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Committee on American Principles and Fair Play
War Relocation Authority
Council on Race Relations

Dear Friends:

Kindly place on your mailing list for factual materials the names of the following individuals, who have attended meetings which I addressed in the Watsonville-Salinas area:

In Watsonville, California

Rev. Henry B. Adams (Presbyterian)	112 Third Street
Rev. B. U. Baldwin (Church of Christ)	1221 Lincoln
Rev. Clifford Catledge (Ch. of Pajaro)	20 Salinas Road
Crichton, Rev. Robert A. (Presbyterian)	21 California Street
Mr. Earl Christman (U.S.O.)	511 Beck Ave. Box 960
Rev. C. A. Ellenwood (Bethel Tabernacle)	43 Roosevelt
Rev. Allan W. Geddes (Episcopal)	209 Third Street
Rev. George Goodwin (Methodist)	423 Third Street
Rev. R. R. Richie (Nazarene)	407 California Street
Rev. Wilbur J. Lee (Chinese Presbyterian)	62 Coolidge
Adj. Wm. Mollet (Salvation Army)	214 Union St., Box 588
Rev. Henry Olson (Baptist)	Rt. 1, Box 49
Rev. A. C. Sessions (L.D.S.)	19 Monte Vista
Mr. Walter Thomas (Y.M.C.A.)	535 Main Street
Mrs. Vielguth (Church of God)	428 J Street
Rev. Baldwin (Church of Christ)	1221 Lincoln
E. L. Whisler (Christian Church)	151 Maple Street
Mr. John Gardner (anti-Japanese)	Rt. 3 - 135A

In Salinas, California

Rev. Robert A. Crichton (Presbyterian) 21 California Street

Gratefully yours,

Gordon K. Chapman
Gordon K. Chapman, Secretary
Protestant Church Commission
for Japanese Service

GKC:AL
Signed in Mr. Chapman's absence

*Send:
Brochure Facts
Petition # 511
Homeless Band
Democracy Demands*

April 20, 1945

Governor Earl Warren
Capitol Building
Sacramento, California

Dear Governor Warren:

On April 23, a small group of very articulate persons from some rural communities within our State are to meet in Sacramento for the purpose of organizing to prevent the return of loyal persons of Japanese ancestry to California.

Two days later, on April 25, there will meet in San Francisco a large group of persons from all over the world whose purpose is to organize for international peace--a peace predicated upon the Four Freedoms, freedom for the enjoyment of all decent people regardless of race, creed or color.

America has been whole-heartedly anti-Japanese since December 7, 1941. The present so-called anti-Japanese organizations are not anti-Japanese, but anti-Americans of Japanese ancestry.

We urge you to use your most persuasive means to caution these un-American groups that just now, particularly, when persons from many Oriental and Latin countries will be our guests, that they should do nothing which would belie the foundation upon which we hope to create and maintain a lasting peace.

Governor Earl Warren

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We do not feel that these noisy minorities can or will create much more than the nuisance of minor vigilante action. However, the results of the publicity involved are too far spread to allow them to go unchecked. Enclosed you will find a copy of an C.W.I. report I received while in Washington, D.C. on April 5. May I urge you to read it carefully, particularly the marked portions?

Your own good judgement will lead you to take whatever action you feel will best keep California's law-abiding and constitution respecting citizens free from reproach in the eyes of our allies who look to the United States for a fair and open minded approach to the critical problems facing the sober minded citizens of the world.

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman
Executive Secretary

RWK:cch
Enclosure

GOVERNOR EARL WARREN

Dear Governor:

On April 23 a state-wide organization will be effected in Sacramento for the purpose of opposing the return of a group of persons to California because they are of Japanese ancestry.

On April 24 a world wide organization will be effected in San Francisco for the purpose of eradicating --among other things-- economic and political discrimination because of any human being's color or race, in an effort to establish international peace.

The San Francisco Chronicle announced on April 12 under a Sacramento date line: "State-wide organization of groups opposed to the return of Japanese to California will be effected here on April 23, according to a call sent out as a result of a local meeting of anti-Japanese groups from Auburn, Winters, Sacramento and Vacaville."

We urge you, as chief executive of this state, to caution these anti-Japanese American groups that they are doing a grave disservice to the cause of international peace. For it is easy to see behind their thin veil of super-patriotism that they are attempting to revive racism and they willingly and knowingly are setting up a group of American citizens and law abiding aliens for the vultures of bigotry to attack.

We urge you to charge this group with misrepresentation even in the name they propose to take, "Anti-Japanese Association" when they actually mean "Anti-Japanese American Association."

We urge you to point out to these professional race baiters the distinct words of the Constitution, the Bill of Rights and that if they have ever pledged allegiance to our Flag, they might give thought to the words "Liberty and Justice for all."

We believe there is little time left in which California must declare to the world that these racists are not representative of the constitutional tolerance of this state and not representative of the millions of our citizens who want to approach the United Nations Conference of International Organization with clean hands, clear minds and hopeful hearts for a better world in the future.

Sincerely yours,

*Letter of
Pat Frayme to
Governor*

Straight wire
4/21/45

Professor Hubert Phillips
435 Terrace Ave.
Fresno, Calif.

Mr. Homer Crotty
634 South Spring St.
Los Angeles, Calif.

