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Mr. W.W. Waymack, Editor  
Des Moines Register  
Des Moines, Iowa

Dear Mr. Waymack:

The enclosed is sent at the request of  
Professor Paul S. Taylor of the University of  
California.

I hope you will find it of some use.

Sincerely,

Secretary

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December 7, 1943

My dear Mr. Carr:

A copy of your letter to the Executive Committee of the Pasadena Chapter of the American Principles and Fair Play Committee has been forwarded to me.

You have been doing such extremely valuable things in behalf of our Japanese-American citizens that I want to take this opportunity to express my appreciation for them. There are so many issues that I am glad the ways in which they are approached are also manifold. It will be a continued satisfaction to me to know that you are carrying forward along lines of activities you have mapped out for us. I hope by my connection with the Committee on American Principles and Fair Play to work along the specific lines laid down for results in that community. I shall be very happy to have you place my name on your mailing list if you care to do so.

Cordially yours,

Mr. William Carr  
1360 West Colorado Street  
Pasadena, California

*McGeffer*



December 7, 1943

Mrs. George M. Rundquist  
297 Fourth Avenue  
New York 10

Dear George:

Your note about Mrs. Vondermuhl's story about the alleged tampering with yellow fever antitoxin by a Japanese scientist at Rockefeller Institute came the day after I had sent her a detailed rebuttal of the yarn by the wife of a well-known Seattle surgeon, to whom I had appealed some time ago, when Mrs. V. wrote me along the same lines that she evidently wrote you. In my reply to her months ago, I suggested that she make inquiries herself at the Rockefeller Institute, since her home is so near it. I fear she failed to do so.

The story has never reached me from any other source, but if it should, I shall be glad to have your first-hand denial from Dr. Johannes Bauer.

Shall see you at Denver shortly.

Cordially

Galen M. Fisher



Reply 12/17/43 Rwk  
NATIONAL JAPANESE AMERICAN STUDENT RELOCATION COUNCIL

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In reply, refer to: File No. 71

December 6, 1943.

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman  
Committee on American Principles and Fair Play  
Room 203, 465 California Street  
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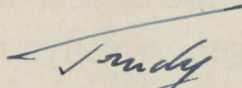
Dear Ruth:

We enclose a copy of a letter we received from the Syracuse University School of Nursing. Bernice formerly lived at 2170 Markham Way, Sacramento, California, was evacuated to Tule Lake. The War Relocation Authority is investigating this situation and is seeing what can be done about the Himotos' property. I thought, however, that you would be interested in the situation. Undoubtedly you have heard of many similar stories.

I trust that by now you have learned that the Student Relocation Council is continuing. The decisions reached at the meeting of September 29th have been reversed. We are going full force until the end of January. Between now and then we will attempt to raise money, to get the church boards and foundations to tell us how much they will give us for the year 1944. On the basis of the budget we can then draw up, we will know whether we can continue with the staff as at present, or whether we will have just two-thirds or one-half. But certainly we won't be a skeleton. They can not put us in the closet yet.

Greetings to you all from us all.

Cordially,

  
RUDY KING  
Permit Department

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Enclosure



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SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY  
Syracuse, New York

December 1st, 1943  
rec'd Dec. 2, 1943

Mr. Woodruff J. Emlen, Placement Department  
National Japanese American Student Relocation Council  
1201 Chestnut Street  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

My dear Mr. Emlen:

You will be happy to know that Miss Florence Takahashi seems to have worked out her problems and is making a much better adjustment. Apparently, her classwork is also satisfactory for we had no midterm warnings from her professors that her scholarship was not up to standard.

Through the Dean of Women's office, we are arranging for the Japanese students to spend their Christmas holidays if they wish to in the homes of professors or friendly citizens of the City. Miss Takahashi, I believe, is staying with some Japanese friends in Syracuse. If you wish to write her a Christmas letter giving her encouragement and the season's greetings, I am sure it would be appreciated. On the whole, with the adjustment they have had to make, I think the students have conducted themselves admirably. They are doing well in their classes and are liked by the other students and seem to be happy although they are far from home and family.

The only one for whom I had a midterm report was Bernice Himoto, who is having some difficulty with an advanced English course. I am hoping to see her professor sometime within the next week or so, to discuss her problem with him. She has been greatly distressed recently over news from her family and has been at a loss to know how to help. Apparently, when the Himotos were evacuated they arranged with some big agricultural concern in Sacramento to take over their valuable farm machinery. The understanding was that rent would be paid on it for five years at the end of which, it would become the property of the concern or revert to the Himotos. After paying rent for one year the company have written they will not be able to continue to do so since they did not get as much out of the land as they had anticipated. Since Mr. Himoto is not a citizen, he apparently is not making much headway with the company and the oldest son, under whose name the machinery is listed, is in Illinois farming and the three-cornered correspondence is not bringing results. The Himotos had also left all their furniture in a rented house at the disposal of the tenants with the understanding they could use it free of charge and would ship it to the Himotos when they were ready for it. Apparently, they had only a verbal agreement and the house has been sublet several times so they have no claim to the furniture now or any knowledge as to what has become of it. It is probably one of the many tragedies attendant upon the war for these people from the Coast, but Miss Himoto has been most awfully upset about it. I do not know whether there is anything at all that your agency can do and I have only the story as Miss Himoto has told me, but it seemed best for you to know that she is greatly troubled.

Yours very sincerely,

Edith H. Smith, Dean  
School of Nursing

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WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY

WASHINGTON

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

DEC 16 1942

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

Dear Mrs. Kingman:

The Office of the President referred to me your telegram of November 25, proposing six steps to be taken by various agencies of the government in connection with Tule Lake. I appreciate your thoughtfulness in making these recommendations to the President.

To take up the different points you make and comment on them briefly:

1. So far as we know, WRA will continue to operate all the centers and to give particular emphasis to relocation.
2. The trouble makers in Tule Lake already are separated, but they are still within the confines of the center itself.
3. The War Department always has had full responsibility for external security of Tule Lake Center and all other centers. The "fears" of residents near Tule Lake provided merely a good pretext for a publicity making investigation and other agitation in the vicinity.
4. We are making plans to greatly increase our internal security staff in the center.
5. The War Department has met with at least two interested groups within Congress and has interpreted the Tule Lake situation; for reasons best known to the War Department, no public statement has been made.
6. A representative of the State Department met in executive session with the Costello sub-committee, but would not permit an open session where the statements could be made public.

Many thanks for your continued loyal support.

Sincerely,

*D. S. Myers*  
Director





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December 6, 1943

Miss Mary Jefferds  
 Committee on American Principles and Fair Play  
 Room 203, 465 California Street  
 San Francisco, California

Dear Miss Jefferds,

I am sorry that we cannot supply you with the ten copies of Attorney General Biddle's address requested in your letter of November 29.

I am sure, however, that you can obtain these by addressing the Attorney General direct.

Very sincerely,

*Lucille B. Milner*

Lucille B. Milner  
 Secretary



list of ministers: - 12/6/43

We think that the enclosed may be of some  
help to you for use during Bill of Rights Week  
(December 12 - 18).

John F. Kennedy



December 6, 1943

Mrs. George A. Vondermuhl  
115 West 79th Street  
New York City

Dear Mrs. Vondermuhl:

On September 27th I replied to your inquiry of September 5, as to the alleged preparation of a "bad yellow fever serum" by a Japanese scientist connected with the Rockefeller Institute, of which you had been told by the wife of an army officer in Seattle. I advised you to make inquiries directly of the Rockefeller Institute.

