, California

Dear Mr. Freeman:

At your request, Mrs. Ruth Kingman has sent me copy of correspondence between yourself and the Fair Play Committee. My own reactions are these: first, it is most gratifying to discover leaders of public opinion like yourself willing to face the facts, think the thing through, and give public expression to their convictions. Second, it is reassuring to find such substantial agreement between us on the more fundamental principle of the constitutional rights of minorities and individuals. Third, with respect to the doctrine of the Divinity of the Emperor, it may prove wise to ignore this somewhat as being a semi-religious issue, and religious issues are always difficult to contend with; furthermore I have a suspicion that this sophistry will lose some of its essential vitality with the defeat of the militarists who have capitalized on it for their own purposes.

I am sending a copy of this letter to Mrs. Kingman.

Yours very truly

Ralph T. Fisher

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71 COLUMBIA STREET
SEATTLE, WASHINGTON

March 30, 1944

Dear Mrs. Kingman:

If you have an extra copy of our correspondence that you sent your directors, I will appreciate your sending me, because I will want it for my files.

Be sure to send me bill for expense of getting this out.

I hope also that if you receive any replies or comments you will let me see.

If in return I can be of any service to you at any time, please command me.

Sincerely

Miller Freeman
Miller Freeman

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March 20, 1944

Mr. Irvine E. Aten
Helm Building
Fresno, 1, Calif.

Dear Mr. Aten:

We are sending out finance letters this week asking for a renewal of the individual membership subscriptions as paid in the year 1943. The finance letter includes a mention of the amount paid by each member during the year, so consequently, we must have this information from you about the members of the Fresno chapter before we can send the letterstoto them.

If it is possible, I would appreciate having this information this week, as we should like to send out all the finance letters immediately.

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary

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March 21, 1944

Allen's Press Clipping Bureau
124 Sansome St.
San Francisco, Calif.

Dear sirs:

Enclosed are several clippings that I believe were sent to us by mistake. We are interested, at the present time, solely in items concerning American-Japanese, Nisei soldier items, or news of the Nisei combat units, the War Relocation Authority, and any editorials or letters to the editors about the general subject of the American-Japanese, Relocation Centers, etc.

Perhaps the enclosed were meant for Mr. Harry L. Kingman, Regional Director of the RWPC .

Sincerely yours,

Secretary

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THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR
WASHINGTON

MAR 21 1944

My dear Mr. Harrison:

Thank you for your letter of March 1. I have learned from the War Relocation Authority of the splendid support which your organization has given to the program of that agency, and I am glad to have your assurance that this support will be continued now that the War Relocation Authority is part of the Department of the Interior.

Sincerely yours,

Acting Secretary of the Interior.

Mr. Maurice E. Harrison,
Chairman of the Advisory Board,
Committee on American Principles and Fair Play,
Room 203, 465 California Street,
San Francisco, California.

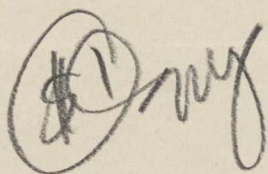
March 22, 1944

Dear Mrs. Kingman,

As a student delegate from U.C.L.A. at the last Asilomar Conference I heard you speak on what the Fair Play Committee is doing. I am interested in becoming a member because what you are doing is very relevant to my sociology course and to what I am doing in the Y.W.C.A..

Please let me know what steps I should take to obtain back material -

Yours Sincerely,
Alice Reynolds
4601 Pickford St.
Los Angeles, 6
California

A handwritten signature, likely "Alice Reynolds", enclosed in a circle.

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March 22, 1944

The Honorable Henry L. Stimson
Secretary of War
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Secretary:

The recent visit here of Sergeant Ben Kuroki of the U. S. Army made a profound impression on his hearers, of whom I was one.

The forces of bigotry and racial hysteria are so vocal on the Pacific Coast that I cannot refrain from expressing my views. If we win the war and fail to preserve the rights of our own citizens, irrespective of race, creed or ancestry, we will only have brought forth a monster which may destroy us all.

May I therefore respectfully request that the War Department do its utmost to grant full rights to all American citizens as soon as the military situation permits such action?

Very respectfully yours,

(signed) Daniel E. Koshland

March 23, 1944

Mr. William Davis
Stiles Hall
Berkeley, Calif.