Mrs. Maynard Force Thayer
466 East California St.
Pasadena, California

Mr. William C. Carr
1360 W. Colorado St.
Pasadena, California

Rev. Sidney H. Buckham
225 Tilton Ave.
San Mateo, Calif.

SUGGEST YOU WIRE GOVERNOR PROTEST STATEWIDE ANTI-EVACUEE
MEETING SACRAMENTO APRIL 23 AS DRAWING WORLDWIDE CRITICISM
TO CALIFORNIA AND UNITED STATES AS BELYING CLAIMS OF JUSTICE
REGARDLESS OF RACE, CREED, OR COLOR, JEOPARDIZING SUCCESS
WORLD WIDE PEACE CONFERENCE.

Ruth W. Kingman

Pasadena, April 22, 1945

*no reply
4/26/45*

Honorable Earl Warren
Governor of California
State Building, Los Angeles

Deeply regret meeting called in Sacramento April 23rd to organize proposed State anti-evacuee group and fear unpleasant world wide publicity for California. Stop. In view of dangery to success of United Nations Conference urge you to issue statement which will protect our good name by proving that our California Governor believes in constitutional rights for all, including minority groups.

Mrs. Maynard Force Thayer
Chairman Pasadena Chapter, Committee on American
Principles and Fair Play

As Gov Warren was due at Hollywood Bowl evening of 23rd, I sent message to Los Angeles. M. F. Thayer.

April 26, 1945

Mrs. Maynard Force Thayer
466 E. California St.
Pasadena 5, California

Dear Mrs. Thayer:

Mrs. Kingman has asked me to thank you for your wire to the Governor and suggests that now, in face of adverse judgement in Auburn, plus new shootings, strongest possible pressure should be put on War Department to take strong action.

To that end, we are suggesting that as many persons as possible write to Assistant Secretary of War John J. McCloy, now registered at the Fairmont Hotel, San Francisco, demanding protection for families of service men of Japanese ancestry.

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary

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Night Letter
4.23.45

Mr. George E. Rundquist
297 Fourth Avenue
New York 10, New York

DELIGHTED YOUR PLANS. SUGGEST YOU START TULARE COUNTY INCLUDING
VISALIA, TULARE, AROSI, THEN SHIFT NORTHWEST. STRONGLY URGE YOU
COME VIA BERKELEY FOR CONFERENCE RE SLIGHTLY SHIFTING EMPHASIS
OTHERWISE WILL MEET YOU LOS ANGELES.

Ruth W. Kingman

reply
4/26/45

841 East 5th So. St.
Salt Lake City, Utah
April 23, 1945

Committee on American Principles
and Fair Play
2234 Telegraph Avenue
Berkley 4, California

Dear Sirs;

I am enclosing a \$1.00 bill to purchase 12 copies of
"A Balance Sheet on Japanese Evacuation."

Please forward the copies to my parents who have returned
to the coast.

F. K. Minato
714 Seventh Ave.
Seattle, Washington

I attended the J.A.C.L. conference here at Salt Lake
City in December and met Mr. Fisher. I was very much impressed
and appreciative of the wonderful work being carried on by your
organization in behalf of the nesei.

Yours truly,

George Minato

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reply
5/9/45

April 23rd, 1945

Mrs. Ruth Kingman
 Committee on American Principles and Fair Play
 Room 203, 465 California Street
 San Francisco 4, California

Dear Mrs. Kingman:

I was so sorry not to see you when you were in the east. I gathered from George Rundquist that you might be coming to New York.

Anyway, we should like to see a copy of that report by Lawrence Hewes which you indicated in yours of March 12th would be forthcoming. If there is an extra copy available I'm sure Miss Buck, R. F. D. #3, Perkasio, Pa., would appreciate it.

Sincerely yours,

RNB:fk

R. D. 3
PERKASIE, PENNSYLVANIA

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April 23, 1945.

Dear Roger Baldwin:

I have had a letter from a friend in Hood River, Oregon, and she gives me the following information:

"What do you know about the 'Mantle Club?' I have a brother-in-law, ordinarily a rather quiet, soft spoken sort of chap that has suddenly developed a foaming anti-Jew, anti-Negro, anti-Japanese and anti-CIO complex since becoming a member of this organization. In a recent conversation with him, I pinned him to the facts and he informed me that the club got the information for their members that the CIO was a pro-Nazi group. The organization has a membership of several thousand members in Portland, Oregon. Have been wondering if they could be the power that stirred this anti-Japanese-American propaganda into flame. Until the evacuation took place there was no anti-Japanese sentiment in this valley. As a matter of fact, every effort was made to build a friendly feeling between the races. I believe that these who have come back will build a feeling of confidence that will extend to the others. It is still unbelievable that our people could become as intolerant as this movement indicated."

Very sincerely yours,

Pearl S. Buck
Pearl S. Buck

Mr. Roger Baldwin,
American Civil Liberties Union.
170 Fifth Avenue,
New York City, N. Y.

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Prof. in Wash

April 25th, 1945

Mrs. Ruth Kingman
 Committee on American Principles and Fair Play
 Room 203, 465 California Street
 San Francisco 4, California

Dear Ruth Kingman:

Is there any comment you can make on the enclosed from Pearl Buck? Will you kindly return it. Is there any information you may have or that Mr. Hewes may have if you forward it to him?