At the same time I asked a friend in Seattle to make local inquiries. She did so through R.E. Mosiman, whose husband is an eminent physician, I believe. Mrs. Mosiman kindly went to considerable trouble to run the story down, and reported the results in a letter dated October 21, 1943, of which I enclose a copy. For certain good reasons, I deferred forwarding her letter to you, but now the way has been cleared, and I do so, in confidence that it disposes of the matter as completely as could be expected.

Please note especially Mrs. Mosiman's suggestion that you communicate with Lt. Com. Frank L. Horsfall, Jr. at the Institute. His father is an old and highly respected Seattle surgeon.

Both Mrs. Mosiman and I will be interested to learn what, if any, further data you may discover on the issue.

Sincerely yours

Galen M. Fisher



December 6, 1943

Dr. Book  
220 Golden Gate  
North California Council of Churches  
San Francisco, Calif.

Dear Dr. Book:

Mr. Galen Fisher requested me to send you 200 copies of Rev. Day's pamphlet. Since we have no more than 185 copies in the office here, I am sending you that amount. If you wish to obtain additional copies, do not hesitate to call upon us, for we will be able to send other copies at a later date, if required.

Sincerely,

Secretary

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Day letter to Dr. John Powell    Poston, Ariz.    Dec. 5, 1943

Prominent citizens of Los Angeles are forming Fair Play committee provided able executive available. We believe you admirably qualified. Could you give part time for few months at nominal salary of \$150. with proper increase after that. Crucial importance obvious.    <sup>Re</sup> Reply collect Mrs. Ruth Kingman  
"    Figueroa Hotel Los Angeles tomorrow or Tuesday.

Galen M. Fisher



December 3, 1943

Honorable Francis Biddle  
Department of Justice  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Biddle:

May I once more express the appreciation not only of my Committee, but of many other West Coast persons as well, of your address before the Jewish Theological Seminary in New York?

The entire subject of minority rights needs much exploration, and it is most gratifying to find our Attorney General providing leadership in that field.

May I speak particularly of the portion of your address pertaining to Americans of Japanese ancestry? Just now, when so much high feeling and prejudice are being aroused here in California, it is particularly fitting that some such expression should be made. It is regrettable that little of it appeared in the West Coast Press. Could Mr. Elmer Davis do something about this?

It would be a fine thing if you could find it possible to appear here in California, making another such splendid statement.

We need it.

Very appreciatively yours,

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman

RWK:mj



December 3, 1943

Mr. James S. Hirano  
Block Managers Headquarters  
Recreation Hall #33  
Topaz, Utah

Dear Mr. Hirano:

A whole year has gone by since I met with your Block Managers in Topaz, in a meeting to discuss Christmas festivities. So many things have happened since then, that it is impossible to even partially cover the gap in one letter.

I am happy to know that the Topaz Block Managers like Galen Fisher's articles. They were carefully prepared, and we are glad to be able to tell you that we have already sent out about 8,000, and that orders are still coming in.

In these days when the news from California must seem very bad to you, please be sure that there are still many thousands of persons on the West Coast who are determined that lawabiding persons of Japanese ancestry shall have restored to them all of their rights under the Constitution.

It is most encouraging to us, as it must be to you, that the War Department and the Department of Justice appear to be holding these same ideas.

We are sending the Fisher pamphlets. Will you please give my very best regards to "Topaz", and particularly to Mr. Ogawa, one of the Block managers, who used to be with the Pacific Floral Company in Berkeley? You might also ask him if I'm in the "dog house" with him, as I haven't heard from him forever! The same for Tats Nakamoto.

With warm personal greetings,

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman

RWK:mj



December 3, 1945

Dr. Ray Lyman Wilbur  
Palo Alto  
California

Dear Dr. Wilbur:

From time to time, we turn to members of our Advisory Board for specific bits of information of guidance.

Enclosed you will find a notation sent to us by State Senator Mary Parquharson, one of our members in Seattle. Can you give us some suggestion as to what, if anything, might be done in this case?

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman

RWK:mj



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12/13/43

115 Hill Street  
Puenente, Calif.  
Dec. 2, 1943

Pacific Coast Committee  
on American Principles  
and Fair Play -  
Berkeley, Calif.

Dear Friends:

For such you are  
to me because of your  
interest in misunder-  
stood peoples. You  
have my name because  
I wrote to Mr. Smith  
of the Methodist Church  
enclosing a \$7.00 to  
cover expense of send-  
ing to me some copies  
of the letter from a



Japanese Y. M. C. A., <sup>2</sup>  
youth. I shall send  
a little more money  
soon. I appreciate  
your communications.  
I am trying to in-  
fluence people who  
~~are~~ not friendly  
to those who disagree.

My official position  
is Director of Inter-  
national Relations  
for Peace for the  
Woman's Christian  
Temperance Union  
locally and for  
Los Angeles County.  
We are doing several  
things about which  
I will write later.  
Just now I need



a picture or pictures  
of Jesus painted  
by Japanese for  
Japanese - that is  
as a Japanese.

We are presenting  
a pageant Dec. 19  
in our Church -

"The Land of the  
Peace-Makers" and  
need such a picture  
or more than one.  
I have some of  
Chinese representa-  
tions.

We can go to some  
expense - better not  
more than a couple  
of dollars. The



picture need not  
be large - could  
use one size of  
this sheet of paper,  
a little larger would  
be better.

So you can put  
me in touch with  
such a picture I  
shall be most  
grateful.

Thank you

Sarah B. Jennings  
(Mrs. B. L.)



Reply  
12/15/43

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December 2, 1943

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

My dear Friend:

Thanks for sending me a copy of the release from the WRA on the Tule Lake episode and also a copy of your telegram to President Roosevelt, Assistant Secretary of War and Senator Downey. I want to encourage you as Secretary of the Pacific Coast Committee on American Principles and Fair Play in the splendid work your committee is doing in attempting to stem the anti-Japanese tide which is being stirred up by certain interests on the Coast. I am sure that it is of the first importance that your committee become the spearhead to voice the more liberal and Christian sentiment which exists on the Coast and which needs to be mobilized and made vocal. This is a service which can be rendered only by residents on the Pacific Coast and is a thing in which those of us who are interested and yet live in the East cannot participate. More power to you in the splendid work you are doing!

Yours sincerely,

*Homer L. Morris*

Homer L. Morris

HLM:hlb



December 2, 1943

Dr. Robert Stone  
OPA  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Dr. Stone:

Mrs. Kingman has requested me to let you know that the article by Yori Wada is definitely being published in the December issue of the California Monthly. Authoritative statement was obtained from Miss Jean Baccus, editor.

Sincerely,

Secretary

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December 2, 1943

Mr. J.N. Darling  
Des Moines Register  
Des Moines, Iowa

Dear Ding:

Maybe there's an idea for a Bill of Rights  
week cartoon in this.

Cordially,

Paul S. Taylor

PST:mj



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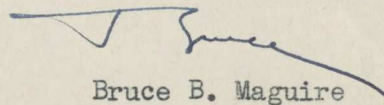
Dear Ruth:

Thank you very much for your telegram and for the material you sent to help us along on the open forum debate on Sunday night. It really went very well. I had picked up both the six-point plan which your committee had suggested and also the report on the testimony of Biddle<sup>rs</sup>, the State Department, the War Department, and so forth in the Sunday's paper. The brethren of the opposition were not too well prepared so that I think we pretty much came off with whatever honors there were. Willis Fisher of U.S.C. was my colleague in the debate.

