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May 1, 1943

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman
Executive Secretary
Committee on American Principles and Fair Play
2207 Union Street
Berkeley, California

Dear Mrs. Kingman:

On April 29th Mr. Fisher wrote me, enclosing an outline for Membership Canvass, and asked me to get in touch with him if I had any special suggestions. His letter was not received by me until this morning, May 1; however, I am pleased to advise that the program is satisfactory.

Yours very truly,

H. S. Scott

DM

Ans. 5/26/43
(material sent)

2110 Manhattan Ave.
Hermosa Beach, Calif.
May 2, 1943

My dear Mrs Kingman,

I am enclosing my check for five dollars for membership in the Committee on American Principles and Fair Play.

I attended the very interesting meeting in Pasadena when that group affiliated with your organization.

I believe that I can organize a small group in this area, and will be glad to receive the material of which you spoke in our telephone conversation.

Yours very sincerely,
Alton Bill Nance

AS waited to HB Scott

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
BERKELEY, CALIFORNIA

May 4, 1943

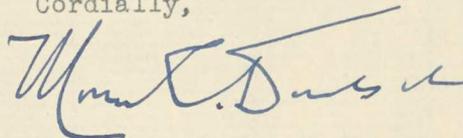
Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman ✓
Y.M.C.A., U.C. Branch
2227 Union Street
Berkeley, California
and
Mr. Galen Fisher
11 El Sueno
Orinda, California

Dear Friends:

I am sure you will both be interested in the success of Lillian Ota, one of the Japanese-American students who was accepted by an eastern college. It is certainly a fine tribute not only to her ability, but to the attitude of these institutions.

I am

Cordially,



Monroe E. Deutsch
Vice-President and Provost

MED:A

Enclosure

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BERKELEY: DEPARTMENT OF FRENCH

May 3, 1943

Mr. Monroe E. Deutsch
Office of the Provost
Administration Building

Dear Mr. Deutsch:

You may recall that about a year ago I wrote you that I had been instrumental in securing a scholarship at Wellesley College for one of our Japanese students, Lillian Ota, of the Class of '43. I think that you may be interested in the following excerpt from a letter that I have just received from her.

"I have been offered no less than five graduate scholarships: Smith College, Bryn Mawr College, University of Rochester, University of Michigan, and Yale University. Smith and Michigan offered me tuition and maintenance, while the others are merely for tuition. I have selected Yale University because I am particularly anxious to study Far Eastern History there under Prof. Latourette."

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) C. D. BRENNER

CC: Mrs. Kingman ✓
Mr. Fisher

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May 4, 1943.

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

Dear Mrs. Kingman:

I have your letter of May 1st, asking whether in my opinion contributions to the Committee on American Principles and Fair Play are exempt from income tax.

In my opinion they are not. Section 23(o)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code provides for deductions in the case of individual contributions made within the taxable year for the use of:

(2) a corporation, trust, or community chest, or foundation, created or organized in the United States or in any possession thereof or under the law of the United States or of any State or Territory or of any possession of the United States, organized and operated exclusively for religious, charitable, scientific, literary, or educational purposes, or for the prevention of cruelty to children or animals, no part of the net earnings of which inures to the benefit of any private shareholder or individual, and no substantial part of the activities of which is carrying on propaganda, or otherwise attempting, to influence legislation; "

In my opinion the Committee on American Principles and Fair Play cannot be considered as being organized and operated exclusively for religious, charitable, scientific, literary or educational purposes, nor can it be said that no substantial part of its activities is carrying on propaganda

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman - 2.

or otherwise attempting to influence legislation.

As supporting my conclusion, I call your attention to the fact that contributions to the following organizations have been held not to be allowable:

Association of the Bar of the City of
New York, 30 BTA 292;

National League of Women Voters,
31 BTA 121;

League of Nations Association, 29 BTA 428;

League to Enforce Peace, 6 BTA 261.

