

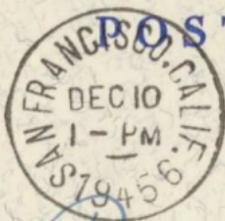
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Room 2157  
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MRS. ALFRED MCLAUGHLIN • 3575 CLAY STREET • SAN FRANCISCO • CALIFORNIA

Dear Mrs K -

I do regret that I cannot  
be present at the meeting  
on Wed. I must attend a  
program meeting of the  
Wells Fundamentals. Good Luck  
Ever M. H. C. H. C.



POST CARD



Mr Ruth Kugman  
Room 2157  
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December 3, 1945

Mr. Harry S. Scott  
465 California Street  
San Francisco, California

Dear Mr. Scott:

The following is an account of the expenditure of the \$100.00 forwarded to me prior to my departure to New York, plus an account of the rest of the expenses incurred on the trip.

You will note that the Pullman fare, New York to Berkeley, was not included in my earlier expense account. This was due to the fact that the reservation could not be picked up more than two weeks prior to its use.

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman

Expense account, October 27 to November, 15, 1954, inc.

Meals on train from Berkeley to Washington (including day in Chicago en route) .....	\$ 9.50
Meal on train enroute from Washinton to New York.....	1.75
Meals on train from New York to Berkeley (including day in Chicago en route).....	10.25
Hotel in Washington, 3 days ( n.v.).....	12.00
Meals in Washington, 4 days .....	12.50
Telephone and Telegraph in Washington.....	4.80
Taxis in Washington, 4 days.....	5.60
Hotel in New York, 6 days.....	24.00
Meals in New York, 6 days.....	18.00
Taxis in New York, 6 days.....	2.50
Telegrams in New York.....	1.50
Tips (total for trip).....	10.50
Pullman from New York to Berkeley, (see voucher enclosed).....	28.92
Reservation from Washington to New York, ( " " .....	1.50
	<u>Total \$ 143.32</u>
Advanced by Committee.....	<u>.. 100.00</u>
Balance due Mrs. Kingman .....	\$ 42.32

December 5, 1945

Mr. Harry S. Scott  
465 California Street  
San Francisco, California

Dear Mr. Scott:

Apparently the former owners of our office space sold it to the University of California with some sort of an arrangement which relieves the tenants from paying rent for November and December.

That being the case, I am returning to you checks Nos. 319 and 330 which were made out to The Regents of the University of California in payment of rent for November and December.

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman  
Executive Secretary

RWK:es  
Enc.

THE REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA  
BERKELEY 4, CALIFORNIA

November 30, 1945

ROBERT M. UNDERHILL  
SECRETARY AND TREASURER

Pacific Coast Committee on American Principles and Fair Play  
Room 215  
2287 Telegraph Avenue  
Berkeley, California

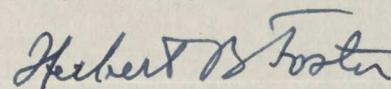
Attention: Mr. Galen M. Fisher

Gentlemen:

The Checks Nos. 319 and 330 on the American Trust Company, dated October 31 and November 30, 1945, respectively, in the amounts of \$20.00, made payable to The Regents of the University of California in payment of rent for November and December for premises occupied at 2287 Telegraph Avenue, Berkeley, California, are hereby returned.

In accordance with the notice delivered to the above address on November 2, 1945, it states that "No rental other than what may have been paid the prior owner will be charged you, or accepted from you, for the period commencing November 1, 1945".

Very truly yours,



Herbert B. Foster

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Committee on American Principles and Fair Play

(INCORPORATED)

Headquarters: Room 203, 465 California Street, San Francisco 4

875 So. Manhattan Pl.

December 7, 1945

Mr. Galen M. Fisher  
Fair Play Committee  
2287 Telegraph Avenue  
Berkeley 4, California

*Rec. trans. 11/19*

Dear Galen:

This is to acknowledge your letter of November 30th enclosing my salary check for the month of November. Thanks.

In answer to your letter of November 28th to Mr. Crotty and myself, I am enclosing still further reports on the Lomita and El Segundo projects which Mrs. Thayer and I spent a day in visiting. I have some snapshots which I will send later when they are finished.

I am deeply interested in the idea of reimbursement of the evacuees - is anything definite being done to date?

When do we fold up for good as a Fair Play Committee? I do not yet know what I shall be doing if anything, but I certainly hope that I may be able to continue working in the field of intercultural and interracial and community relations. From now on I hope to have more direct contact with the members of the minority groups on whose behalf I may be working.

I am spending one to two days a week now in Pasadena working along the lines suggested by Mrs. Thayer, since they have so kindly contributed toward my support to the end of the year. It may be that the time is right for closing up the Fair Play Committee as such, but there certainly is far greater need in some ways for continued effort for fair play to the returnees who have been dumped into such comfortless quarters here in Southern California. It is always good to hear from you.