I should like to secure 25 copies of the reprint of Galen Fisher's articles in the CHRISTIAN CENTURY. Enclosed is a check for \$2.50 for which I ask you to send these to me. *Are there checks in quantity? If no, send more.*

I secured a hundred copies of UNITED WE STAND and am sending them out in the packet to all of our Associations this week. I'd like to enclose one or two pieces of your literature each time we send out the packet - which is about every six weeks. It requires about 60 copies of a particular item if it is to be enclosed in all of the packets. How about picking out one or two items which I can include the next time - perhaps the Minnesota American Legion Statement, A VOICE THAT MUST BE HEARD or some such?

Sincerely yours,

  
Bruce B. Maguire

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December 1, 1943

Mr. Galen M. Fisher  
11 El Sueno  
Orinda, California

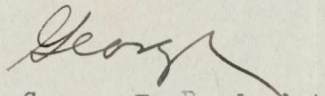
Dear Galen:

A week or so ago Mrs. George A. Vondermuhld, of 115 East 79 Street, New York City, asked me to get the facts concerning a story which emanates from Seattle. It concerns the death of seven army officers caused by the injection of a yellow fever antitoxin which had been supplied by the Rockefeller Foundation of New York, and which, as the rumor goes, had been tampered with by some Japanese working at the Foundation.

I have just talked over the telephone with Dr. Johannes H. Bauer, of the International Health Division of the Rockefeller Foundation, and he informs me that there has been no Japanese connected with the Foundation since 1927. A Dr. Noguchi, who had been connected with the institute, died on the Gold Coast of Africa in May, 1928. The story is ridiculous and without foundation. If you have heard of the story, you might want to make a denial based upon these facts.

I am looking forward to seeing you in Denver the middle of the month.

Cordially,

  
George E. Rundquist  
Executive Secretary

GER:cl



TELEGRAM

12/1/43

Allan Sproul  
Federal Reserve Bank  
New York

Can you inform us where we can telephone or telegraph

Robert Sproul immediately to give him important information.

Ruth W. Kingman

Pacific Coast Committee on American Principles and Fair Play



December 1, 1943

Mr. Vernon Nash  
6371 Church Street  
Los Angeles 42

Dear Mr. Nash:

I received your letter two days ago, scanned it hastily, and yesterday when I searched for it to write a reply, could not find it. The only explanation is that we have with us a little grand-daughter, and she may have made off with it. But on the basis of my impression of what you said, let me briefly reply.

At least two questions are involved in the issue of pressing for the right of evacuees to return freely now to the Coastal restricted areas:

1. Was the Executive Order of February 19, authorizing evacuation constitutional?

The Supreme Court has not, I believe, passed upon this. It has been my belief that the Order was intended to provide and should ~~have~~ explicitly have provided, for due process of law, such as hearings. I have repeatedly contended that hearings could and should have been held and selective evacuation adopted. This was the official contention of the Committee on National Security and Fair Play, the immediate precursor of the Pacific Coast Committee on American Principles and Fair Play, at least as regards the issue. (See Tolson Committee Hearings, Part 29, pp. 11201 - 3). In order to press these contentions upon General Dewitt, the following members of that Committee on National Security presented the March 9th memorandum to him, and discussed it for an hour with his Chief of Staff, Col. Magill: Monroe Deutsch, Alfred Lundberg (Then Chairman of State C of C) Maurice Harrison, Chester Rowell, Jesse Steinhardt, Galen H. Fisher.

The present Com. on Amer. Prin. and Fair Play has not issued a clear declaration on this point, though I wish it had, but I shall not force the issue against the convictions of members as concerned as am I to preserve constitutional rights.

2. Should we insist that the evacuees be allowed to return to the restricted areas before the War Department lifts the ban?

I believe that the Executive Order did not properly safeguard the power conferred on the War Department, as already stated. But I deem it unwise to press the constitutional right of free movement and residence for the evacuees until the War Dept. removes the present restrictions, for two reasons:

a) The legal issue is debatable, with equally liberal and respected persons taking opposite sides.

b) The return of the evacuees to their homes on this Coast before the restrictions are removed would probably inflame popular feeling along this Coast so as to hinder the free return of numbers of evacuees after the war, and also to hamper the resettlement program for evacuees during the war.

cc: T. W. C. Carr

Sincerely yours

Galen H. Fisher



December 7, 1943

Sgt. Kenneth A. Coates  
1107th Sig Co., 13th Ser. Gp.  
APO #182, Unit #1  
c/o P.O., Los Angeles, Calif.

Dear Ken:

I am writing this for both Mrs. Kingman and myself, in great joy and thanksgiving for your recent contribution. Thank you. Thank you. Thank you! Am also enclosing a bit of preview material not yet sent to our general membership (lucky you!) which may be of some interest. Any ideas or suggestions which may occur to you in this field at all, please relay 'em on up to 2234 Telegraph....always more than glad to hear from you.

Incidentally, say hello to B.C. when you write. Haven't even seen her walking along Telegraph for a couple of weeks.

Be assured the ten bucks will be marked for the best possible use....and thanks again.



December 7, 1943

Mr. Samuel Nagata  
30-18-C  
Heart Mountain, Wyoming

Dear Mr. Nagata:

Thank you so very much for the material  
which you forwarded to us. I have found it  
to be very helpful, in our work here. We are  
looking forward to receiving copies of any  
work you may publish on the subject in the  
days to come.

Thank you again.

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman

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CURTIS ZAHN  
SAN DIEGO, CAL.

Dec. 7, 1943  
1793 Titus st.

P.C. Committee on  
American principles  
& Fair Play;  
San Francisco, Cal.

Gentlemen:

A recent communication from Donald C. Peattie, enclosing the membership application, advised my affiliation with your organization. I had asked him certain questions regarding an article I am doing on Japanese Relocation.

This article, tentatively titled, "Tule Lake -- Peril on Paper" is to bring forth the truth of the sad plight of Japanese Americans, unveil fascist tendencies on the part of certain coastal pressure groups, and advise that by going against the U.S. Constitution we are losing one of the things for which we fight.

I have on hand, at this time, about "thirty pounds" of literature. Some from WRA, some from Tolan Committee, some from ACLU, Quakers, FOR and other groups.

Do not see the name of Dr. Alfred G. Fiske, whom I knew at S.F. State College on your notices. Do you have any statements by such men as Sproul, Millikan, Wilbur, August Vollmer, or Mrs. Reinhardt, which could be used for publication in this article?

Enclosed is one dollar which, according to your membership card, will have to make me a "student" member. I'm 31 -- but at this moment am unable to afford a more generous contribution to your very worthy project, as my personal affairs have taken a bad turn for the worse this month. Perhaps, later on in '44 I can help more.

Cordially,

\* enclosure

*Receipt  
mailed  
Dec. 16*

*Curtis Zahn*



WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY  
HEART MOUNTAIN RELOCATION PROJECT  
Heart Mountain, Wyoming

December 7, 1943

*Copy  
RWY  
11/16/43*

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman,  
Executive Secretary  
Pacific Coast Committee on  
American Principles & Fair Play  
2234 Telegraph Avenue  
Berkeley 4, California

Dear Mrs. Kingman:

We have received in our office your mimeographed bulletins--one on the text of telegrams sent to various officials of our government, and the other on a release to newspapers by the Office of War Information.