Sincerely yours,

Roger N. Baldwin
rnfk

RNB:fk

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April 23, 1945

Dear Friends:

In view of the enthusiastic endorsement of our offer I am writing to notify you of the employment of Mr. George Rundquist as a member of the staff of the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America to assist in the resettlement of Japanese Americans on the west coast. It is our understanding that Mr. Rundquist plans to come to the west coast about the first of May and will be available for service there through July 31. As that date approaches we will re-examine the need for any longer period of service.

Mr. Rundquist has been engaged for this service by the Field Department and the Department of Race Relations of the Federal Council. He will look to you for guidance in the choice of the communities and the nature of the emphasis which should be stressed in helping communities and their churches with the task involved in resettlement.

You will be glad to know that the Pacific Coast Committee on American Principles and Fair Play at Berkeley, California, agreed to join in this plan by providing the expenses of Mr. Rundquist while on the west coast. Mr. Rundquist will be writing you shortly concerning the nature of his plans and requesting your collaboration in their development.

Faithfully yours,

J. Quinter Miller

J. Quinter Miller
Associate General Secretary

JQM:TC

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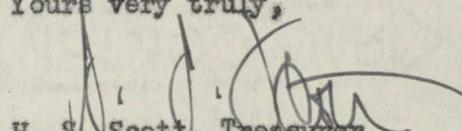
April 24, 1945

The American Council on Race Relations
Pacific Coast Regional Office
988 Market Street
San Francisco, 2, California

Gentlemen:

With reference to your letter of April 21 addressed to the Executive Secretary of the Committee on American Principles and Fair Play, I am enclosing herewith our check No. 256 made payable to The American Council on Race Relations in the amount of \$48.69, representing one-half of the expenses of the printing and publishing of booklets as agreed upon by our Committee.

Yours very truly,


H. S. Scott, Treasurer

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(Encl.)

cc: Mr. Galen M. Fisher, Ass't.-Treasurer

April 25, 1945

Mrs. Marjorie Elkus
Columbia Foundation
612 Russ Building
San Francisco, California

Dear Mrs. Elkus:

The check for \$2,535.50 from the Columbia Foundation arrived while I was in Washington. I believe that Dr. McGiffert has thanked you, officially. May I add my personal word of appreciation? And also a promise to keep in mind the drawing up of the final report and financial accounting which will be due you on about September first.

Enclosed you will find a copy of the memo I have just prepared for Dr. Sproul, at his request. Some of our official members in Los Angeles wrote to him, in my absence, asking for his ideas as to the future program of the Committee, and he asked me to prepare a memo to assist him in his reply.

I was very sorry that Mr. McCloy was out of Washington "top-secret-whereabouts", all of the time I was there. However, I made much hay in his absence, and am to see him here in San Francisco very soon.

I shall have to tell you of my Washington stay, in person, and hope to report in the near future.

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman
Executive Secretary

RWK:cch
Enclosure 3

April 25, 1945

The Honorable Archibald MacLeish
Assistant Secretary of State
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. MacLeish:

Today, as the Conference opens, the San Francisco Chronicle carries the enclosed items on the front page of the second section and as an editorial.

As civilians we are doing our utmost to support the Constitution and assure the success of the Conference, and to protect the families of American soldiers. At the moment, our best is not good enough and we are endeavoring to enlist the more active support of Mr. John J. McCloy, Assistant Secretary of War, who is now at the Fairmont Hotel in San Francisco.

Anything you can do will be appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

Paul S. Taylor

PST:cch
Enclosure 2

P. S. The Sacramento meeting to organize a Statewide boycott, of which I wrote you, was held, but received practically no publicity.

April 25, 1945

Mrs. Mary C. Harding
3006 Harrison
Milwaukee 2, Oregon

Dear Mrs. Harding:

Enclosed you will find a copy of a letter we have just sent to the Reverend Dick Morgan of Fairview. He has asked us to send you information as to our Committee, and the pressure of time makes it necessary that we do it this way.

We are also sending you a kit of informative material.

If there is anything further we can do, please let us know.

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman
Executive Secretary

RWK:coh

April 25, 1945

Mrs. Max L. Moore
318 E. Eugene St.
Hood River, Oregon

Dear Mrs. Moore:

We have had a request from Mr. Morgan of Fairview, Oregon for information pertaining to the Fair Play Committee and are enclosing a copy of our reply to him.

In case you are interested in an organization for Hood River, you may want to contact him.

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary

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Enclosure 1

NATIONAL JAPANESE AMERICAN STUDENT RELOCATION COUNCIL

1201 CHESTNUT STREET, PHILADELPHIA 7, PENNSYLVANIA

JOHN W. THOMAS, Chairman

RITTENHOUSE 9372

ELIZABETH B. EMLLEN, Director

THOMAS R. BODINE, Field Director

April 25, 1945

reply
5/10/45

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

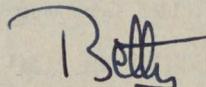
Dear Ruth:

George Rundquist stopped in the other day and brought us news of you and Harry. You certainly have been doing a wonderful job out there in organizing the positive forces.

As you probably know, we have sent college questionnaires one of which is enclosed to friends on the West Coast for them to have filled in for each university and college. We have just received a letter from Mr. Egan at the California Polytechnic School with their questionnaire which has not been filled in. I wonder if you would think it would be wise for us to press this question with this particular school. As you know, Japanese American students have gone to campuses in the east and midwest where there are Navy training units and no difficulties have ensued. Since there are few accredited schools in California offering this particular type of technical training in agriculture and industry, we would like to have it available for the nisei if you think it would be wise to press the matter.