Sincerely,

*Gracia*

Mrs. Gracia D. Booth  
Executive Secretary

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*P.S. Mrs. Thayer will sign my report before we send it to you*

GDB:LD

"... Americanism is not, and never was, a matter of race or ancestry."—Franklin D. Roosevelt, February 1, 1943

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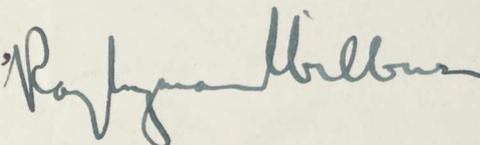
December 8, 1945.

Dear Mrs. Kingman:

Thank you for your letter of November 28th, which I find here waiting for me upon my return from an eastern trip. I shall be unable to attend the meeting on December 12th, but you can put me down as favoring the dissolution of the organization. A good job has been done.

All good wishes.

Faithfully,



R.L. Wilbur/ELF

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman, Exec. Secretary,  
Pacific Coast Committee on American Principles  
and Fair Play,  
2287 Telegraph Avenue, Room 215,  
Berkeley 4, California.

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December 26, 1945

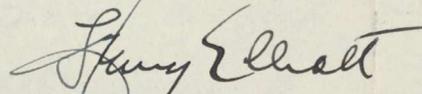
Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman  
2287 Telegraph Avenue  
Berkeley, 4, California

Dear Mrs. Kingman:

I acknowledge receipt of yours of December 19, transmitting a copy of the minutes of the action of the Executive Secretary authorizing the discontinuance of the active program of the Committee on American Principles and Fair Play.

I am happy to offer my sincere thanks and appreciation to you for a job well done.

Cordially yours,

  
Henry Elliott

HE:lg

Share with Ruth if you like - D.

[Dec, 1945]

875 So. Manhattan Pl.  
Los Angeles 5, California

Mr. Homer D. Crotty, Chairman  
Fair Play Committee  
634 South Spring Street  
Los Angeles 14, California

Dear Mr. Crotty:

In accordance with your request for a report on the hostel situation and turn-over of residents, I have been interviewing directors of the various hostels, some of the residents and some of the WRA workers, obtaining the following information.

Mr. Newell Steward of the Evergreen Hostel talked with me at length regarding the plan to use the Evergreen Hostel as a central reporting and clearing place for all hostel vacancies. The idea being that some one person (or committee) with headquarters at Evergreen Hotel would always know of all vacancies in any of the other hostels in Los Angeles County. The aim is to bring in from the various barracks housing projects as Lomita, Hawthorne, Burbank, Santa-Monica, Long Beach, etc., individuals, or family groups able to work and most likely to be placed in a job. From the hostel the prospective worker can more easily interview prospective employers. In the present set-up for instance, a person living a way down in Lomita is hard to contact and much valuable time is lost between the receiving of a job offer or news of a house or apartment being available and the possible arriving of that party or family here to take advantage of the offer, etc. The Hostel Committee plans to cut down on the rates to suit the size and the ability of the family to pay. The Unitarian Hostel and the Methodist Hostel as well as the Evergreen have quite a turn-over. Some of the hostels however do not turn out very many people once they are established there. Mr. Steward estimated that the general turn-over runs between 5% and 10% a month for all the hostels. As you will readily see, the greatest difficulty seems to be the handling of the older people. Younger ones find jobs more readily and have a wider choice of work. Also, a young person may find a room much more easily or share an apartment with another Nisei. At the Evergreen Hostel they now have two social service internees giving one-quarter of a school year to practical training work - one is from Redlands and one from Mount Holyoke. In addition there is a young man, Elmo Vickers, a former attorney from Washington, D. C. and I think he has been in a CPS Camp. He is giving full time to employment service.

Incidentally, I turned all of your job offers over to Mr. Vickers and he is trying to get people to fill the various positions you told me about. Mr. Judy writes that he is still looking for a house-boy and I asked Mr. Vickers to deal with him directly. There is another person, a Miss DeParr, working at the Evergreen Hostl as well. She is the daughter of a woman in the U. S. Employment office in Pasadena and has had a great deal of inter-racial work and contact. They seem to be determined to get things done. A Miss McCullom interested in trying to secure a Red Cross building out on Country Club Drive to be ~~used as a~~ work shop where handicapped and elderly persons may be encouraged and taught to develop craft work for sale. I have not as yet had time to contact this person, but Mrs. Claude Douglass is interested in the same sort of thing and willing to contribute financially I understand. Her husband, Dr. Douglass, is a professor at U.S.C., and their daughter Charlotte is married to a young Congregational Minister, Royden Susu Magu. There are a good many elderly people unable to hold full time jobs but can do marvelous things with their hands if a place to work, tools to work with and a market for their products could be provided.