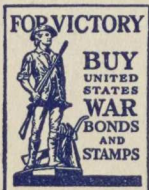
We are delighted to receive these articles and to know what fine work you are doing in our behalf. We who are left in the various relocation centers feel that our utmost concern should be our full participation in the WRA program. We thank you and hope that you will continue to keep up your good works, and if there are any questions you might want to ask, please don't hesitate to do so.

We are at your service whenever you desire it.

Very sincerely yours,

*Robert Y. Kodama*

Robert Y. Kodama, Chairman  
Project Relocation Committee





12/14/43  
my  
TELEPHONE  
MURRAY HILL 6-1200

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Per *[Signature]*





Office of the Attorney General  
Washington, D.C. 25

December 7, 1943

Dear Mrs. Kingman:

It was thoughtful of you to write me  
about the address I recently delivered before  
the Jewish Theological Seminary.

Sincerely yours,

Francis Biddle  
Attorney General

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman

Room 203, 465 California Street

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Reply  
R.W.K.  
1/7/44

30-18. C. Mount Mountain, Wyo. Dec. 8. 1943.

Pasadena Chapter, Pacific Coast Committee  
on American Principles and Fair Play.

Att. Mr. Dr. C. Carr.

Dear Sir,

Your esteemed name and the good services of  
your organization for the Cause of high and noble  
ideals are made to us by Mr. Nicholson, one of your  
members who has done a good work for the same  
purpose in the end.

We are very grateful for the existence of  
such an association like yours which is the bulwark  
of the truths for which our founding fathers gave their  
lives.

May God bless your services and hasten the  
advent of His new day of peace and brotherhood.



Truly yours,

Samuel Nagata.

P.S.

Please favor me by giving the local chapters,  
of your organization, Pacific Coast C. on A. P. - R. P.  
in Calif.: Ore. and Wash.: & Arizona.

Also, if you will, please inform me the list -  
say, about 500, or 1,000 names, of those colleges, universities  
and their presidents on the Pacific coast states whom you  
distributed your publication like "United We Stand."  
I want the top list - not all, but the names in  
your mailing list.



December 9, 1943

Mrs. Mayy Farquharson  
2126 E. 47th St.  
Seattle, Washington

Dear Mayy Farquharson:

I can't take time for a real letter.  
Thank you a lot for your note re Mrs. S.  
It came in the same mail with an excellent report from her,  
so now I take it all -- no -- most of it back, and shall  
be most thankful that she's on the job.

I referred the Suzuki thing to Dr. Ray Lyman Wilbur,  
who sent the enclosed reply.

What do you think of it?

Cordially, yours,

Ruth Kingman

RWK:mj



December 9, 1943

Dr. Ray Lyman Wilbur  
Stanford University  
Palo Alto, Calif.

Dear Dr. Wilbur:

Thank you very much for your advice regarding the so-called Suzuki Case. I shall send it on to Mrs. Farquharson, and she will take the next step.

These trying days hold so much strain for us all, that it is greatly reassuring to feel the fine support of the members of our Committee. On Tuesday of this week, I had a good conference with Dr. Sproul, whose enthusiastic and active support continues to strengthen our efforts.

He is preparing a strong personal statement to be released very soon which we feel will be effective in meeting some of the hysterical outbursts to be found in the current press.

It is good to know of the presence and feeling of the members of one group here in the West.

May our numbers continue to increase!

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman

RWK:mj



December 9, 1943

Rev. Abbott Book  
85 McAllister St.  
San Francisco, Calif.

Dear Mr. Book:

Rev. Gordon Doubleday suggested that copies of the Chester Rowell editorial (see enclosure) be included in the letters going out to the ministers of Northern California, regarding the January sermon on American Japanese.

I am sending you, under separate cover, 1,000 copies of the editorial.

Sincerely,

Secretary

mj



December 10, 1943

Mr. Clarence Lee  
632 via del Monte  
Palos Verdes Estates, Calif.

Dear Mr. Lee:

It is a jinx. Please accept most  
humble apologies.

Sincerely,

Secretary

mj



December 11, 1943

Dr. John Powell, Community Management  
Mr. Currie, Poston Co-op  
Poston, Ariz.

Dear Sirs:

Yesterday I received a letter from Mr. Don Elberson, from Mansamar, telling me the latest developments in the plans for getting more evicene families to resettle, and he mentioned in particular, the movement "to set up a Guayule Project in Northeastern Arizona or Southern Nevada, on the basis of the Mansamar experience. One man in Poston, who appears to be the choice for manager, wants to take two other people besides himself to Mansamar to study the experiment there and then to travel on and investigate the land they have their eyes on. There is sufficient capital forthcoming to start the project, but the men at Poston need travel funds. As you know, the W.R.A. has no funds for such purposes at the present time. If you know where some might be available, you could communicate with Mr. Currie at the Poston Co-op, or with Dr. John Powell of the Community Management Division at Poston."

As soon as possible after receiving Mr. Elberson's letter, I telephoned Mrs. Josephine Duveneck about the matter, and found that Mr. Elberson had talked at length with her and her husband, Professor Frank B. Duveneck, at their home, Hidden Villa Ranch, Los Altos, and that there was a good prospect that they could secure some funds for the project. When she asked me how much would be needed, I said I had no exact idea, but guessed that \$500. would go a good ways to enable both the Poston group and the Mansamar group ( whom Mr. Elberson said, wanted to send out some representatives to look for farm land for other small colonies of settlers) to proceed with their plans. I may add that he named Mr. Walter Metanabe, 11-5-4, Mansamar, as the leader of the other group.

one of/ I told Mrs. Duveneck that I would at once write and ask you for your appraisal of the trustworthiness and competence of the Poston men and your suggestions as to giving any friends who may contribute the travel funds some informal guarantee of the careful use of the money. If, for example, you would act as auditor, it would give added confidence. Do you advise making the money a gift or a loan? When would it be needed, and in what amounts? Any other facts or suggestions that you choose to give will be welcome.

Kindly reply directly to Mrs. Josephine Duveneck, at 1830 Sutter Street, San Francisco, sending me a copy to  
1761 North Troy, Apt. 439, Arlington, Va.  
where I shall be from December 20 to January 19, working for C.S.S.

I shall, however, be at Shirley-Hwy Hotel, Denver, Colo. from December 14 to 17th afternoon.

c.c. Mrs. Duveneck

Sincerely yours

Galen H. Fisher



1/4/44  
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December 11, 1943.

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

Dear Ruth:

We have just been asked by our National Council Public Relations Office to write about any of our former "Y" members who may have proved themselves to be heroes in every sense of the word in this war.

To date we have three particularly that we are very proud of. You might be able to use this in some of your work.

Sincerely yours,

*Louis*

Louis J. Meillette,  
General Secretary.

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Encl. 1  
Via Clipper



12/23/43  
MR

Stanford University  
California, gen. D.  
Dec. 12, 1943

Dear Friends:

Mr. Frank Dureneck informs  
me that you have sent out  
a statement of the story of  
events at Gule Lake  
during the recent disturbance.

Please send me a copy of  
this and any other circulars  
you send out.

I am enclosing a check  
for \$1<sup>00</sup>.

Sincerely yours,

Elsie R. Renne  
(Renne)

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December 13, 1943

Mrs. Ruby Heide  
Alameda County C.I.O.  
Alameda, Calif.

Dear Ruby Heide:

I'm still looking for a white ostrich  
plume as good looking as yours. --

Enclosed you will find a letter from an  
American Japanese girl Harry and I have known  
for several years. We think you will enjoy read-  
ing it. Will you kindly return it when read?

Thank you -- you're doing a swell job. I've  
seen your name in all sorts of strategic places.