Yours very truly,

George Estlin

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FRESNO STATE COLLEGE
Fresno, California

May 12, 1943

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

Dear Mrs. Kingman:

Miss Cosgrave has just called my attention to the fact that the Native Sons of the Golden West are having a convention in San Francisco soon and it has occurred to us that it would be well for some representative of the Committee on American Principles and Fair Play to be present at each session. You have probably thought of this long ago.

Sincerely yours,

Hubert Phillips
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Hubert Phillips
Dean of Lower Division &
Professor of Social Science

HP:AG

*Reply
May 24, 1943*

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
BERKELEY, CALIFORNIA

May 13, 1943

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

My dear Mrs. Kingman:

You will find enclosed copy of a letter from Dr. Guy E. Snavely, Executive Director of the Association of American Colleges, to whom I wrote concerning Professor Obata. I also enclose the questionnaire which I should appreciate your sending to him so that he may fill it out and send it on to Dr. Snavely. I hope we may find a place for Professor Obata. The two replies thus far received are not as encouraging as one might hope.

I am

Cordially,



MED:HB

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ASSOCIATION OF AMERICAN COLLEGES

19 West 44th Street, NEW YORK CITY

May 5, 1943

Mr. Monroe E. Deutsch
Vice President and Provost
University of California
Berkeley, California

Dear Mr. Deutsch:

Your letter of April 27 concerning Professor Chiura Obata now on leave from your Art Department, has been received.

Our Commission on Wartime Placement of College Faculties has had as yet no calls for teachers of art. However, I would suggest that Professor Obata register with the Commission and in the event that calls for a man of his training and abilities should come in, we would be very glad to suggest him.

I am enclosing one of our questionnaires which perhaps you will be kind enough to send on to Professor Obata.

Faithfully yours,

(Signed) Guy E. Snively

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May 14, 1943

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

Dear Mrs. Kingman,

At your suggestion I write **this important** letter. Headquarters' answer will determine whether some of those most active in the Pasadena Chapter will continue to put their full energy behind that group or stay with it in a less active role so as to have time to work together in a related community activity that must be continued, and which we feel rounds out and should be integrated with the "American Principles work" of the Pasadena Chapter.

Among those most active in the original Pasadena Committee for Fair Play and many of our sixty-odd new members feel the importance of improving morale of our evacuees by showing goodwill toward them. We have found, too, that such work is effective in changing local public opinion - it is an excellent means of "converting" our neighbors. This is illustrated in the activities listed below. It has worked where facts, logical discussion, pamphlets and other educational efforts have failed. This result is to be expected for most of us are moved by emotion rather than reason. Abstractions disappear if in place of thinking of Japs collectively, Mr. Neighbor hears from Sgt. Tanaka and his sister, Mary. A crocheted doily from their enemy alien mother may be surprisingly welcome and psychologically disarming.

We who are especially interested in working together for goodwill will be disappointed if the chapter's activities are to be confined to the colder approach. We feel expediency should not govern and that the interest in evacuees as individuals makes working for American Principles dynamic. We ask, does headquarters object to the Pasadena Chapter engaging openly in evacuee goodwill activities? The following incomplete list of past work by Pasadena people indicates the spirit of work proposed for the immediate future.

AT THE TIME OF THE EVACUATION

The Pasadena JAACL held an heroic meeting where its leaders explained the necessity of keeping faith. Caucasians known to be sympathetic were invited. That dramatic night gave many of us a deeper sense of our responsibility. With us were husbands and wives who came to doubt but left with new convictions.

A letter was sent to several real estate firms. Eight of them said they would manage Japanese properties. They have done a good job and the contact has made human the attitude of both employer

and employees who handle this work.

A sizeable group including most of our committee prepared a light breakfast that was served at the train on the three days of the evacuation. Husbands who came grudgingly to help their wives were touched by this American tragedy. One of them is now active with us.