Mr. Vickers tells me that the hotel directors are very anxious to find places for gardeners and janitors between the ages of 40 and 50, some even 60. Most of these men are single and would need housing as well as work. For many of them it would only be possible to do part time work because of their age or health condition. However, there are a large number who are able to take full time jobs to start with. An effort is being made to place 27 elderly men between the ages of 66 and 85 in the barracks set-up at Burbank. These men are single and most of them need some sort of nursing care. Right now Mr. Steward states that there will be over 250 unattached elderly men who have to find a place to live and that over half of them will require some sort of attention or home care. They are out this afternoon scouring the country for a building to house as many as possible. They already know of one or two nurses who speak Japanese and are willing to work in such an old people's home. I do not know where the money is coming from, but Mr. Steward seemed more concerned about locating the proper kind of home than he was about the funds for keeping it going.

Another concern of those working with the Japanese who are living in the hostels and especially those in the barracks set-up is the need of recreational facilities for the children and younger people. One idea is to request the Y.M.C.A. for part time use of some sort of recreational building and grounds which they have out on Whittier Blvd., within easy reach of one or two of these places. Another need is for recreational leadership if such facilities are made available.

I just talked to Mrs. Scotty Tsuchiya whose husband is the J.A.C.L. man for Southern California. They went up to Manzanar Saturday night and returned Sunday afternoon. Manzanar was scheduled to close by December first but they were told on Sunday that in all probability everybody would be out and Manzanar closed by Wednesday night, the day before Thanksgiving. There were only 191 persons left this week end. Twelve or more were stretcher cases - very old people, mostly men I believe. The Manzanar welfare people thought they would be taken to a housing project at ElSegundo which is to be in charge of the American Friends Service Committee. Here the barracks are just a little bit better built than those at Lomita since they were used by Army officers and not by the common G.I. The toilet and bathing facilities

are under the same roof at one end of the long barracks sleeping quarters. In the mess hall the food is served cafeteria style. Mrs. Tsuchiya seemed to think that this set-up was much better than Lomita but one of the young Japanese ministers working for the Presbyterian Church with returnees tells me that it is an awful place to send old and sick people. Mrs. Tsuchiya and I are driving out together as quickly as we have the opportunity to inspect it personally. The old blind woman and her husband and the woman so crippled with arthritis whom I interviewed in Lomita are to be removed from Lomita to the ElSegundo set-up tomorrow, because the WRA feel that the husband in each case can better care for their invalid wives in this place. When Manzanar is closed, then there are only a few old people left in Poston and in Rohwer. Poston will be closed by December 1st or sooner. Rohwer which was scheduled for Dec. 15th hopes to close much sooner. Yesterday a trainload of over 400 including many many stretcher cases arrived from the Arkansas Camp and most of the people were taken to the Barracks set-up at Hawthorne. Likewise there are only a few left now in Tule to be "disposed of". To date every camp has closed ahead of the scheduled time and the WRA shamelessly boasts of this fact. It has been interesting to notice that the evacuees who come out of Manzanar where they have been under Mr. Merritt who has consistently and sincerely put the welfare of the evacuee ahead of the program of the WRA are happier, adjust more readily and have fewer complaints about the whole situation. One young Nisei who has worked among the evacuees constantly and visited many cities remarked to me over the phone today "Manzanar is about the only relocation camp where the evacuee and his welfare came first." We sincerely regret the fact that Manzanar could not have continued as a haven of refuge for the old and disabled and ill for at least a few more months until a more humane resettlement could have been planned for these remnants of <sup>the</sup> evacuation and relocation program.

Immediately after Thanksgiving I expect to visit every one of the barracks housing projects and keep in close touch with hostel conditions. It seems to me much more important at the moment than continued efforts at organization in outlying communities where only a scattered few may return from now on. I believe that the sudden coming of so many to the barracks projects in and around Los Angeles will tend to lift the tension from smaller communities who, if they are unfriendly, will be inclined to consider themselves lucky to have only a few in comparison to the hundreds who have been "dumped" more or less in the laps of the people in Los Angeles County.

I will report to you the results of my visits to these places on or before the first of the month, again.

Sincerely,

*Typed as hurriedly dictated and uncorrected  
for typographical errors or  
bad spelling.  
Gracia.*

Letter to Margaret Cosgrave from Alice Hoiem

Thank you for the loan of this. I went through it (almost every word) with care, for fear I should miss something. And I didn't miss sizzle -- as Mary said you said I should.

