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June 2, 1944

Mr. Clarence S. Gillett
6501 Wydown Blvd.
St. Louis 5, Mo.

Dear Mr. Gillett:

I am sending 100 copies of "American Fighting Men Speak Out" to you today, and hope that we will have more luck with this batch.

Tomorrow or this afternoon we expect to have copies of "Beyond the Horizon" in quantity from the printers, and will mail you 200 copies at that time.

We did receive the Kaltenborn letters, and the Races of Mankind pamphlets yesterday. Thank you very much.

Very sincerely yours,

Office secretary

mj

June 2, 1944

Dr. Cameron P. Hall
Witherspoon Bldg.
Philadelphia 7, Pa.

Dear Dr. Hall:

At the request of Rev. Gordon Chapman of San Francisco, we have mailed to you today 600 each of the enclosed mimeographed sheets.

The cost of this material is \$5.00. Please make the check out to the Fair Play Committee.

Thank you very much.

If we can be of any further assistance, please do not hesitate to call upon us.

Very sincerely yours,

Office secretary

mj

June 3, 1944

Mr. John J. McCloy
War Department
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. McCloy:

Enclosed you will find a sheet, some 2,500 of which we are circulating, largely on the West Coast.

May I call your attention to No. 12, particularly. We feel that there will be a wide support of a liberalized policy when it is firmly sponsored by the War Department, but that such support will not be indicated prior to an announcement of the policy.

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman
Executive Secretary

RWR:mj



THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF WAR
WASHINGTON

6 June 1944

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

Dear Mrs. Kingman:

Mr. McCloy has asked me to reply to your letter of June 3, 1944, transmitting a circular which your committee is distributing on the West Coast. Mr. McCloy has read this circular with interest and appreciates your sending it to him.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, which appears to read "H. A. Gerhardt", is written over the typed name.

HARRISON A. GERHARDT

Lt. Colonel, General Staff Corps
Executive to Ass't Secretary of War

June 3, 1944

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

Dear Mr. Secretary:

Enclosed you will find a duplicate of the sheet
we are sending Mr. McCloy, together with a copy of the
covering letter written to him.

We are convinced that support of a liberalized policy
in relation to the return of loyal Japanese Americans to
the West Coast is growing, and that it can be crystallized
by positive action by the War Department.

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman
Executive Secretary

RWK:mj

June 3, 1944

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

Dear Mr. Myer:

Enclosed you will find the revised release on "Soldier and Civilian Nisei and Government Policy Today and Tomorrow", together with copies of my letters to Mr. McCloy and Secretary Ickes. We are having a hard time keeping up with requests for this sheet, and consider this to be an indication of a favorable trend.

Following your suggestion, I have made the changes you felt would strengthen the statements, and in addition, have added to the first paragraph the fact that 900 Purple Hearts, etc. have been awarded the members of the 100th. I am enclosing an original with which you might wish to compare the later release.

Thank you very much for the breakdown of figures indicating the ratio of pro and con letters received. I think that the ratio will be increasingly favorable in the coming few weeks. I should be interested to know what is happening as to the relative pros and cons going to the War Department. That is where most of the emphasis is being "channelled". I don't suppose we'll ever know, but I'd love to.

I shall be very glad to hear your reaction to the Radio transcription "Who Got Yap", which I understand that Mr. Cozzens is sending you. We feel that it is of vital interest to not only the National Board of Education, but more particularly to the Department of State and to all persons interested in an analysis of what constitutes defection. I believe that it was Congressman Leroy Johnson of California, who is reported to have said that California is ready to join the Solid South. This transcript seems to indicate some such trend. I am going to Sacramento next week, and will try to arrange an appointment with State Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Dexter, to let him hear the recording, and to get an possible reaction from him.

Very cordially yours,

RWK:mj

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman

June 3, 1944

Mr. Walter L. Johnson
14 Wall Street
New York City

Dear Mr. Johnson:

May we thank you very much for your check for \$96.54 to be spent in defrayment of the costs of sending copies of our pamphlet "Beyond the Horizon" to each of the members of the Congress.

They will be sent within the week, and I shall send you a copy of our covering letter at the time of the mailing.

In accord with your wishes, we shall not refer to you in the letter.

Very cordially yours,

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman
Executive Secretary

RWK:mj

June 3, 1944

Mr. Vaughn MacCaughey
California Teachers Association
660 Market St.
San Francisco, Calif.

Dear Mr. MacCaughey:

Thank you very much for printing the statements concerning the Nisei, which appeared in the June issue of the Sierra Educational News, a copy of which we received this morning.

We are glad that there will be a wide circulation of these facts, which should be before as many of our California people as we can reach.

We appreciate your cooperation.

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman

RWK:mj

The Church of the Holy Apostles

22-3-D

Hunt, Idaho

June 3, 1944

Mary note
OK 6/10/44
Mr. Galen Fisher
11 El Sueno
Orinda, California

Dear Dr. Fisher:

It was a joy to have ^{you} with us at Hunt and especially to hear your most encouraging answers. I only wished that more of the Huntites were there to hear them.

✓ I am asking you to tell me how authentic this information is that General Emmons unofficially allowed or is going to allow two to three hundred evacuees to go back to the restricted zone on June 5th. I have had a great deal of correspondence with Floyd Schmoe in regards to this program. If you could put my name on the list of the American Fair Play Committee, I will be most grateful.