Dear Mr. Davis:

The cost for the 250 Yori Wada pamphlets
delivered to you today is \$15.00. Please make
the check payable to the Committee.

Thank you very much.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary

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218 South Avon Street
St. Paul 5, Minnesota
March 23, 1944

Miss Annie Clo Watson
Executive Secretary International Institute
1860 Washington Street
San Francisco, California

Dear Miss Watson:

I am enclosing a schedule of a course which is being given at the University of Minnesota Extension on the campus. Earl and I are finding the course very interesting and helpful in understanding the problems of the religious and racial minorities in America. We do realize that it will take time to develop racial and cultural democracy, but how wonderful it would be for all who live in democratic America.

✓ In preparing the presentation on the Japanese American case, I found it difficult to obtain any current statistical data about the Japanese Americans except in the Tolan Report. The books by Strong and Ichihashi are not in the library here. I wondered if there might be any studies being carried on now? I remember reading about someone making a research through some Foundation. It seems the Japanese Americans made their debut in literature and writings since the evacuation, for the material which the W.R.A., J.A.C.L and the Committee on American Principles and Fair Play have sent me dates to the spring of 1942. There are over 100 schoolteachers taking this course at the Extension and the offices have sent me much material for distribution.

Next year I am planning to do some graduate work, that is if I can meet the necessary requirements and ^{admission} acceptance by the authorities. May I have a statement about the case work I did while on the staff of the International Institute in San Francisco? It is necessary for me to have my transcript complete before presentation.

Earl and I purchased a home in St. Paul last fall, and we are still in the process of getting settled. I just received word from the W.R.A. today that our things are being shipped from California. I shall be so happy to be ready when our parents resettle later this spring.

Quite a number have resettled here and many have purchased homes. There is also a hostel in Minneapolis and it is wonderful! With our cordial greetings and best wishes.

Most sincerely,

Luth Sanbara

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March 23, 1944

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

Dear Mrs. Kingman:

Thank you very much for the literature which you send us from time to time. We are glad to have it, and in several cases have ordered considerable quantities from the WRA or other sources.

We would like to have you send us 75 copies of "The Truth About Jap Camps."

We would send you the money for this, but we are enclosing sample copies of a letter which we have received from Mr. H. B. Kaltenborn and reproduced. We shall be glad to send you 40 to 60 copies of these without charge or if you want a considerable quantity, we shall be asking 50¢ a hundred for them. If you want four or five hundred, we might merely exchange.

Very sincerely yours,

Clarence S. Gillett

Clarence S. Gillett
Executive Secretary

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March 30, 1944

Mr. Clarence S. Gillett
6501 Wydown Blvd.
St. Louis, Mo.

Dear Mr. Gillett:

We are sending under separate cover 75 copies of the "Truth About Jap Camps" as requested in your letter of March 23rd. I had already sent a dollar to you for 100 copies of Mr. Kaltenborn's reprint, apparently the letters crossed in the mail, so to avoid further complications, the orders had best be kept separate.

The cost for the 75 copies you ordered is \$1.50.

I had misunderstood the quoted cost of the Kaltenborn reprints, and so enclosed \$1.00 for 100. We can certainly use 200 to advantage if the actual price is only 50¢ per hundred.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary

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March 24, 1944

Mr. Joseph Kise, Americanism Chairman
Minnesota Department American Legion
Moorhead, Minnesota

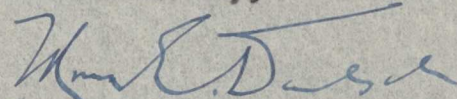
My dear Mr. Kise:

Word has come to us of the splendid attitude you and your comrades have taken with reference to the protection of the rights of American citizens, whether they be of Japanese descent or of any other descent.

I am writing to express warm appreciation. From the very beginning of the organization, I have been a member of the Council for American Principles and Fair Play, serving as a member of the Executive Committee of that body. I am in hearty agreement with those who feel that if we once begin to ignore the rights of American citizens, in any group, we are beginning the destruction of the principles on which our very form of government rests. I have observed that some of those who wish to deprive Americans of Japanese descent of their citizenship are also questioning whether the Negro should have been given the vote. As you see, when we once start on the road downward, it is easy to continue the whole way.

I wish to express warm appreciation and all good wishes.

Yours sincerely,



Monroe E. Deutsch
Vice-President and Provost

MED:ec

cc Mrs. Kingman ✓

March 24, 1944

Fellowship of Reconciliation
2151 Vine St.
Berkeley, Calif.