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman

RWK:mj



December 13, 1943

Mrs. B. L. Jennings  
115 Hill St.  
Puate, Calif.

Dear Mrs. Jennings:

I am writing for Mrs. Kingman to express her regret that she can not help you in your request for a picture in your letter of December 2nd.

The unfortunate delay in answering was due to Mrs. Kingman's absence from Berkeley recently, and I am very sorry if this has inconvenienced you.

I am enclosing the stamps which you sent, and a new release that has come into our hands which may be of some interest to you.

Sincerely,

Secretary

mj



December 13, 1943

Mrs. Marjorie Elkus  
Columbia Foundation  
Russ Building  
San Francisco, Calif.

~~Mrs. Marjorie Elkus:~~  
Mrs. Elkus:

In addition to sending you some of our release as they have gone out, I have gathered the entire collection, and am now sending them, under separate cover so that you may more easily see the sequence in which they were sent.

You may notice in one of the letters that I spent some three weeks in Washington this fall. I am ~~happier~~ happier than happy to be able to report a much more truly American attitude east of the Rockies, and most particularly in Washington than we find here on the Pacific Coast, at least regarding our loyal Americans of Japanese ancestry.

With the appalling hysteria which is being whipped up by journalists and other political groups here in California, we feel most deeply our responsibility of providing properly documented material as rapidly as it can be secured.

We are particularly pleased with the pamphlet "A Balance Sheet on Japanese Evacuation" by Mr. Galen Fisher. Mr. Fisher has been of greatest help to us, and we shall miss him in the coming weeks, for he has been called to Washington to serve in the State Department under the direction of the Office of Strategic Services.

The work in Seattle is progressing well, but we are having some difficulty in Los Angeles in finding leadership with enough courage to take on this work of dealing out facts as they are established.



I had a fine conference with Dr. Robert Gordon Sproul last week. His interest is unflagging and his determination to "hold the line" is inspiring. The support of such men as Dr. Sproul and Dr. Monroe Deutsch is invaluable.

Feeling that we have the moral support which necessarily underlies the more tangible financial support of the Columbia Foundation is of utmost value to us all.

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman

RWK:mj



December 13, 1943

Dean Mary C. Baker  
Fresno State College  
Fresno, Calif.

Dear Dean Baker:

Mrs. Kingman has just recently returned from a trip to Los Angeles, and has since been away from the office with a cold, and consequently there has been some delay in answering your letter of December 3rd.

Mrs. Kingman will answer your questions in the very near future, but in the meantime, may I clarify the matter of membership cards? I had understood that some member of the Fresno Committee had cards numbering 342 - 405 inclusive. Would it be possible to check with the officers of the Fresno Branch to make sure that cards have not already been issued to someone there? If I am mistaken, please let me know, and I shall promptly send you 100 cards.

We have now, only a list of names and addresses of the Fresno members, with no record of how much money each has contributed. I would appreciate this information very much as it is important to complete our office files. The two names you mentioned have been added to the original list. Seven members of the Fresno Branch already have membership cards. These people are: yourself, Miss Cosgrave, Mr. Phillips, Mrs. Zelhart, Mr. Cecil Lawrence, Mr. Lowell Pratt, and Mrs. Thomas Lopez.

I have sent under separate cover some material which you may find useful in interest in prospective members. Is this what you had in mind? Please let me know if the office here can be of any further assistance.

Sincerely,

Secretary

mj



December 14, 1943

Dean Mary C. Baker  
Fresno State College  
Fresno, Calif.

Dear Mollie Baker:

Having just returned from Los Angeles, where we are still having difficulty in getting some courageous leadership, I see that my secretary Mary Jeffords has sent you some material and has written about the missing membership cards. I trust that it is all clear now.

I have asked W.R.A. to look up the Hashita record, and should have it in hand tomorrow or next day. From their off hand ( and off record ) recollections, the answer will be favorable.

I sincerely hope that you can get Pearl Buck. She can be reached at: Rural Delivery 3, Bearkase, Pa.

I shall write re Hashita as soon as I hear from W.R.A.

Cordially,

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman

RWK:mj



OK  
12/16/43  
December 14, 1943

Please note change of address for:

Dr. U. S. Mitchell  
Pacific Regional Director  
National Conference of Christians & Jews  
703 Market St. #809-815  
San Francisco, California

Former address:

First Baptist Church  
Berkeley, California



THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS



Committee on American Prin. and Fair Play  
2234 Telegraph Avenue  
Berkeley 4, California



WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY

In reply, please refer to:

Manzanar, California

December 14, 1943

→ Mr. H. A. Spindt  
Appointment Sec.  
U. of C.  
Berkeley, California

Dear Herm:

I thought you would be interested in an incident that has recently taken place here in the Owens valley, that was, to us, a welcome sign of clear thinking in the face of the present Hearst campaign and the political folderol surrounding the treatment of Japanese-American evacuees.

A representative of a State Senate so-called "fact-finding" committee spent five days in the valley sounding out public opinion to determine if local public fear and anxiety would warrant a public hearing on the management of Manzanar.

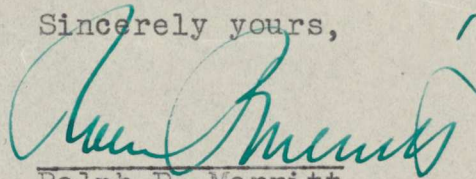
The result of his visit as reported in the two papers of the valley is attached.

I am also sending you a mimeographed sheet of some interesting facts on Manzanar in answer to some of the questions asked by the public.

Knowing your interest in these matters, both items are sent you to keep you informed on current developments.

With kindest personal regards, I am,

Sincerely yours,



Ralph P. Merritt  
Project Director

Enclosure





December 15, 1943

Congressman George Outland  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C.

Dear George:

Now that some of the tumult and the shouting have died, and Dillon Myer is being deluged with pressures from all sides, I'm going to suggest that one more pressure be placed upon him. As we look at his program, the greatest fault we find is not in policy nor in administration, but rather in the deplorable lack of any public interpretation of either his accomplishments or difficulties.

For over a year now, I've been dinging at him about his minus public relations. In fact, he has come to think that it is a hobby of mine, which it is not. But even his organization out here, regional and in the centers, is crying for some better public presentation than has been made to date.

If you feel free to do so, will you consider talking over with whichever of your fellow Californians you think might welcome the suggestion, a rather urgent request that Mr. Myer institute some means of establishing better public relations, particularly on the West Coast?



The work of our Committee, very naturally, is largely limited to the production and distribution of documented material, and can be expected to have an appeal only to people who are willing to read it. Something, far beyond anything we can do should be done, immediately, to see that the truth gets before the people.

We are approaching Elmer Davis, and have high hopes that he will be helpful. I know that there can be no more effective request to Mr. Myer than from you. It seems obvious that an accession to such a request would make your position more comfortably tenable.

Will you please consider this letter as confidential? I'm very fond of Mr. Myer, and admire him tremendously, but I do feel that every possible means of opening up his "blind spot" should be explored.

What do you think?

Cordially,

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman

RWK:mj



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Congress of the United States  
House of Representatives

Washington, D. C.  
December 20, 1943

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman, Executive Secretary  
Pacific Coast Committee on American Principles and Fairplay  
2234 Telegraph Avenue,  
Berkeley, California

Dear Ruth:

I hasten to answer your letter of December 15th. Maybe the tumult and the shouting have died down out there, but unfortunately back here they are simply increasing. Two or three West Coast newspaper representatives are constantly pouring oil on the flames and I feel sometimes as though some of us were fighting a losing battle.