TOY LOAN

At the suggestion of Mrs. Robert Millikan, Mrs. Ozawa started a toy loan at Rivers. I phoned my neighbors on our hill and explained the need of toys for the little tots. Children of any race strike a responsive spot. Several large cartons of used toys and games were contributed. It was a treat to have neighbor after neighbor tell me of "what a nice note I received from that Japanese lady - what was her name - Oh, yes! Mrs. Ozawa - she seems to be a person of culture." They have offered to give other things. All were pleased to receive "A Touchstone of Democracy". One is now discussing "American Unity and Asia" with her large church group of young people. Previously she had known of my interest in the Japanese but had not realized that democracy was involved .

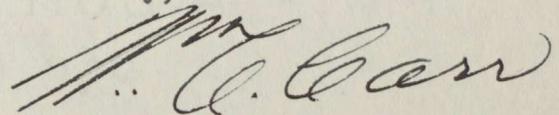
CHRISTMAS

Ten of us decided to see that each of Pasadena's evacuee children receive a small remembrance last Christmas. The plan was explained to individuals, schools, and churches. Christmas is the ideal time at which to sell goodwill. The response was spontaneous and heartening. Three hundred gifts were needed; over one thousand were brought by schools and protestant, Roman Catholic, and Jewish groups. Some hesitant churches proved to be most liberal. Some individuals who gave grudgingly later told us with enthusiasm of the grateful letters they received from parents and children. Nothing else that has been done in Pasadena has so made for goodwill and understanding and prepared the way for fighting persecution.

Lowell McAdam of the Pasadena Post of the American Legion saw that each of our Nisei soldiers received a remembrance. One of those legionnaires who gave was the husband of a member of our Christmas Committee. He looked with disfavor on his wife's activity but could not refuse to give to a fellow soldier. Inch by inch he has changed. now he is openly with us and his buddies wonder "how he got that way".

Yes, showing good will toward evacuees is an effective means of changing public opinion. We plan a membership meeting to be held soon and shall appreciate hearing if an "Evacuee Committee" meets with headquarters approval.

Sincerely,



CALIFORNIA INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY
PASADENA

204 DABNEY HALL

May 15th,
1943.

Dear Mr. McGiffert:

It pleased me greatly to have the notation on your recent letter that, after the lapse of thirty-odd years, you still remember Government 1 at Harvard. One of the durable satisfactions of being a college teacher (as you doubtless yourself realize) is the privilege of contact in their early years with men who later in life render great service to their fellow men.

If you happen to be coming down this way sometime, it would be a pleasure to see you.

Very sincerely yours,

William B. Munro
William B. Munro.

Dr. Arthur Cushman McGiffert,
Room 203, 465 California Street,
San Francisco, Calif.

1644 Van Ness Avenue
Fresno, California
May 16, 1943

Mrs. Ruth Kingman
2207 Union Street
Berkeley, California

Dear Mrs. Kingman:

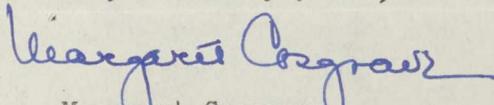
The Philadelphia people can't get around to preparing a list of colleges right now so I have made up one for your use. It is probably far from complete, but at least it is a beginning. There are some institutions, no doubt, not particularly interested but if even a few ^{of them} make use of the ^{needed papers} material you send them the effort will be well spent.

To my knowledge, Drake and the University of Denver have taken vigorous stands defending the nisei students and criticizing the action of groups which were condemning the Japanese Americans, etc.

Tom Bodine, Field Director for the Student Relocation Council, will be in the bay area on June 15 and 16 and if you wish to get in touch with him you can reach him at the W. C. James home, 670 San Luis Road, Berkeley. He is visiting each center and at that time will have been at Topaz, Granada, Poston, Gila and Manzanar.

Mrs. McLaughlin is staying over a day after the League of Women Voters meeting here this week and will speak to some of the Fair Play members on Thursday evening.