Dear sirs:

The cost of the 600 copies of Mr. Fisher's
pamphlet "A Balance Sheet on Japanese Evacuation"
delivered to you today is thirty-six dollars
(\$36.00).

Please make the check payable to the Committee
on American Principles and Fair Play.

Thank you very much.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary

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March 24, 1944

Mr. Miller Freeman
71 Columbia St.
Seattle 4, Washington

Dear Mr. Freeman:

Copies of your correspondence with Mrs. Kingman have been mimeographed and mailed to the members of our Advisory Board and Executive Committee. This correspondence includes (as you stated in your letter of March 19) your letter to Mrs. Kingman of January 22 (covering your letter of January 22) along with the accompanying note you sent with the letter of January 22; Mrs. Kingman's letter to you of March 6th; and your letter to Mrs. Kingman of March 10th.

Such comments from our Board Members as come to this office concerning the correspondence will of course be forwarded to you. The entire mimeographed group was covered by a letter from Mrs. Kingman explaining your request. Certain parts of the correspondence explaining your specific views were marked for the convenience of our members.

I hope that this arrangement has met with your approval. Mrs. Kingman is now in Southern California and will not return until the end of next week.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary

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March 24, 1944

Mr. Alton D. Hall
Rt. 1,
Huntington Beach, Calif.

Dear Mr. Hall:

In Mrs. Kingman's absence in Southern California I am writing to thank you for the copies of the "No More America?" letter we received. I am sure we can use these to excellent advantage.

Thank you also for the copy of "The Races of Mankind". It will be most helpful to have such a pamphlet to use here.

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary

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March 24, 1944

The Honorable Henry L. Stimson
Secretary of War
Washington, D.C.

My dear Mr. Secretary:

Recently Sergeant Ben Kuroki of the U. S. Army made a profound impression in this community in his talk before the Commonwealth Club of this city. His address pointed forcibly to the fact that men of Japanese ancestry who have been barred from the Coastal Area as a military necessity are fighting and dying for our cause.

This war has shown the loyalty and devotion to our institutions of the vast majority of all groups domiciled here irrespective of race, creed, and ancestry. So that we may preserve these ideals in spite of bigotry and hysteria, it is my hope that the War Department may grant again full rights to all American citizens consistent, of course, with its judgment as to the military propriety of this action.

Very respectfully yours,

(Signed) WALTER A. HAAS

CC: MR. MONROE DEUTSCH

Copy for Mrs. Kingman ✓

March 25, 1944

Mr. Clarence Gillett
6501 Wydown Ave.
St. Louis, Mo.

Dear Mr. Gillett:

We are anxious to have 100 copies of the reprint of Mr. H.V. Kaltenborn's statement. I understand from Mr. Calen Fisher that they are billed at one cent apiece. Enclosed find \$1.00. Please send the copies to the address below.

Thank you very much.

Sincerely yours,

Mary Jefferds, Secretary
2234 Telegraph Ave.
Berkeley 4, Calif.

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March 25, 1944

Mr. N. Takahashi
915 West Park Ave.
Champaign, Ill.

Dear Mr. Takahashi:

Under separate cover I am mailing today additional material that you may find of some interest.

I am sorry that I can give you no lead on where you might obtain some photographs, except possibly by writing directly to Mr. John G. Baker, Chief, Office of Reports, War Relocation Authority, Washington, D.C.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary

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March 25, 1944

Mr. John Patric
Frying Pan Creek
Florence, Oregon

Dear Mr. Patric:

At the request of Mr. Maurice L. Harrison,
I am enclosing a list of names that would be in-
terested in receiving a copy of "Why Japan Was Strong".

I understand that Mr. Harrison has covered the
expense involved in these copies.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary

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442nd Combat Team
Camp Shelby, Miss
March 25, 1944

Pacific Coast Committee on American Principles
of Fair Play

2234 Telegraph Avenue
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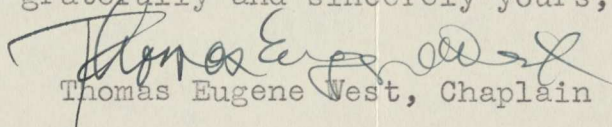
Gentlemen:

Thank you for the cuts which I received which
were used in your California Monthly of December.