DeWitt stated his case more effectively than I had supposed possible -- leaving out any points that might weaken his argument! I have always believed that the evacuation business grew like a snowball -- this report corrected my belief. Although he had two months in which to decide upon a course of action, he from his first pronouncement on February 14, planned the evacuation of all of military area no. 1.-- not just, as I had supposed, certain vital areas and then, a week or so later, after pressure, other related areas. Therefore the amount of blame (for the policy of mass evacuation) which can be placed upon DeWitt alone, rather than on pressure groups, is greater than I supposed.

On one point, however, he carefully covers a fact (or else I can't read English rightly) He did not, from the first, plan evacuation from military area No. 2, although he says in this report that he did (p. 41, p. 50) But in Public Proclamation No. 1 (nowhere published in this report) Chandler Report, pp 113-114, he definitely says that no restrictions are contemplated in military area No. 2 (except in prohibited zones) Proclamation No. 1 is dated March 2.

Again on page 41 he infers that when General Order No. 35 setting up W.C.C.A. was issued, he directed the evacuation of areas No.1 and 2. This is not true -- see Chandler Report for Order 35, p. 104. (Note that Order 35 is not printed in DeWitt's report -- nor the date for the directive, p. 41, given)

He does refer to Public Proc. No. 1 on p. 59 -- mentioning only military area No. 1, but not stating, as does the proclamation itself, there would be no restrictions in area 2.

---I realize that area no. 2 covered only some 9,000 Japanese, was relatively unimportant in the evacuation scheme -- but that he definitely states that he planned their evacuation from the beginning when his own proclamation says he didn't, makes one question the reliability of the book.

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Another minor point: Page 8 does not agree with page 24. Spot raids were not limited to premises occupied exclusively by enemy aliens but included those where enemy aliens were resident. Therefore the arguments for evacuation on the last half of page 8 are exaggerated if not untrue.

Other minor points:--

- page 34 -- argument unrelated. Americans do not immigrate to Japan with the purpose of adopting that country as theirs.
- page 34 -- I shiply don't get it!
- page 48 -- He admits pressure
- page 129-- "The press and radio helped wholeheartedly." Do you agree? Doesn't DeWitt state the aim of the W.C.C.A. rather than the accomplishment

on the whole question of disposal of property at the time of evacuation? I have friends who got no help at all from the WCCA and who sold for a song (out of L.A.)

I was awfully interested in his list of subversive organizations. I'd certainly like further information on that point -- don't trust DeWitt, Perhaps McWilliams' book, when it comes out, will have something.

No place does he give the number of Kibei in proportion to Nisei, but Kibei are one of his strongest arguments.

Have you seen McWilliams' article in "Far Eastern Survey" on Nisei in Japan. I send it with this.

The first marker fell out -- I'm sorry.

And thank you.

A.H.

Did you ever get a copy of the Chandler Report. If you didn't, I'll send in mine if you'd like to check on whether I read English correctly -- in fact, I wish you would look up Public Proclamation No. 1. It does seem almost impossible that he'd state so definitely in this report that from the beginning he planned evacuation of area 2 if he didn't -- that is, although Pub. Proc. No. 1 isn't in this book, he knows many interested people are familiar with it.

Copy of letter from Galen M. Fisher

[Encl]

Dear Mrs. Ferguson:

I have just talked with Francis P. Harman (Will Hay's staff; formerly Secretary International Committee of the YMCA) about leading men for the Los Angeles Committee. He thinks Elvon Musick would be excellent to lead it and says that the best approach might be to get Frank C. Atherton to urge Musick to take it. Atherton is head of the big Honolulu firm, Castle and Cook, long a leader in the YMCA; founder and backer of the Institute of ~~the~~ Pacific Relations, and of course, a director of HSPA of which Musick is general counsel. If you and Dr. Munro and others think Musick is the man to get (either as the Chairman or otherwise) and have no better channel I have known Atherton well for many years and could ask him, but will do nothing unless you ask it.

I also talked with Harold Whittle and Hugh Gruwell, and was able to remove some misapprehensions. Whittle hesitates only lest he embarrass the YMCA of which he is president. Gruwell would come along, I have no doubt, if a few big business men like Musick led the way. He entirely approves our principles and I laid stress on principles not on sympathy for the Japanese evacuees.

Harmon also mentioned Scott, the bushy haired, tall attorney, and Wanger and the other movie magnate who married Louis Mayer's daughter. Also Manchester Boddy and von KleinSmid and Bird.

If no leading business man is secured, possibly Remsen Bird would be a good chairman - if he will give it due attention.

I am now enroute to Berkeley which I reach on October 28th and will then see Mrs. Kingman.

You may know that my four articles in Christian Century are being reprinted at \$6 for 100; \$1.75 for 25; 10¢ each. Ruth has presumably written you, I mention it because the size of the edition is now being determined by the advance orders.

Sincerely,

Galen Fisher.