We would very much appreciate having your advice on this question. Would you suggest our trying to educate Mr. Egan with the usual informative material including the statement from the California Commissioner of Education or would you advise against pressing this point? Tom joins me in sending our warm good wishes. We are the last of the former West Coast crew. Our kind regards to your husband.

Sincerely yours,



ELIZABETH B. EMLLEN (Mrs.)
Director

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Enclosures

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NATIONAL JAPANESE AMERICAN STUDENT RELOCATION COUNCIL
1201 Chestnut Street
Philadelphia 7, Pa.

WEST COAST COLLEGE QUESTIONNAIRE SPRING, 1945

NAME OF COLLEGE:

ADDRESS:

DATES OF TERM OPENINGS 1945-1946:

LIVING ACCOMMODATIONS

What living accommodations would be available for Japanese American men?

What living accommodations would be available for Japanese American women?

EMPLOYMENT POSSIBILITIES:

What work opportunities would there be on or off campus for men at what approximate rates of pay?

What work opportunities would there be on or off campus for women at what approximate rates of pay?

How many hours of work a week are usually expected in return for room and board in a home?

SCHOLARSHIP AID:

What scholarships or loan funds are available for entering freshmen?

What is the deadline for freshmen scholarship or loan applications?

SCHOLARSHIP AID: (continued)

Will the Japanese Americans be considered for scholarship aid on the same basis as all other applicants?

Are there any special funds for Japanese Americans?

Please give the names of any Japanese Americans enrolled at the present time or expected for the next term:

Please give the name and address of a student, faculty or community leader (or leaders) with whom the Japanese American applicants might carry on a correspondence regarding housing, part-time employment, social integration, and the like:

Additional comments:

This questionnaire has been filled out by:

Name: _____

Title or position: _____

Address: _____

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CALIFORNIA POLYTECHNIC SCHOOL

A State Technical College for Agriculture
and Industry

San Luis Obispo, California

April 12, 1945

National Japanese American Student Relocation Council
1201 Chestnut Street
Philadelphia 7, Pennsylvania

Dear Sirs:

I am attaching the questionnaire sent to us by Margaret C. Sowers. I think I can give you the information you desire without completing the questionnaire.

At the present time California State Polytechnic is operating a Naval Academic Refresher Unit along with the regular college program. The men we have in training here are assigned us directly from the United States Fleet. All of them have seen action and some of them have been in the Pacific Theater as long as seven years. It does not seem logical to assume that Japanese students on our campus would fit very well into the present picture.

In the past, previous to the war, we had a fair enrollment of Japanese American men and found them to be most satisfactory students and most cooperative. We do not feel that the present time, however, is the right time to suggest re-enrollment of these individuals or to invite new enrollments of members from relocation centers.

I hope that at some date we can be of more assistance.

Sincerely yours,

s/ Eugene A. Egan

Eugene A. Egan
Registrar

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May 9, 1945

Mrs. Elizabeth B. Emlen, Director
National Japanese American Student Relocation Council
1201 Chestnut Street,
Philadelphia 7, Pennsylvania

Dear Betty:

After a couple of weeks of trying to catch up on correspondence which piled up while I was in Washington, I'm finally getting to April 25 which brings up your letter re: California Polytechnic School.

As you probably know, San Luis Obispo is in the middle of one of the most unfriendly areas on the Coast. Dr. Egan's own attitude seems to be reasonable, and he might be encouraged to take a more positive position if you do just exactly what you, yourself, have suggested.

Statements by the California Commissioner of Education plus the enclosed speech by Robert Gordon Sproul might be helpful, plus the information that Stanford has several Nisei enrolled, along with Army, Navy schools.

If he still proves recalcitrant, how about getting Dr. Ryerson of Davis school to write to him? Ryerson has been making some excellent statements, and feels strongly in the right direction.

Most of our Nisei at Cal seem to be doing well. It is good to see them about.

My regards to you and Tom.

Sincerely yours,

RWK:cch

April 26, 1945

Mr. William C. Carr
1360 West Colorado St.
Pasadena, California

Dear Mr. Carr:

Mrs. Kingman has asked me to thank you for your wire to the Governor and suggests that now, in face of adverse judgement in Auburn, plus new shootings, strongest possible pressure should be put on War Department to take strong action.

To that end, we are suggesting that as many persons as possible write to Assistant Secretary of War John J. McCloy, now registered at the Fairmont Hotel, San Francisco, demanding protection for families of service men of Japanese ancestry.

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary

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April 26, 1945.

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

Dear Ruth:

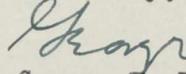
I hope to get through to Berkeley by the end of next week, May 4th or 5th. I will keep you informed about the progress by wire.

Will you try the Durant and the Shattuck for a room as soon as I can give you a definite date of arrival?

Thanks for your wire. I'll be seeing you.

I suppose that Connie will open this letter, so I am saying Hello to her too and including her in my best wishes.

Sincerely,



George E. Rundquist

GER/R.

THE AMERICAN COUNCIL ON RACE RELATIONS

PACIFIC COAST REGIONAL OFFICE

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LAURENCE I. HEWES, JR.
REGIONAL DIRECTOR

April 26, 1945

Committee on American Principles and Fair Play
2287 Telegraph Avenue
Berkeley, California

Gentlemen:

Receipt is acknowledged of your check for \$48.69, which covers one-half the expenses of the printing and publishing of "Homeward Bound." Thank you.