I am returning two but am sending the one
of my church services on to my denominational
press which I am sure will be glad to use it.
I shall then return it to you.

Enclosed~~x~~ is a mimeographed letter which
I am sending to my friends. You will see my
opinion of the Japanese-Americans with whom it
is my privilege and honor to serve.

Most gratefully and sincerely yours,


Thomas Eugene West, Chaplain

OFFICE OF THE CHAPLAINS
442nd COMBAT TEAM
Camp Shelby, Miss.

March 24, 1944

My dear Friends -- Everywhere:

It was very fine to hear from you and I do appreciate your kindness in writing. My morale was helped greatly! Mail has a marvelous influence in the Army -- more than civilians realize. Just last night one of my fine Japanese-Americans was here in my office for a chat. He wanted me to locate a family in Idaho. I really have no clues to work on. They have moved twice since the last address he has. I wanted to find out why he seemed so anxious to locate them and it all boiled down to his great desire to have someone write him as he receives only about one letter a month. I shall locate them! Perhaps through the Red Cross or newspapers in Boise, Idaho. Such is only one of the many things I do for the "boys", as contacting a neutral Ambassador or International Red Cross in the interest of their families or business; getting birthday cakes for the boys with money wired from their families; arranging furlough trips; give advice on so many thing; delivering a series of six one hour lectures on citizenship and morals during basic training; taking hikes with them; going on maneuvers -- sleeping and eating out of doors in all kinds of weather; constantly being on the alert to ascertain wavering morale from any cause and make adjustments to keep it high and in good order; to encourage and inspire; to hold up high ideals -- nothing else has ever been expected of me and I definitely question the recent publicized statement of a Chaplain that he was required to buy intoxicants for the men; to see to it that the boys keep in touch with their families; to present the interests of the soldiers before the Commanding Officer who is ever anxious to co-operate for their welfare; preparing an elaborate pictorial Album of the boys in their training and general life here with money sent by parents for Christmas ---- such was done by talented soldiers who had worked on college annuals or commercial magazine advertising, and attached to the Chaplains Corps for that purpose. Such is a brief list of things we try to do, ever using each contact for a dominant and "priority rating" upon religion ---- and it works marvelously! And religion works too !!

I wish you could step into my very worshipful and peaceful Chapel -- well equipped with Chancel, altar scarfs, pulpit lecterns, communion set, organ and hymnals, beautiful flower vases and candle holders, Crosses, pulpit and reading stands, nice comfortable pews -- a quiet restful atmosphere in the midst of intense combat training with often long convoys of trucks, tanks etc roaring by. It is not unusual to have as many as fifty or more soldiers come in to see me daily about different things or just to chat, and on Sundays we have to have two identical morning services to take care of the number attending. Last Sunday it rained hard all Saturday night and Sunday morning. I thought the services were gone but we had splendid attendance for both services and 19 soldiers made public profession of faith in Christ, each signing the enclosed card which I wrote out to use in my services.

As I have perhaps written or told you before my unit is made up altogether of American born Japanese, known as Nisei (second generation Japanese) or AJA's (Americans of Japanese Ancestry). The majority are from the Hawaiian Islands, however, we have many from the States. It is a unique organization and most interesting. I am devoted to them and they really stick by me in a great way. We have men here of great talents, education, culture, politeness, well dressed, neat in appearance and unquestioned loyalty and devotion to America. Another Japanese-American unit which trained here next to us is already doing wonderfully well in Italy. They have been widely commended. My unit is made up of men of high calibre. We have men from all professions -- lawyers, doctors (several specialists), college professors, preachers, business men, artists and musicians, athletes including expert swimmers, Ju-Jitsu, and engineers (two nights ago a private was in my office who has M.A. degree in engineering from Purdue University) -- That is not unusual to find here. All my men are volunteers and all buy war bonds every month. I am proud to serve and feel a sense of honor in serving with this splendid unit made up of such interesting Americans whose chief desire is to be of patriotic and Christian service to America -- which is their home and their country as much so as yours or mine.

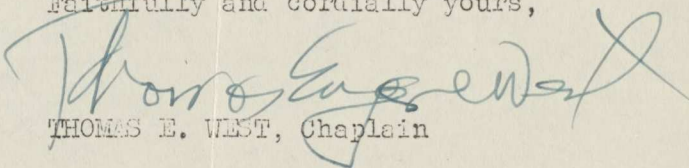
I unhesitatingly affirm that some of the finest Christian young men I have ever known are in my unit. Others with Buddhist background and culture attend our services and are most interested in their study of Christianity. Some are definitely perplexed about the Christianity of many Caucasian Americans!