I talked with Dillon Myer as soon as I could after your letter came and I think he realizes the need for a more adequate public relations program. However, quite frankly, most of the papers will not publish any releases which are favorable to W.R.A., so he is up against it. I have suggested the radio as a better means of reaching more people, and I am sure that he is considering it.

I shall be in San Francisco probably at the Clift Hotel the evening of January 12th, all day the 13th and the morning of the 14th, and would like to talk over some of these things if you have the time.

With all best wishes to you, I am

Cordially yours,

*George*

George E. Outland

GEO:K

*Best of everything to you.  
GEO*



December 15, 1943

Mrs. Anna R. Boettiger  
White House  
Washington, D.C.

My dear Mrs. Boettiger:

My good friend Cap Joyce in San Francisco suggested that I write to you, and said that his suggestion was to be considered a very proper introduction. May it be so considered? If so, I shall go on to the very pressing business I wish to cover in this letter.

As a resident of Seattle, and one who is in touch with the press situation there and on the West Coast at large, you do not have to be told of the deplorable lack of anything approaching a real public relations policy in W.R.A. For a year and a half I have urged, pleaded, raged and finally subsided in a one woman battle with Dillon Myer, trying to get him to see the necessity of establishing an intelligent and adequate public relations policy.

You may or may not be acquainted with the work of our Committee, most of which is being done in California. The Seattle group is just going through the throes of organization. You will hear more of it upon your return home.

So far as I know, we are the only group outside of church organizations which have endorsed W.R.A. policy as it has worked out to date. We hope to continue to do so as we feel that W.R.A. is honestly trying to work on the principles for which we stand.

However, it is becoming increasingly difficult for me to explain to our members just what those policies are, due to the lack of any comprehensive interpretation by Mr. Myer. As Dr. Sproul, President of the University of California and Honorary Chairman of our Committee said to me in a conference last week, "Mr. Myer's greatest weakness seems to be an utter lack of any dramatic sense".



What can we do to make good Millon Myer recognize that the only possible defense out here is a positive approach?

We are perfectly aware of some of the difficulties confronting government agencies, particularly at this time. (May I say in passing, as a personal observation, that we also recognize the possible disastrous political implications out here, should these attacks on an agency created by Presidential order be allowed to go unchallenged?)

The W.R.A. personnel out here seem to feel this need. For the past few months I have said little to Mr. Myer about it. When I was in Washington in September and October, I had hoped to suggest to Mrs. Roosevelt that she urge the establishment of some such policy, but I missed an appointment with her when I had to take the train for home on the day it was scheduled. As it was, I was delighted to hear her speak for a few minutes at the Democratic Womens' Club on her South Pacific trip.

I have no specific suggestion as to what might be done. You know far better than I which possible channels might be used to convince Mr. Myer that we need, he needs, and the West Coast particularly needs a Break on this thing, right now.

I'm taking Cap's word for it that you are interested, or I would not have bothered you about it.

What do you suggest?

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman

RWK:mj

P.S. I am enclosing a copy of a letter to Congressman George Outland.



THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

December 31, 1943

Dear Mrs. Kingman:

Many thanks for your letter of December 15. I am in complete agreement with you concerning the point you bring out in your letter on the question of W.R.A. public relations. I expect to look into that matter more fully before I leave the East. Needless to say, I am really glad to have your views and am grateful to Cap Joyce for introducing you to me.

Hoping to see you sometime in Seattle and with every good wish for the New Year, I am

Sincerely yours,

*Anna Roosevelt Boettiger*

Anna Roosevelt Boettiger

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



## COLUMBIA FOUNDATION

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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

December 15, 1943

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

My dear Mrs. Kingman:

Thank you for your letter of December 14th which arrived at the same time the collection of material relating to your program was received.

I have had the opportunity only of glancing over the material but expect to do a more thorough job on it shortly since it appears to be exceedingly interesting. I find I have read a number of these articles already, but others I haven't seen.

I was happy to know that you feel encouraged by the results of your work, and I share your opinion that no effort should be spared to bring the truth of this situation to the surface. I hope you will soon be successful in securing a strong leader for the Los Angeles area, which in my opinion is a strategic spot in this state for the development of strong counter action against discrimination of the Japanese.

It is regrettable Mr. Fisher is leaving the west coast, but I am sure that with his fine background and experience he will be of greater service with the State Department.

Very truly yours,

*Marjorie Elkus*  
(Mrs.) Charles deY. Elkus, Jr.  
Executive Director

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*Ref. Super*

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December 15, 1943

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

My dear Mrs. Kingman:

Some time ago I promised to send you a list of the members of our Board of Directors. Here it is at last, with the names of those checked in red who, I think, would be interested in participating actively in the work of your Committee. Some of them may indeed already be members.

We should be glad to welcome you when you decide to come to San Francisco to develop a program here.

Sincerely yours,

*Carroll Watson*



December 16, 1943

Attorney General Francis Biddle  
Department of Justice  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Biddle:

It appears from your statement that legal steps may be taken to deal with our disloyal citizens of Japanese ancestry. Our Committee is greatly interested in your interpretation of such a possibility.

The California press, quite characteristically, has printed only fragments of your recent statements concerning the possibility of depriving disloyal citizens of their rights of citizenship. I hope that you can find the time to answer one or two questions which we feel should be clarified.

- 1.) Is your position in support of H.R. 2701, and if so,
  - a) Is loyalty to be construed by Federal Authority, or is it to be, of necessity, disclaimed voluntarily for abrogation of citizenship?
  - b) What safeguards will there be to prevent abuses except where there is written evidence, a sworn statement of the accused?

We shall appreciate your clarification of these points as soon as possible, for we are eager that the entire matter of penalties for "disloyalty" if any, be thoroughly explored and clarified.

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman

RWK:mj



December 16, 1943

Mrs. Claire M. Siegley  
2712 10th Ave. North  
Seattle, Washington

Dear Mrs. Siegley:

I am asking my office secretary to send you the material you've asked for.

I'm delighted that Mr. Bayley will consider the chairmanship. Mr. Harrison, our Advisory Board Chairman will write him today, inviting him to take the job. Galen Fisher has gone to Washington, but would have no authority anyway, to write the invitation, being Assistant Treasurer.

That Mayor of Kent thing was certainly "low". One meets that all of the time. I'm glad that Mr. Bayley could give you good advice on that.

I'm getting an analysis of the Sheppard Bill, (a simple one) from Attorney General Biddle, I think. I'm asking him for it at any rate, and he is always very ~~indifferent~~ <sup>helpful</sup> in answering my questions. I'll send along the findings.

We're having an annual Advisory Board meeting on the 29th. Following that, we'll have some new program to propose.

Let me know as soon as you are all "lined up".

Cordially,

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman

RWK:mj



December 16, 1943

Mr. Scott Newhall  
The Chronicle  
5th & Mission,  
San Francisco, Calif.

Dear Scott:

I'm sorry to have missed hearing your  
broadcast last week. I understand that you  
did a nice peice of work in "analysing" a  
lot of the anti-Nisei stuff.

Thanks.

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman

RWK:mj



December 16, 1943

Miss Trudy King  
1201 Chestnut St.  
Philadelphia 7, Pa.

Dear Miss King:

Thanks for the good letter. I'm delighted that Student Relocation has not gone.

I am more than eager to know if anything is being done by Student Relocation to jog up W.R.A. to keep the High School standards high enough to give adequate college preparation.