Sincerely yours,

Dorothy E. Handy

Dorothy E. Handy
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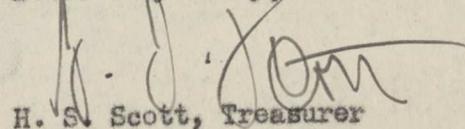
Rev. W. Carl Nugent
Delta, Utah

Dear Reverend Nugent:

I have your statement of expenses from April 9 to April 22 covering field work you are doing for the Committee on American Principles and Fair Play.

Enclosed is our check in the amount of \$115.03 reimbursing you for these expenses.

Yours very truly,



H. S. Scott, Treasurer

cc: Mr. Galen M. Fisher ✓
Assistant Treasurer

Mrs. Kingman

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April 28, 1945

Mr. Gordon K. Chapman
Protestant Church Commission
228 McAllister Street
San Francisco 2, California

Dear Mr. Chapman:

Now that the Conference of the Protestant Church Commission is over, I wish to take this opportunity to write and thank you for the privilege of attending. I was deeply interested because of my love for and interest in the Japanese people. It was most worthwhile.

If they are obtainable, I would like extra copies of the minutes, recommendations, etc. Mrs. Thayer of the Fair Play Committee of Pasadena has asked for a copy of the minutes and anything else coming out of the conference she might find useful.

I would be happy to have any suggestions you might offer about work in the future of both the Congregational Committee on Christian Democracy and the Fair Play Committee.

Sincerely,

GDB
rnr

Gracia D. Booth
Asso. Exec. Sec'y.



UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY
Central Utah Project
Topaz, Utah

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Topaz, Utah
April 28, 1945

Mrs. Ruth Kingman
Fair Play Committee
2287 Telegraph Avenue, Room 215
Berkeley 4, California

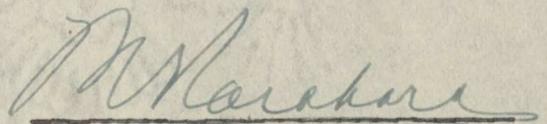
Dear Mrs. Kingman:

We are attaching herewith, the reply from Mr. Myer to our petition of Feb. 25, 1945 which we received on April 19, 1945.

We believe this information may be of interest to you.

Your comments to the reply will be greatly appreciated.

Yours very truly,


Masaru Narahara, Chairman
Topaz Community Council

Attachment

*Community Council
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Topaz*

WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY

461 Market Street
San Francisco 5, California

SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA, OFFICE
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In reply, please refer to:

APR 28 1945

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

Dear Ruth:

Enclosed is a copy of a column printed in
the Chicago Tribune and New York News as well as
the Washington paper.

Thought maybe you or members of your com-
mittee might be interested in this defeatist ap-
proach.

Sincerely yours,

Pat

Pat Frayne
Information Specialist

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The following article was taken from the Times-Herald, Washington, D.C., Thursday, April 26, 1945:

CAPITOL STUFF
By JOHN O'DONNELL

SAN FRANCISCO, April 25.

More than 1,500 men and women have been formally accredited to tell the world about what is happening here at this San Francisco Conference.

Many of them are phonies; some are wet behind the ears and don't know what it's all about. But there are more than a hundred professionals who have the know-how - they remember what happened at Versailles in '19, at the Washington Disarmament Conference of '21, and who reported the various bickerings and muddled sessions of the late and not-lamented League of Nations meeting at Geneva.

And these men and women will tell you, off the record and strictly in the family, that this meeting which opened today is as phony as a seven-dollar bill.

Nothing was ever staged in this generation on such a scale of mass hypocrisy and global double cross. Never, even at the peace conference of World War I or the sessions of the so-called world leaders during the '20's, was a meeting of international political leaders staged against such a background of confusion, suspicion and cynicism as exists right here in this city at the present time.

If you don't believe it, you should have heard the lusty belly laugh that went up from the reporters representing the so-called United Nations when they read a piece by one of the professed world savers who passionately proclaimed in print that this San Francisco conference is "not only the greatest international meeting ever held on U.S. soil, it is the most important human gathering since the Last Supper."

Just move around and attend some of these press conferences, and better still, talk with the leaders off the record and this cold fact will sink in - the honest conviction of the men who are rather bewilderedly running the show.

In the first place they now think that the death of the late Franklin D. Roosevelt should have canceled the meeting.

Favorite gag, when one delegate meets another, is the Office of Defense Transportation slogan: "Is this trip necessary?"

In the second place, the idea is percolating through the brains that this meeting of the 46 nations who are foes of Nazi Germany is in fact underlining the differences of opinion among our beloved Allies and weakening the common bonds.

Always excepting, of course, gushing gratitude and hope for more of the same that spurts from the receivers of lend-lease.

The foreign boys are not going to shoot Santa Claus here in San Francisco, but they intend to take a peek in the bag and guess how much more is coming.

(more)

The cruel and bitter fact about this disorganized political circus, being staged by big shots who no longer represent the citizens of their respective nations, is that the publicity build-up for what is essentially a sordid bit of political trafficking and the paying off of secret contracts presents this conference of debtors to the U. S. Treasury and the nation's blood bank in a religious and spiritual setting, with much public beating of the breast and yowling of the peace to come in the best revivalist tradition of the late Billy Sunday and Aimee Semple McPherson.