The wonderful letters of appreciation I receive from their parents in Hawaii and here on the Mainland have paid my soul more abiding joy and satisfaction than any financial returns I have ever received.

Thank you much and don't forget to say a prayer for me and though I have no right to ask you to write as I cannot promise an answer, yet it will be good to hear from you.

I was recently on leave and greatly enjoyed a visit to friends and relatives in Kentucky and Virginia --- The other two Chaplains are now on leave. Both are of Japanese ancestry -- Chaplain Masao Yamada and Hiro Higuchi from Hawaii -- both are highly educated, high type Christian gentlemen of the Congregational denomination -- Another Congregational, also AJA from California, Chaplain George Aki, joined us today. All three are splendid Christian ministers of Jesus Christ and are "brothers beloved" --

Faithfully and cordially yours,


THOMAS E. WEST, Chaplain

442nd Combat Team Chapel

1. I believe in God — and though men's mistakes have brought evil and hardships upon earth yet I trust God and hold to the fact that this is His world and not that of any earthly power.
2. I believe in Christ as my Saviour and believe His standards must be accepted in all the world before a lasting and just peace can come. I accept Him by faith and trust Him for salvation.
3. It is my purpose to live a Christian life and do all I can for God and for the ideals of my country.

Signed _____ Co. _____

Home Address _____

March 27, 1944

The Honorable Henry L. Stimson
Secretary of War
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Secretary:

As one of those who believes that the fundamental rights of American citizens must be safeguarded whatever their ancestry, their color or their religion, I have been keenly interested in the status of the Japanese in this country, particularly the American-Japanese. While their removal from this coast area occurred on the basis of military necessity, I feel firmly that as soon as danger has ceased they should be restored to every right that every other American citizen has. I believe that our whole democratic process is menaced when we fail to observe the principles on which our government rests, in the case of any one group. I have appreciated the attitude which you and your associates have taken, and am confident that you feel as I do with reference to the basic principles which are involved.

As Abraham Lincoln pointed out that our nation cannot exist half slave and half free, so it cannot exist with various classes of citizens whose rights fall into different categories.

If we are fighting for democracy, we must see to it that democracy is maintained here.

With high esteem and appreciation of the magnificent work which our armed forces are carrying on under your direction, I am

Respectfully yours,

Monroe E. Deutsch
Vice-President and Provost

MED:DB

cc: Mrs. Kingman

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March 27, 1944.

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

Dear Ruth Kingman:

I feel well repaid for the time taken away from the office for my trip because of the opportunity we had to discuss the re-location program. I believe the afternoon we spent together did more to clarify my thinking than did discussions with almost anyone else.

I got back to the office Friday, March 17th, and I expect to get down to Washington within the next week or two.

I shall keep you posted and I hope that I will be writing you some good news within the near future.

I haven't seen Ray, Booth, but I am going to remember to report on the number of speeches you have made since the time you last saw him. With every good wish, I am

Sincerely yours,

George E. Rundquist
George E. Rundquist
Executive Secretary.

GER/R.

March 29, 1944

Miss Margaret Cosgrave
1644 Van Ness
Fresno, Calif.

Dear Miss Cosgrave:

I wondered, if by any chance, you had found any address for Miss Dorothy Fisher, other than the one we have here (1336 McKinley Ave., Fresno), as this one is returned marked "no such". I believe I asked you for this before, and you were unable to get any lead, but I thought something might have turned up since then.

Also, we have here the records (transcription) of Ben Aubki's radio broadcast last February, which are available for your use. Please let me know if and when you would like them sent to Fresno.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary

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March 29, 1944

American Friends Service Committee
1830 Sutter St.
San Francisco, Calif.

Dear Sirs:

The cost of the 25 copies of Galen Fisher's pamphlet "A Balance Sheet on Japanese Evacuation" mailed to you today, is \$1.75.

Please make the check payable to the Committee on American Principles and Fair Play.