I have received several reports to the contrary from parents who are greatly distressed. Can you give me any information on this?

That Himoto situation is typical, and deplorable. W.R.A. is the only agency I know which can help.

Cordially,

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman

RWK:mj



# NATIONAL JAPANESE AMERICAN STUDENT RELOCATION COUNCIL

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THOMAS R. BODINE, Field Director

December 28, 1943.

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

Dear Mrs. Kingman:

Thanks a lot for your recent letter. We have suggested to the Sacramento girl that she and her family work directly through the W.R.A. to alleviate the deplorable yet typical property situation.

As regards us jogging up the W.R.A., we have done that in many fields and after Tom Bodine returned from his all-inclusive field trip, he tried to do what he could to awaken them to the low standards of their high schools. I don't know what success, if any, he had; nor do I know how much can be done about it. For instance, at Jerome some top educational people are quite opposed to educating Nisei. When I next go to Washington, which should be some time this week, I will inquire further as to what can or is being done.

In the meantime, <sup>all</sup> ~~both~~ of us who were on the West Coast send you and Mr. Kingman belated Christmas wishes and cordial greetings for the new year. May the new year have less red tape!

Cordially,

*Trudy King*  
TRUDY KING  
Permit Department

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## THE COUNCIL

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

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December 16, 1943

Miss Grace C. Steinbeck  
941 So. Figueroa St.  
Los Angeles, Calif.

Dear Miss Steinbeck:

True to your prediction, I found your good letter upon my return to Berkeley. While I do wish that it had contained a "brain wave" as to a potential Executive Secretary for Southern California.

I am following your suggestion and am laying the responsibility on the Los Angeles group. My letters are going out next week, and you will probably get one!

It was nice to talk with you. The Cannon hearings seem to have boomeranged a bit on the chairman. When the Los Angeles Times complain, it must be bad!

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman

RWK:mj



December 16, 1943

Miss Margaret Cosgrave  
1544 Van Ness  
Fresno, Calif.

Dear Margaret:

I finally have official word on Dr. Hashita.

His registration record in the Washington files shows "yes" on the loyalty question.

On Nov. 9, 1943 he stated, in the presence of the Spanish Consul, Colonel Austin and Project Director Best, that on Nov. 8, 1943 he had applied for repatriation.

These are the bare facts. Because of his "Yes", he was, up to Nov. 8, eligible for leave clearance. As a result of his request for repatriation, his "loyalty is open to question", as it is recorded in the record.

Goodness only knows what lies between those two declarations. One of the W.R.A. men going to Tule from San Francisco tonight is to see what he can find out. It looks to me like one of those tragic casualties about which we will never know the entire truth.

I shall send you whatever information I can get.

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman

RWK:mj



December 16, 1943

Mr. Robert Y. Kodama  
Heart Mountain Relocation Project  
Heart Mountain, Wyoming

Dear Mr. Kodama:

Thank you very much for your letter.  
You may be sure that we shall continue  
to work out at our task of countering hys-  
teria and prejudice wherever we find it.

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman

RWK:mj



December 16, 1943

Mr. John B. Hughes  
National Broadcasting Co.  
Los Angeles, Calif.

Dear Mr. Hughes:

We were highly gratified with your statements on your December 15th broadcast, concerning our loyal American Japanese.

It is gratifying to know that there is an increasing number of persons reaching and maintaining a fair-minded and realistic attitude to this problem which is so important not only on the West Coast, but to the country as a whole.

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman  
Executive Secretary

RWK:mj



December 16, 1943

Mr. Leland Barrows  
War Relocation Authority  
Barr Bldg.  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Barrows:

We were interested in your enclosure  
covering the report on the Los Angeles  
Nichiren church vandalism.

I have sent it on to Dr. E.C. Farnham,  
Executive Secretary of the Los Angeles Council  
of Churches, who is trying to do something  
on this problem.

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman

RWK:mj



December 16, 1943

Mr. Clarence S. Gillett  
521 East Cook  
Santa Maria, Calif.

Dear Mr. Gillett:

Enclosed you will find a copy of the letter  
Mrs. Kingman sent today to Mr. Dakan.

She ~~also requested~~ that I pass on her thanks  
to you for your letter of November 15th.

Sincerely,

Secretary

mj



Dec. 12, 1943.

Dear Ruth;

Would you care for the clippings I have before and after the damnable questionnaire? They might indicate to you the cause of part of the results of that vote, such was the one-sided presentation of the matter.

*Sent 12/15/43*  
I wish we might have more of the "Pertinent Facts" leaflet, 'tis more valuable than the Rowell editorials, good as those are.

Yours cordially, Clarence H. Lee.  
Box 174, Palos Verdes Estates, Cal.





THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS



Mrs. Ruth W. Kingmman

2234 Telegraph Ave.

Berkeley, Cal.



RWK  
11/14/44

WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY

In reply, please refer to:

Manzanar, California

December 16, 1943

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman  
2234 Telegraph Avenue  
Berkeley, 4, California

Dear Mrs. Kingman:

I thought you would be interested in an incident that has recently taken place here in the Owens valley, that was, to us, a welcome sign of clear thinking in the face of the present Hearst campaign and the political folderol surrounding the treatment of Japanese-American evacuees.

A representative of a State Senate so-called "fact-finding" committee spent five days in the valley sounding out public opinion to determine if local public fear and anxiety would warrant a public hearing on the management of Manzanar.

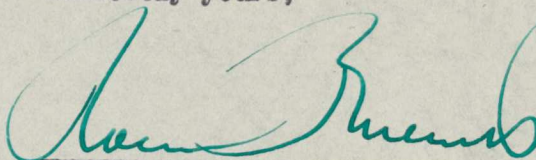
The result of his visit as reported in the two papers of the valley is attached.

I am also sending you a mimeographed sheet of some interesting facts on Manzanar in answer to some of the questions asked by the public.

Knowing your interest in these matters, both items are sent you to keep you informed on current developments.

With kindest personal regards, I am,

Sincerely yours,



Ralph P. Merritt  
Project Director

Enclosure





12/20/43  
my

Please send me 12  
Copies of "A Balance Sheet"  
From Japanese Evacuation  
College  
Rev. Isaac Fleming  
Dec 16, 43 Box 187 Benicia.



# WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY

WASHINGTON

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

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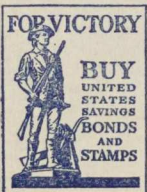
Mrs. Ruth Kingman, Executive Secretary  
Committee on American Principles and Fair Play  
2234 Telegraph Avenue  
Berkeley, California

Dear Mrs. Kingman:

For over a period of a month I have felt very derelict for not answering some of your wires personally and keeping you better informed, but there has been little opportunity to dictate since my return to the office on November 10. I presume you will understand, however, that I haven't been loafing. In the interim period we have been very busy documenting all of the newspaper stories in connection with the Senate hearings at Tule Lake and rechecking other information regarding the incident in preparation for the many hearings on the Hill. In addition to that I have made a short trip, spending one day in Boston and two in New York City which, I think, were spent to good advantage.

We had nearly an all-day hearing before the Senate Military Affairs Committee on Wednesday, November 24, at which time Major General White, Assistant Chief of Staff of G-1 in the War Department, and Breckinridge Long and Mr. Gufler, of the State Department, appeared before the Committee. This was an executive session suggested by Senator Downey and was very helpful in clarifying the atmosphere. Congressman Engle was the first witness and presented the case for the prosecution. General White in particular did a magnificent job and we had the first real opportunity we have ever had before that Committee to present our story without much interruption.