Of course, what the important boys say privately in their suites is something entirely different. They wish the hell they weren't here and will give a modest prize to any bright young man or woman who will suggest a way in which the conference can be wound up without the complete loss of their political hides.

After all, this was F.D.R.'s baby. Perhaps the baby might have gurgled happily in the arms of its late father. The foster parents are now faced with the job of changing international diapers.

The heart of the problem is the fact that the worthy diplomats whom we are entertaining here at considerable expense are just beginning to realize that the little people, when they have a chance to sound off, don't echo the pious thoughts broadcast over the radio from here or tossed off in peace conferences.

Members of a jury in an American court and members of a State legislature, reflect, in our opinion, the honest thought of the people more clearly than the big shots at the top of the political pile.

In this connection we wish to point out that a California jury of seven men and five women yesterday acquitted three men, two of them A.W.O.L. soldiers, charged with dynamiting the home of an American-born farmer of Jap descent. The defense pivoted on the plea of counsel: "This is a white man's country. Keep it so."

The jury agreed. You'll hear a lot more of that talk when the boys come home.

Point two is that the State legislature here is considering a bill by which employers can fire out of hand any worker who subscribes to a political party designed to "overthrow the Government by force" - which was the way Attorney General Biddle defined membership in the Communist party of our beloved ally, Joe Stalin.

And also bear in mind that out here on the Pacific Coast you can be tossed into jail on a miscegenation charge if you take the ideas of the Four Freedoms too literally and decide that your quest for romantic happiness can be satisfied only by taking a Filipino girl as your wedded wife.

Important fact is that press credentials have been OK'd by the State Department and issued to various colored groups - Orientals, Negro, etc. - in greater proportion than ever before.

And most of these specialized racial groups are strictly on the Stalin side of the international fence - a fact which has not failed to impress the worthy global thinkers and international do-gooders.

reply
5/10/45-

Box 39
409 Prospect Street
New Haven 11, Conn.
April 28, 1945

Committee on American Principles and Fair Play
2287 Telegraph Avenue
Berkeley 4, California

Gentlemen:

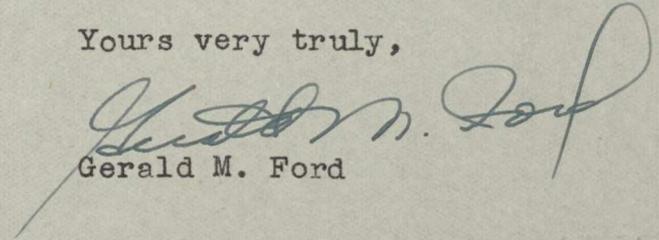
Mr. Willis G. Hoekje, of the Committee on Resettlement of Japanese Americans, has suggested that I write you in an effort to obtain material on the subject Pressures Affecting the Return of Japanese Americans to California.

For your information, I am a student at Yale Divinity School and am writing on this subject. My paper deals particularly with negative pressures in an effort to determine the underlying causes of these pressure groups--economic, social, racial prejudice, etc.

I will greatly appreciate any materials, bibliographies, etc., you may be able to send.

Thank you kindly.

Yours very truly,


Gerald M. Ford

reply
5/5/45

Hood River, Oregon

April 28 1945

Miss Constance Halliday, Secty
Hdq Room 203
465 California St
San Francisco 4, California.

Dear Miss Halliday:

Your letter of April 25th at hand regarding organization efforts on the part of the citizens of this valley and that of Gresham, Oregon including a copy of a letter to the Rev Morgan.

I observe that you have offered Mr Morgan the copy of by-laws used by the Committee on American Principles and Fair Play.

Certain persons in this community who beleive in the principles of fair play have made efforts to orgenize but have been practically prevented from achieving such an object by the radical group that has brought so much publicity to this place. We are making another effort to at least get a group together and have a round table discussion on Saturday next.

I beleive it might be a good move to have a copy of the by-laws and objects that you offer. Will you send me a copy that I might be able to use as a suggestion if the group wants to formulate some other set of rules. Personally I should like to see this group line up with the Committee on American Principles and Fair Play and be guided by thier broader experience in matters of this type, however there is some sentiment that the work should be purely local. I expect to do my bit in what ever effort they wish to promoteto combat this pernicious anti-racial program that has been given to much ' rope with which to hang itsself' as one civic minded gentlemen remarked but someway that old saw didn't work in this case and it seems we must get in and really do some work.

Sincerely

Arline W. Mitchell Moore

Mrs. Kingman

COPY

April 30, 1945

Mrs. Milton G. Gabrielson
158 St. Joseph Avenue
Long Beach 3, California

Dear Mrs. Gabrielson:

Today I am sending you a picture of myself. It isn't good for a cut, but it is the best I have at present. Am sorry this is so late in getting to you, but we are just now getting to the bottom of our unpacking, and in doing so, I discovered this.

I will see you on Friday of this week, May 4, 1945. As yet, I do not know exactly what time I will arrive, but will let you know later.

Looking forward to seeing you, I am,

Cordially yours,

GDB
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Gracia D. Booth
Assoc. Exec. Sec'y.

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Ruth Kingman

April 30, 1945

Mr. Paul Robertson
War Relocation Authority
1031 South Broadway
Los Angeles 16, Calif.