Thank you very much.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary

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4/7/44
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SANTA ANA ARMY AIR BASE

3/28/44

DEAR MRS KINGMAN:

FROM AWAY DOWN HERE AT
THE S.A.A.A.B, I'm A WONDERIN
WHATS HAPPENED TO OUR BOOKLET
AND I'm A HOPEIN SOMETHING HAS.

I HAVE HERE IN HAND A
NOTE FROM ALAN HENNEBOLD (NOW A
SOLDIER - FROM C.O. TO SOLDIER) SUGGESTING
THAT CALEB FOOTE 2121 VINE BERKELEY,
THE F.O.R. MAN IS VERY INTERESTED
IN PRINTING IT & HAS THE DOUGH.
NOW I DEFINATELY DO NOT WANT
ANY F.O.R. LABEL ATTACHED TO
IT BECAUSE I THINK AT THIS
TIME THAT WOULD BE A
BIG & UNNECESSARY HANDICAP

IN THE PUBLIC EYE & THE WHOLE
POINT OF THIS THING IS TO
GET THE PUBLIC TO LOOK
WITH A MORE KINDLY EYE.
PERHAPS FOOTE CAN SEE THAT POINT.
PERHAPS IF NOTHING BETTER
HAS HAPPENED MAYBE FOOTE MIGHT
PUT UP SOME MONEY, IF ^{THEY} ~~HE~~ ^{HAVE} ~~HAS~~
IT, AND HELP THE COMMITTEE ON FAIR
PLAY PUT IT OUT.

AT ANY RATE I'D LIKE TO
HEAR FROM YOU; MY DRAB MILITARY
LIFE MAKES ME EAGER TO SEE
SOMETHING DONE WITH IT.

MAY I ADD THIS NOTE
SINCERELY: IF IT DOESN'T SEEM TO BE
MOVING PLEASE DON'T FEEL AT ALL
OBLIGATED TO WASTE FURTHER ENERGY.

WILL YOU SAY "HELLO" TO
ALLAN & MRS BLAISDELL? BEST TO
YOU & I'D LIKE ALSO TO KNOW WHAT
THE COMM. IS DOING & WHAT'S NEW? Chuck Ferguson

4/6/44
Jm

PHONES 3-6153 AND 4-2831

PAUL STANIFORD
LAWYER
ROWELL BUILDING
FRESNO, CALIFORNIA

March 29, 1944

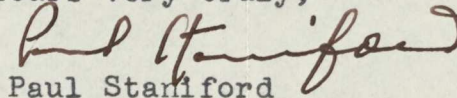
Committee on American Principles
and Fair Play
Room 203 - 465 California Street
San Francisco, California

Gentlemen:

I am glad to inclose my check for \$2 as before.

May I mention, however, that I consider it inaccurate and unwise to use a subheading such as that on page 21 of the booklet I recently received from you. The heading in question is The Un-American Legion. There is no such thing as The Un-American Legion. The name of the organization is The American Legion, and regardless of what some local posts or departments might do I think you can only incur resentment and limit your usefulness by going so far afield to use scurrilous language.

Yours very truly,


Paul Staniford

PS
MS
incl.

April 6, 1944

Mr. Paul Staniford
Rowell Bldg.
Fresno, 1, Calif.

Dear Mr. Staniford:

I am writing for Mr. Fisher in answer to your letter of March 29, to say that your suggestion regarding the subtitle in "A Balance Sheet on Japanese Evacuation", is very much to the point.

Mr. Fisher was anxious that you know that, as a matter of fact, the subtitle was attached by the editor of the Christian Century, and not by himself.

In our next printing, the subtitle will be changed to "un-American Actions".

Thank you again for your suggestion.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary

mj

March 30, 1944

Mr. Harry F. Henderson
1703 Oak St.
So. Pasadena, Calif.

Dear Mr. Henderson:

I am writing in Mrs. Kingman's absence in Southern California to express our gratitude for the clippings we received from you today.

It is extremely important to us to have on file in the office the news statements of the Southern papers, and we are most appreciative of your constant interest.

Thank you very much.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary

mj

March 30, 1944

Mr. John C. Baker
Chief, Office of Reports
War Relocation Authority
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Baker:

Thank you very much for the copies of the bulletins from the "Reference Service".

Enclosed you will find a list of our branch offices, as requested in your letter of March 14th. I am sure they will be able to use the Service to great advantage.

Mrs. Kingman is, at present, in Southern California, but I shall refer the copies to her when she returns, with a possibility of further utilization of such a Service.