Very sincerely yours,


Margaret Cosgrave

*Ans May 19, 43
(Centers of which
Myer)*

The Diocese of Oregon
541 MORGAN BUILDING
PORTLAND, OREGON

May 17, 1943

Mrs. Ruth Kingman,
2207 Union St.,
Berkeley, Calif.

Dear Mrs. Kingman:

I don't usually waste my time listening to Walter Winchell's gossip, but last night I was not conveniently near to turn the radio off when he came on and as a result I heard him running down my American-Japanese friends. He based his assertions on Senator Chandler's report. I wasn't quick enough to catch the exact figures he gave, but the general idea was that the Senator had said that according to an accurate government survey it was positively proved that only a very small percentage of the people in the Centers were loyal and that only about eleven hundred of them were willing to defend this country. He ended with the typical rabble rousing demand, that "why should these Japs be eating food that the rest of us aren't even able to get."

I left the house about then and as I walked down the street I heard his rasping voice from every other window - so he got a good hearing, at least on our street.

I'm sorry I didn't catch the exact figures as he quoted them, but they were certainly out of line with those given in a WRA announcement from Mr. Myer only a night or two before.

I don't know just how you tackle this sort of thing, but I do know that most of the unfavorable radio publicity in the last few months has been based on alleged quotations from Senator Chandler. The newspaper accounts of his report do not sound as prejudiced. Just how much of these statements credited to him is the Senator really responsible for?

Sincerely yours,

James F. Chase

Ans by 2/43

Mrs. Hoover

P. 97

Route 1, Box 171, Fowler, Calif.
May 18, 1943

Committee on American Principles and Fair Play
2207 Union St.
Berkeley, Calif.

Dear Sir:

Enclosed a letter from the Fresno Bee which I should like to answer. It is made up of half truths, as you will notice. To answer it I need all of the facts.

Dr. Phillips said at the last Fair Play Committee meeting that you have a research department (is that too big a name for it?) If so, can you get for me the figures on the Japanese population for 1930 and 1940, and then the total population in California in the census of 1910, 1920, 1930, and 1940. I wrote to the Bureau of Vital Statistics at Sacramento for this information last fall, but either the information is a secret, or I am mixed in my business. ^{It has never been heard from them.} I am enclosing several stamps for your mailing costs.

Supposedly I am chairman of a subcommittee of the Fresno group to answer such letters as this one. My willingness and indignation are sufficient, but my information sadly deficient. Would it be possible whenever you collect facts that answer the various wild charges, to have a copy of those facts mailed to me. I'd gladly pay for such a service. My committee's letters are to be cleared through Dr. Phillips; they will therefore not be unwise.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Alice Hoover

(over)

I suppose you know the main news story
in Pacific Citizen for March 4th, saying that the
Japanese Diet abolished dual citizenship by
a law passed on July 15, 1924. If that is true
why do my Japanese friends still think they have
it. I hope Mrs. McLaughlin clears this up.

Get Tolson Comm. Report

then ^{copy} Gearheart

& why.
get all members to work for it.

Reply (2) particularly
7/5/43
RWV

Route 1, Box 171, Fowler
May 21, 1943

Committee on American Principles and Fair Play
2207 Union Street
Berkeley, California

Dear Sirs:

Two days ago I wrote for information on the Japanese population here in 1930 and 1940 - I am hoping that this letter will catch up with the first one so that you can answer these questions in the same reply.

What is the make-up of the California Joint Immigration Committee? "Pacific Citizen" said it was sponsored by American Legion, the Grange, Federation of Labor, and the Native Sons, but Dr. Phillips at last night's meeting thought it a purely McClatchey interest.

From what source can I get Carey McWilliams pamphlet on the Japanese situation, which Mrs. McLaughlin recommended, as the clearest discussion of dual citizenship?

According to "Pacific Citizen", April 10, page 2, J. Edgar Hoover told a house appropriations sub-committee that the ^{resident} Japanese in Hawaii were guilty of no sabotage prior to or following Pearl Harbor. Do you know a paper that published that statement, more acceptable to our local patriotic groups.

as an authority, than "Pacific Citizen"? And do you know if he has made a similar statement about mainland Japanese? If so, when and in what paper is it quoted?