Dear Mr. Robertson:

Thank you very much for sending out the information to your various relocation offices in the area in regard to my taking up the work of the Fair Play Committee, etc. I am hoping that they will be able to supply us with the type of information we need to guide us in our field work of organization of outlying communities.

So far, we have all sorts of rumors, but factual reports are what we need.

I am wondering if I could have a list of the names and addresses of the district WRA offices in your area.

Again, thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely yours,

GDB
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Gracia D. Booth
Executive Secretary

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Ruth Kingman

April 30, 1945

Mr. Earle O'Day
War Relocation Authority
1031 South Broadway
Los Angeles 16, California

Dear Mr. O'Day:

I telephoned Mr. Thurburn of "Now" as you suggested, and he assured me that they were saving the type on the "Now" story for publication in booklet form at the suggestion of Dr. Gillett.

They also sent to the office ten sets of the three installments of the "Nitta" story which I will hand out to groups whom I think will be interested.

A number of us went to the debate at Gardena but I suppose you have heard all about it from Mr. Robertson and other WRA folk who were there.

I appreciate any information or suggestions which you may have for me.

This week, I am going to Gardena and out in the San Fernando Valley.

Sincerely yours,

GDB
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Gracia D. Booth
Executive Secretary

Mrs. Kingman

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H.B.

Gracia D. Booth
Executive Secretary

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PMB

April 30, 1945

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

Dear Dillon:

After two weeks of careful consideration of the recommendations I made to Undersecretary Fortas on April 12, followed by conferences with others here on the coast who are trying to support the W.R.A. program, I find that I cannot conscientiously modify my original suggestions.

I have prepared a memorandum reiterating my suggestions to Mr. Fortas, to be sent to Mr. Ickes and to the Undersecretary. I am enclosing a copy, and am hoping that you will give it careful consideration - particularly to those parts with which you most sharply disagree.

I haven't had a chance to see Bob Cozzens since his return, but hope to catch up on "Tulelake" soon.

The reorganization out here is taking shape, and I hope the near future will find things going smoothly enough to suit "The Man in Grey".

Mr. Dillon S. Myer

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4/30/45

I am also enclosing a copy of a memo relating to our program prepared at Dr. Sproul's request. It will give further light to some of the suggestions I made to the Secretary.

My best regards to Janess and to all of the Bar Building family.

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman
Executive Secretary

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April 30, 1945

The Honorable Harold L. Ickes
Secretary
Department of the Interior
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Ickes:

During conversations with Undersecretary Abe Fortas, earlier in the month, I made certain suggestions to him concerning War Relocation Authority program and policy, as seen by its friends on the West Coast.

In order that you may be familiar with our thinking on this subject, I am enclosing a memorandum reiterating some of the things discussed with Mr. Fortas, and am sending copies to Mr. Fortas and to my good friend Mr. Dillon S. Myer.

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman
Executive Secretary

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Mr. Abe Fortas
Sir Frances Drake Hotel
San Francisco, California

Dear Mr. Fortas:

Knowing that you would not receive it before leaving Washington, I waited to send you the enclosed copy of my Memorandum to Secretary Ickes until you were settled in San Francisco.

A copy is also going to Dillon Myer, who can hardly be expected to concur with some of our suggestions.

I am looking forward to seeing you while you are in San Francisco and am mindful of the appointment you will try to make for us with Mr. McCloy.

May I suggest that a long, cold drink in the Kingman patio, or better still a quiet home cooked dinner - I'll even promise steak - might not be amiss in all of the rush of Important Things. We promise that a dinner in Berkeley will be a complete antidote to Conference Confusion, and hope that you and Mr. McCloy can take time out for such relaxation. We can doubtless get Bob Kenny to join us, if you like.

If you wish to call me before 9:15 a.m. or after 4:30 p.m., I can be reached at Ashberry 5390. Otherwise, the office number, Ashberry 6214, will reach me.

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman
Executive Secretary

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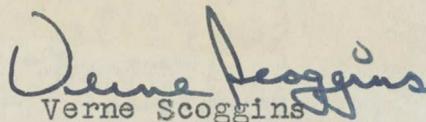
Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman, Executive Secretary
Committee on American Principles
and Fair Play
Room 203, 465 California Street
San Francisco 4, California

Dear Mrs. Kingman:

Governor Warren has asked me to acknowledge your letter of comment in regard to the treatment of Japanese who have returned to California.

The Governor on several occasions has issued statements urging full respect of the civil rights of all citizens of Japanese ancestry. I am enclosing, herewith, copy of a statement issued by the Governor December 17, the day the Western Defense Command revoked its Japanese mass evacuation order.

Sincerely


Verne Scoggins
Press Secretary

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Press Release
December 17, 1944

The Commanding General of the Western Defense Command at 2 P. M. today revoked the Japanese mass evacuation order, to be effective January second.

Upon being informed of the action Governor Warren promptly notified all Chiefs of Police and Sheriffs and called upon all public officials to join in an effort to develop uniform plans to prevent intemperate action and to promote cheerful compliance with the military decision. The Governor issued the following statement:

"The decision of the Commanding General of the Western Defense Command to revoke the mass Japanese evacuation order and to permit the return of those who have established their loyalty to the satisfaction of the Army is based on the military situation as it exists today and is therefore to be respected and carefully complied with by the government and people of this State as were prior orders on the same subject. I am sure that all Americans will join in protecting constitutional rights of the individuals involved and will maintain an attitude that will discourage friction and prevent civil disorder. It is the most important function of citizenship, as well as government, to protect constitutional rights and to maintain order. In this situation both must combine to accomplish that result.