Thank you again.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary

mj

4/7/44
[Signature]

COMMUNITY COUNCIL
GRANADA RELOCATION CENTER
AMACHE, COLORADO

March 30, 1944

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

Gentlemen:

We are enclosing herewith for your information, a copy of a draft of a letter sent to various executives and departments of the United States Government.

We would appreciate any assistance or support you can give us towards our realization of these requests.

Very truly yours,

Shiro Abe
Shiro Abe, Chairman
Community Council

Encl.

April 7, 1944

Mr. Shiro Abe, Chm.
Community Council
Granada Relocation Center
Apache, Colo.

Dear Mr. Abe:

May we thank you for sending us a draft of the letter sent to the various executives and departments of the Federal government?

As you know, our Committee is entirely sympathetic with all loyal persons of Japanese ancestry, and are determined to defend their constitutional rights.

Please know that we are keenly aware of the very problems you are facing, and are lending every possible effort to assist in their equitable solution.

We do not need to tell you of the peculiar difficulties we face here on the West Coast. We do wish to assure you that an increasing number of Californians are becoming vocal in their determination that "our democracy may be made more perfect for the benefit of everyone".

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman

RWK:mj

Dictated but not read by Mrs. Kingman

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March 30, 1944

Ruth Kingman
2234 Telegraph Ave.
Berkeley 4, Calif.

Dear Ruth Kingman:

We are grateful for the material which you forward to the members of the Fair Play Committee from time to time.

I was sorry not to see you when you were here in the Los Angeles area but I am delighted to learn of the progress which is being made and of the forward-looking attitude of the northern committee.

We keep busy at work visiting the relocation centers, rendering what services we can to Japanese-Americans who are separated from their relatives and property and quietly planning for the time when they will gradually begin to return here.

Sincerely,

Esther B. Rhoads
Esther B. Rhoads

EBR:fw

March 31, 1944

Miss Virginia Scholle
720 1/2 N. Sweetzer Ave.
Los Angeles 36, Calif.

Dear Miss Scholle:

I was sorry to miss you when I called on Wednesday evening and again on Thursday. It is so difficult (I don't need to tell you this) to get about or to reach people in Los Angeles, even by telephone, that I seem to spend most of the past ten days doing one or the other.

There seems to be no definite decision, as yet on the position we have open in Southern California. To be quite frank, we have found a woman with the years of experience in this specific field, and are hoping that she will take on the job. She will not know for another ten days, as she is unable to talk it over with her husband, until his return home from Washington next week.

If she can possibly do it, there seems no question but that her past experience plus her present membership in the Supervisor's Council in Race Relations, make her the perfect person for our work. However, if anything happens that she cannot do it, I shall--very promptly--get in touch with you hoping that we can persuade you to consider the position.

I have been quite honest. Only her excellent experience in the field makes it seem wise to us to await anyone else's decision. You will hear from us again, as soon as we know what that decision is.

Very sincerely yours,

~~SECRET~~ Ruth W. Kingman

RWK:mj

April 1, 1944

Pvt. Takeo Daido
Fuka Fuka Bn.
New Dibble General Hospital
Menlo Park, Calif.

Dear Mr. Daido:

Miss Murray's friend Eleanor Breed and I are going to be in Menlo Park tomorrow (Sunday) afternoon and hope that you and the boys will be "at home" when we drop in to see you.

We have been following the fine record your outfit has made and will be happy to talk with you if you can be there tomorrow.

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman

RWK:mj

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Mrs. Edward Lumsden

April 1, 1943

Dear Mrs. Kingman -

I received your letter this morning & I don't know what to say. When people can be so kind, your heart is so full that words can't be expressed but I'm sure you know what I am feeling - My mother & father had tears in their eyes when I told them & they want to thank everyone for being so good to me & the new baby - As for myself I've been feeling so frightened & discouraged that your letter was a God send - I'm sorry I was so selfish when the rest of you were thinking of my new baby - When I'm ready for the operation which will be towards the middle of June, I'll be thinking of you all with a great deal of thankfulness in my heart - Please tell the girls & boys that I thank them from the bottom of my heart & I'll never forget - Also please tell Beverly that I shall put that baby invitation away so that when the baby gets big it will be among our few baby treasures -

Thank you again & again Mrs. Kingman -

I really believe my second baby will be the
luckiest baby in the whole camp as it will
be blessed with one of the most important
things in life - True friendship -

Very sincerely,
Amy Utsumi

2234 Telegraph Avenue
Berkeley, Calif.
April 3, 1944

Mr. Frank S. Bayley
Henry Stuart Building
Seattle, Wash.