I am, you see, taking my supposed job of presenting the local Fair Play Committee's answer to the many and various charges of valley groups so seriously that my husband thinks I'm ridiculous. I'm willing to be thought so - if I could just quote facts and authorities.

Very truly yours
Mrs. Alice Hoien

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H. S. SCOTT
PRESIDENT

May 21, 1943

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman
Executive Secretary
Committee on American Principles and Fair Play
2207 Union Street
Berkeley, California

Dear Mrs. Kingman:

Rev. Hugh T. Lavery, of the Maryknoll Fathers, Los Angeles, was in our office today in regard to the Committee on American Principles and Fair Play. He is interested in the organization and stated he thought the Maryknoll Fathers could help down South. I told him I would ask you to forward him some literature. His card is enclosed.

Will you please handle.

Yours very truly,

A. Mc Mullan

DM

Young Women's Christian Association

PORTLAND - OREGON

BROADWAY AT TAYLOR



May 22, 1943

Reply 5/29/43

Mrs. Ruth Kingman, Executive Secretary
Committee on American Principles and Fair Play
2207 Union Street
Berkeley California

Dear Mrs. Kingman:

I am just reading the "Minidoka Irrigator" and noted the report on Senator Chandler's recommendations. He has one or two good things in it, the chief of which seems to me to be pressure to segregate the disloyal Japanese so they will not contaminate and ruin the morale of the youngsters who are fighting to keep their heads above water.

Is there anything the Committee on Fair Play can do to commend Senator Chandler favorably when he does a good thing? It might also be a chance to straighten out some of the misrepresentations he has made. I don't know why his utterances are so widely publicized but since they are I wish he would make good sound comments. I am for doing anything that will help that.

I had another conversation about our Grange and I have two comments on Mr. Tompkins. First, that he is deeply distressed about the Japanese situation and is anxious that the Grange shall not take negative action at its meeting in June. Another comment from an entirely different source is that he is a brilliant politician and not too scrupulous. This may come from the opposition. In any event I do hope you get a good letter to him because I think it will be worth the effort. *Time is short. Grange meets June 8*

We have had numbers of inquiries about our Fair Play Program in Portland but we have not found a Chairman to our liking. Miss Ungar, head librarian, asked Mr. MacNaughton if he would like to be Chairman and he observed that he had not been asked. I do not know that he is the person to do it.

But the judgment of Don Fessler and Jane Chase is *that* we

meet in committee, which to me ~~seems~~^{means}, first find a Chairman so that we will not have our plans all made without his sitting in on it from the beginning.

We have had first the Student Trainee Conference and then the Social Worker's Conference and the post sessions with Harleigh Trecker and I am just now ready to go back to work on our American Principles Program.

I shall be glad to hear from you.

Very cordially yours,

Mildred Bartholomew.

Mildred Bartholomew
Secretary Public Affairs Com.

MB:AR

Our Senator Rufus Halman
has gone through an anti-Japanese
citizen legislation again. This is his
second out burst and it is more violent.
He isn't a strong man - however, but he
comes from a Boss State and he is vocal.

*AWO 5/25/43
enc. Winchell letter*

The Diocese of Oregon
541 MORGAN BUILDING
PORTLAND, OREGON

May 24, 1943

enc. Dear Mrs. Kingman:

Probably you listened to Mr. Winchell, but just in case you might not have been where you could check on him, I listened and he did not show any evidence of having heard from the WRA. Apparently one of the Japanese-Americans from one of the Centers had written him asking where he got his figures, because his very last flash was in answer to some one with a Japanese name and asserted again that his figures were on the authority of Senator Chandler and his remarks about food were from "several western newspapers". Some one ought to tell him something about western newspapers!