"Any public unrest that develops from provocative statements or civil disturbances that result from intemperate action will of necessity retard the war effort and particularly the flow of needed materials to our boys in the Pacific who are moving steadily but at great sacrifice toward their ultimate goal - Tokyo.

"Most California families have a boy or girl in the armed forces. Military decisions such as these are designed for their ultimate success and speedy return to the homeland. As civilians it is our duty to comply with such decisions as loyally and as cheerfully as they do."

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April 30, 1945

Route 5, Box 8205,
Sacramento, California.

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

Dear Mrs. Kingman:

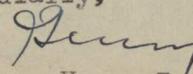
At the Conference your group held in S.F. January 10-11, the great need of a Coastwide agency to aid in popularizing the essential Americanism of inter-racial and inter-cultural appreciations and fellowship was clearly seen. Leadership by such an agency in creating and disseminating professionally prepared publicity materials was recommended. Has anything come, to date, of those recommendations? You are probably familiar with the materials put out by the Institute for American Democracy, 369 Lexington Avenue, New York City. Good as those are, they are not, I feel, entirely pertinent to our immediate Pacific Coast problem, as they are chiefly inter-faith in their appeal, and do not stress contributions by minority racial groups. Is there any immediate likelihood of the formation of an agency which, among other tasks, will undertake to have prepared by expert advertising men, copy for newspaper, billboard, and similar media telling, in simple, forceful manner the magnificent story of what the Nisei, for example, have done in this war?

Here in Sacramento, we do not feel at all happy over the present turn of events. The "California Preservation" group held another meeting last Monday evening in our Court House. It was not very well attended,-- perhaps some thirty of their representatives were there,-- along with four or more of our "observers". So unpleasant was their chairman, Mr. DeCosta of Auburn, in making it plain that outsiders were not wanted, that I'm quite sure a much larger number of "our" folks will go to the next meeting. That gathering was announced in the press as to be held May 7, presumably in the same place. Apparently their organizational efforts are going rather slowly, and we should be happy over this. However, the Auburn miscarriage of justice has occurred, breaking in the press on the very day of the opening of the S.F. Conference. And we have seen no stand taken by either Mr. Warren or Mr. Kenny, or any other "status" group condemning the subversive efforts of the "California Preservation" organization. Furthermore, here locally we are having very little success in attracting to the Council for Civic Unity either active workers of any prestige or funds enough to enable a vigorous program to be carried on, only some \$50 from 500 letters.

Our Council is contemplating the holding, before long, of a public meeting on the American-Japanese topic, with at least one speaker a person like J.M. Inman, Chester Gannon, or someone of that stripe, along with strong speakers to answer his, or their, arguments. Does that seem to you a good idea? Is there some possibility that you might be able to be one of the latter speakers for us? We think of Albert Dekker and perhaps Mr. Kenny as others.

Please let me know what cooks on the coastwide front. And whether you may be available to come here to do battle before long.

Cordially,


Henry T. Tyler

May 9, 1945

Mr. Henry T. Tyler
Route 5, Box 8205
Sacramento, California

Dear Henry:

I saw your name in the paper this morning, and knew that you and a few other stalwarts were holding the fort, or plugging the dyke, or something of the kind, in Sacramento. Good work--but now I'll try to reply to your last letter.

1). So far as I know, there is no really competent agency distributing professionally prepared materials which would be good for use out here. Because we are keenly aware of that, we have just arranged to have some such stuff prepared, and will have it ready every two weeks, starting the end of this month, for a period of three months, at least. I do not know of any group who can undertake the Bill-board medium, as that is very costly and would probably come in for a lot of mutilation.

2). Has your Council for Civic Unity written to the San Francisco Council or to the Seattle Council for suggestions as to ways and means of gaining the support of outstanding community leaders? Miss Ann Madsen, of 1404 $\frac{1}{2}$ 6th Avenue, Seattle, is Executive Secretary of the Committee there and is one of our best people, as well as a smart operator, generally. She should have excellent suggestions.

Mr. Henry Tyler

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I think that you should be able to get Foundation support if and when you get substantial backing (I mean active interest-not financial) from your own community leaders. I showed your last letter to Mrs. Marjorie Elkus, of the Columbia Foundation (they carry a lot of the San Francisco Council budget, as well as some of ours) and she was well impressed with the way you expressed your concern. Keep her informed, of what happens in Sacramento, as she might prove "helpful" in the future, when your organization is functioning a bit more smoothly.

So far, we haven't had the feeling that public meetings are of much use, although there may be need for them, eventually. We feel that good seminars, which can be well written up, and which have recognized leadership provide more profitable results. I'd like to see you use Dekker and, if you could pin him down, Kenny. We are trying to get the War Department to see the value of sending a bit of "brass" along to such seminars, for publicity value, and as indication that they mean business.

If and when we get that kind of cooperation, we hope to stage 10-15 such seminars institutes.

When our publicity staff is ready^{to} roll in a couple of weeks, I'll see that you are provided regularly, with as much of it as you can use.

Let me know how things go.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman
Executive Secretary

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