On Saturday, November 27, we had another executive session which lasted all day--this time with the West Coast delegation--beginning at 10:30 a.m. and lasting until 5:45 p.m. General White was again present. He sat through the hearings all day to appear the last thing on the program for about fifteen or twenty minutes. Mr. Gufler and Mr. Long represented the State Department and did a splendid job. Mr. Biddle was the first witness during the morning session. Mr. Engle was called, after Mr. Biddle and the State Department had been questioned, and again presented the case for the prosecution. This time, unfortunately for him, he became very emotional and did not do as good a job as in the Senate hearings, but it laid a very good background for my appearance for about thirty minutes without interruption and if I do say so myself it was my best





speech since becoming a member of the WRA staff. Following that there was an hour and a half of questions after which General White came on and did a quiet and effective job, even more satisfactorily than in the Senate hearings. The result was that no action has yet been taken by the delegation. I am sorry that it is not possible to tell you in detail what happened but it was definitely agreed that it should be an executive session and as far as I know everyone to date, with one possible exception, has kept his word. Suffice it to say that it is the most effective session we have had on the Hill. Unfortunately, it will never get publicity, but it was important.

The following week I made my trip to Boston and New York and it was during that period that the Dies Committee started their hearings. They heard Dr. Mason, a member of the hospital staff who resigned on November 6, Congressman Engle, and Captain Hall of the War Department in executive session and arranged to start open hearings on Monday, December 6. Note the date. For your information there is enclosed a copy of a letter from John Costello dated November 25 which may have had something to do with the timing of my appearance before the Committee, and a copy of my reply to him. You will be interested to know that each Project Director was requested to call on the morning of December 8 before the hearing commenced that day and every one of them reported there were no incidents that in any way could be considered pro-Japanese either on December 6 or 7. Attached is a quote from an editorial in the Minidoka Irrigator, a project newspaper, which appeared on Pearl Harbor day.

On Sunday, December 5, the Times-Herald in Washington broke the Mid-west Frontiers story which came out of our Cleveland area and proved to be quite a story. It was based upon an article written by one of our staff to try to sell evacuees in the centers on the idea that they should move into rural areas of Ohio and Michigan. He became quite enthusiastic and, as it developed, indiscreet, and I might add that the article was supposed to have been cleared with Washington and for some reason was not. We killed the issue the first thing Monday morning, but it did give Mr. Stripling and his boys, including Ray Richards, the opportunity to have a lot of fun with us. However, it was not important in the Dies hearings other than that it did give the boys of ill will a good many chuckles. It received a lot of publicity in the East but is now being humorously treated editorially and otherwise, and while we will never live it down I don't think it will do serious damage. It is one of those things and broke at a very bad time.

The men of ill will did a better job this time in preparing their case than in July. Their strategy was to try to place me in the position of defending the evacuees at Tule Lake on the one hand and, on the other, of seeming to place the blame on a group of minor members of our staff.



On Tuesday morning they had quite a field day for about an hour and a half in presenting the testimony and affidavits secured by the Donnelly Committee, at which time they asked me about the objectivity of witnesses who appeared before that Committee, and presented the material on which I was supposed to comment. Consequently I had a defensive period but on the whole the hearings did not go badly and the final day was our inning. So my morale is very good at the moment about the events on the Hill for the past three weeks.

I fully realize there are problems still to be faced, particularly on the West Coast. There is no question but that our public relations reached a new low following the Tule Lake incident and also that mistakes have been made. One or two have been quite injurious but I am still the eternal optimist. It seems to me we have passed the crisis and are on the way up again, but it will take some time to regain the ground lost. You may be assured, however, that we are going to devote our whole time and energy to doing that as quickly as it is possible to concentrate our energies in that direction. We are at least six weeks behind in some of our administrative affairs because of the time required by key members of the staff in relation to the hearings and the Tule Lake incident. We will never regain the time lost but we can regain a portion of it.

I sincerely regret the effect that these events must have had upon our good friends on the West Coast, including yourself and members of your Committee, and the people of good will up and down the Coast who have tried to do the job on a factual basis. I particularly regret the Nazi story. Also the fact that the press and even some of our friends felt that we were trying to cover up, which was not true but was perhaps inevitable under the circumstances.

You may be assured that we appreciate the job you and your Committee have done and the way you stood by during a period of storm. Let me repeat again that I am sorry we have not had the time to keep you better informed and do the constructive things suggested by you personally and other members of your Committee. Something that was known to me but which you could not know at that time has appeared in the papers recently. This was the Allied Conference which broke at the time our troubles developed. Consequently we were handicapped by having the President absent from Washington and Mr. McCloy and some of his staff away at a time when they could have been very helpful. On the other hand, however, General White did a job on the Hill that I will always remember. Incidentally, he is still to be called before the Dies Committee as soon as he is out of the hospital where he now is, undoubtedly with a touch of the flu.

Just as soon as we can get our house in order I will try to give you a more orderly statement of the developments. A second edition of

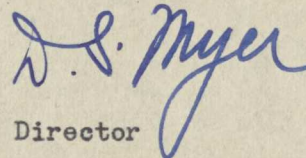


the November 13 release will be issued soon and will deal with certain facts in relation to the Tule Lake incident which we hope will close the door on that particular period.

On November 26 Bob Cozzens sent a teletype to me quoting the wire sent by your Committee to the War Department, the Senate Military Affairs Committee, and the President. When there was time to go over it I went down the line starting with no. 1 and found that an o.k. was written after each comment from 1 - 6. Thanks very much.

May I express the wish that the Kingman family will have a very happy holiday season. With kindest personal regards.

Sincerely,

  
Director

Enclosures - 2



December 17, 1943

Mr. E. L. Bakan  
Relocation Officer  
War Relocation Authority  
3320 A.I.U. Bldg.  
Columbus, 15, Ohio

Dear Mr. Bakan:

Mr. Clarence Gillett has suggested that we might be of assistance to you in sending the names of the organizations and individuals aggressively opposing the return of Japanese Americans to the Pacific Coast.

We have always followed the policy of not "calling names", and have consequently never prepared such a list. I think that if you could write to Carey McWilliams, 904 Spring Arcade Bldg., 541 So. Spring St., Los Angeles 13, he will provide you with such information.

Cordially yours,

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman

RWK:mj



December 17, 1943

Dr. E. C. Farnham  
3330 W. Adams Blvd.  
Los Angeles, Calif.

Dear Dr. Farnham:

Is there anything at all to do on this,  
or has it been done?

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman

RWK:mj



December 17, 1943

Mr. Eddie Shimano  
Common Ground  
222 Fourth Ave.  
New York City, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Shimano:

Due to a variety of reasons, I have been unable, to date, to reply to your letter of August 12th, in which you suggested a possible exchange of membership lists.

I am very sorry not to be able to comply, but it has been decided that due to the extremely controversial field in which we are working, we cannot establish any such precedent. You may well imagine the different groups which have approached us with the same idea, and while in the case of Common Ground we would like to make an exception, we feel that we cannot do so, consistently with our policy.

We shall send you all our our material, however, should you wish to have any of it.

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman

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December 17, 1943

Mr. Homer L. Morris  
20 So. Twelfth St.  
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Mr. Morris:

Thank you very much for your letter. It is seldom that we get that kind, as we more often than not feel that we are "voice crying in the wilderness." But at any rate, we keep at it, for we are confident that our position is not only correct, but necessary.

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman

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