Dear Mr. Bayley:

We of the central Executive Committee have been confident that under your leadership the Chapter of this Committee in Seattle would grow into a potent factor for the principles we stand for; but to be frank, we have begun to feel concerned at the slow progress made.

You will recall that this Executive Committee agreed to supply the salary for half time of Mrs. Siegley for a few months, in order to get things going, but on the clear understanding that the Seattle Chapter would gradually assume an increasing share of the financial load, through enlisting members and contributors. Last month, both Mrs. Kingman and I wrote Mrs. Siegley quite pointedly urging her to achieve more definite results, both as to the program of education and public influence, and as to the assumption of financial support. When she asked for definite suggestions as to what to do, Mrs. Kingman made a number of such suggestions, based on experience elsewhere.

Thus far, no further word has come from Mrs. Siegley, nor have any funds whatever been received from her on behalf of your group. As Asst. Treasurer, you can readily appreciate my concern, as I report to the Executive Committee. We do not wish to be too demanding, but believe you and your chief associates will really want to carry your full share, in characteristic Seattle fashion.

The general outlook for restoration of civil rights to synagogues, especially to citizens, is decidedly brighter, for the War Dept. is bent in that direction, and awaits eagerly the necessary degree of public cooperation on this Coast. We are working hard to that end with both governmental and civic leaders here, and can report definite progress. It is all the more important, therefore, that your group exert its full strength now.

Very sincerely yours

Galen M. Fisher
Asst. Pres.

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Per H. Fisher
April 3, 1944

Dr. Galen M. Fisher, Assistant Treasurer
Committee on American Principles and Fair Play
Room 203 - 465 California St.
San Francisco, California

My dear Dr. Fisher:

Your request for Mr. Frederick J. Koster's renewal of last year's contribution to the Committee, has been received. Mr. Koster is in the East and expects to return sometime after the middle of April, when your letter will be brought to his attention.

Yours very truly,

H. Delmarter

(Mrs.) H. Delmarter
Secretary to
FREDERICK J. KOSTER

April 4, 1944

Mr. William C. Carr
1360 West Colorado St.
Pasadena 2, Calif.

Dear Mr. Carr:

Since the printer will not have the pamphlet of service-men's letters ready until next week we are holding your check for \$1.75, and will send you copies of the pamphlet as soon as it is available.

I hope this arrangement meets with your approval.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary

mj

April 4, 1944

Attorney General Robert Kenney
Attorney General's Office
State Capitol
Sacramento, Calif.

Dear Mr. Kenney:

Enclosed you will find the two clippings
from the California Legionnaire (February 15, 1944)
and a copy of the Warren-Lundberg correspondence,
which is confidential.

I shall be eager to hear of your conversation
with Assistant Secretary of War John McCloy, on
Thursday.

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman

R&K:mj



THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS



Mr. Galen Fisher

11 El Sueno

Orinda, California

April 4, 1944

FOR
Special
Dear Galen,

Thanks for the pamphlets and your reaction.
Your plan falls in, in most phases, with
that of our own. Should be glad to be kept
informed as to later developments.

Sincerely,

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Glenn E. Smiley

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CALIFORNIA

April 4,

my dear Dr. Taylor.
Thank you
very much for
your prompt and
most helpful
letter. I will look
up the material
you suggest.
Some day when
I am in Berkeley
I should like to
talk over a plan
with you which
I hope to work
at, for international
understanding
among our rural

people.

Yours sincerely

Anna M. Clark.

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April 4, 1944

Miss Mary Jefferds, Secretary
2234 Telegraph Avenue
Berkeley 4, California

Dear Miss Jefferds:

We are today sending you under separate cover 100 more copies of Mr. Kaltenborn's letter. We should have sent these with our first bundle to you. I am very sorry we made this mistake. Our quotations were 50¢ a hundred. Therefore, we should have sent 200 copies to you.

By the way, Dr. Gillett is on the Pacific Coast at the present time. Perhaps he may get a chance to visit your office.

Very truly yours,

Kay Ohashi

Kay Ohashi
Office secretary

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