Sincerely,

Gene K. Gase

Fresno, Calif.
May 31, 1943

Reply 6/7/43

Dear Mrs. Krigman -

As I may have told you, I wrote to Senator Chandler & asked for a copy of his report. Returning home today, I found a note from him stating that the report was not yet completed. However, he did send me a printed copy of the hearings. If you don't have it, secure it by all means! I've read little of it yet, but the testimony of Mr. Brew is along the line of the statement you just got out but much stronger & in greater detail. He covers dual citizenship, Japanese treatment of interned Americans, etc.

There are two booklets, one thick & one thin & if the rest of the information is anything like the Brew section, it's remarkable!

They are hearings on S. 444, a bill relating to the transfer of certain WPA functions to the army. The thick booklet covers Jan 20, 27, 28, 1943 & the other one Feb. 11, 1943. They are before a Senate Military Affairs subcommittee. I wrote a very brief request & just as an individual, so they must be easily obtained.

Poor Mr. Meyer must have been a wreck, ^{after the hearings} but he seems to have handled himself well & the senatorial responses & questions are extremely interesting. I should think that Green's statements could be quoted, too, & they are too good to be true!

Sincerely,
Margaret Cozart

SAN JOSE STATE COLLEGE

SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA

SOCIAL SCIENCE DEPARTMENT

May 31, 1943

Mrs. Ruth Kingman,
Executive Secretary
American Principles and Fair Play Committee
Berkeley, California

Dear Mrs. Kingman:

It looks as though we would have to cancel your appearance before the students at the San Jose State College. At first it looked as though Wednesday would be an excellent date, but I had forgotten about Spardi Gras which is day of frolic and revelry with only skeleton classes in the morning. That took Friday of last week. Then today was a holiday, which meant that if the nine o'clock classes were dismissed on Wednesday to hear you, they would have missed a whole week (three periods). Too many of the instructors objected to that.

Of course I had been trying for a special student body meeting but there has been so many of them of late that the President of the school objected, although he thought it was a very worthy cause. Next week is the last week before examinations and it is a sort of unwritten law here that no extra-curricular matters shall interfere with the instructors' attempts to crowd into that last week all the important matters that were not taught during the first eleven weeks of the quarter.

I'm sorry that things have worked out the way they have, for you made such a marvelous presentation at your appearance before the SCA group that we wanted you to appear before a larger group.

I'm happy to report that your influence still carries on. The student group has been meeting regularly and many of their letters have been printed for popular perusal. We are having a pot-luck supper on Wednesday at which the main business will be to write numerous other letters to public personages who may be influenced by our opinions.

Very sincerely yours,
Claude N. Settles

Claude N. Settles
Associate Professor of Sociology

[May 1942]

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Fr. 4pm

Dear Ruth -

This am Dr. M. E. S.
 authorized a special Exec. Com
 mtg for June 7, 4-5 pm
 at 465 Calif. St. 203.

Scott has reserved that room,
 & will attend, as will Lundberg.
 Harrison will try to, as will Wilson.
 I left word with Ricketts' Sec'y.

Bp. Baker ~~is~~ saw & heartily ap-
 proved the draft attached & wants it
 to (when revised & adopted) sent to him
 to Tully Knoles, so it can be consid-
 ered by No. Cal. Meth. Conference
 next week. Scott & Lundberg
 is keen to have no issue or
 declaration. Harrison will give thought
 both to its phrasing & the strategy of
 publicity.

Perkins can't attend. I gave him &
 Harrison copies of my draft - but not
 of the W. Coast Delegation draft. A copy
 of each should no doubt go to each Exec.
 Com. member by mail Sat. am. G.M.T.



May, [1943]

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Longview, Washington

Dear Ruth -

Just a note to say that I'm returning to Seattle Friday & will spend this week-end collecting the loose-ends on the Fair Play Com. for Seattle & Tacoma. Unfortunately Mayor Cain (Tacoma) has left for the army before either Wellston or I could see him.

Your visit in Seattle was very much appreciated by all.

- Bob O'Brien