Under separate cover we are sending you our little paper which we have been putting out bi-monthly for the interest of the Episcopal members here.

Sincerely yours,

Joseph Kitagawa
(Rev.) Joseph Kitagawa

Left personally
June 12/44

329 $\frac{1}{2}$ No. Magnolia
Rialto, California
June 3, 1944

Dear Ruth -

Thanks for speaking
to Mr Norrie. I wrote to
him telling all about Tomie,
and am hoping that some-
thing will come of it.

I got some of the
Fortune reprints from Ameri-
can Council on Public Affairs.
Am so glad that they
included some of the
drawings.

Definitely, I will be
in Pasadena this summer
at the same address. I am
going to teach in an "inter-
cultural" experimental summer

school which Claremont Colleges
and Office of Inter-American
Affairs carries on at San
Dimas. The "problem" there
is Mexicans - as you may
have guessed. It starts late
in June.

Can you get anyone to
have a heart-to-heart
talk with Mrs Valleby? She
is the gal who dispenses
culture in the way of
book reviews to Los
Angeles and the hinterland.
She has been recommending
that the girls read Alan
Hyde's "Betrayal from the
East." Says its very authentic
etc. She evidently bears a

great deal of weight.

To-day's "San Bernardino Sun" shows picture of the two Native Sons (and city office holders) who are starting the petition forbidding purchase of land by those holding dual citizenship etc. etc.

The "Friends of the American Way" seem to have been quite successful in getting sponsors and offers of employment. I dug up a few myself.

Priscilla is coming over for dinner tomorrow and we will doubtless repair to the back yard for a good gab about you know what! I often get mighty bored with

it - but it keeps ^{a'} gnawing
at me!

Please give my best
to Eleanor and there is
nothing that would please
me more than spring
greens in good company -
right now.

Very best -
Apton

24 June 1944

Committee on Amer. Spin. & Fair Play:

Talen M Fisher

Asst. Treasurer.

6/14/44
C/20/44
RWK

Dear Sir:

Thank you all very much for your efforts on our behalf and helping to keep our faith in America alive. Your literature is always heartening to us, especially while we are overseas. People like you and the other friends in Calif. assure us that our efforts over here will not be in vain.

Although I am out in Australia I want to continue my interest and share in our home-front battles against the same evils that so many of us have crossed oceans to combat.

this time I would like to make a monthly contribution of \$3. So please expect a money order for \$3 every month.

I hope that you will be successful in forming a chapter in Los Angeles.

I am enclosing a money order for \$5.00. \$3.00 is for contribution. \$2.00 is for sending the booklet by yourself on the false charges made against us.

Please send the booklets to the following:

1. Mr. + Mrs. Robt. Mueke
1555 Elm St.
Lakewood 7 Ohio

2. Mr. + Mrs. John P. Edmund
1305 Louisiana
Little Rock, Ark.

3. Mr. & Mrs. Ray Scott
2708 L Lake
Little Rock, Ark.
4. Esther, Arkansas Gazette
Little Rock, Ark.
5. Miss Hilda M. Burton
Augustana Book Concern
Rock Island, Ill.
6. Miss Dorothy Lousterlie
3028 Fremont
Minneapolis, Minn.
7. Mr. & Mrs. Wm. J. Burns, Jr.
723 11th Ave.
Salt Lake City, Utah
8. Mr. & Mrs. Floyd L. Crouse
Sept. 192 Stuttgart
Stuttgart, Ark.
9. Rev. & Mrs. Dow Torianni
30-15-9
Heart Mountain, Wyo.

4.
10. Mrs. Yoshiko Maeda
160 Prospect Ave.
Highland Park, Ill.

11. Mr. Russell Nakata
901 W. Fullerton
Chicago 14, Illinois

12. Sgt Ludwig C. Kosciuszki
DEML Section
Camp Ritchie, Md.

Please have these addressed
as from myself - Sgt Tenner
Tajima, 19097424, USITF &
(c/o APO 501, c/o Postmaster,
San Francisco, Calif.

Whatever there is left
please use to send these book-
lets to men in Congress or
other people that you might
feel should receive copies.
Thank you again for

all that you are doing. Please
extend to your co-warriors
my expression of gratitude.

Many of us overseas, not
only I think, but others of us look
to our homeland and all
the very things we are
fighting for being desecrated.
Your work and accomplish-
ments are shining lights
that give us hope and
courage.

Yours most
Sincerely,

Tsunio Tajima
T/Sgt Tsunio Tajima
#0 19077424 U.S. AFF E (xy)
APO 501
Postmaster S.F.

V MAIL

T/Sgt. Tsuneo Tajima#19077424
US Aff E (xy)
APO 501 , Postmaster
San Francisco, Calif.

June 20, 1944

Dear Sgt. Tajima:

Thank you very much for your letter of June 4th. We are mailing the pamphlets as you suggested.

As a member of the Committee you will also receive a packet of additional material.

It is always good to hear from a Nisei, particularly from those overseas, as it is one of the few ways we can keep in touch with members of the group whose rights we are trying to protect. The fine loyalty and spirit of you men in the service is the greatest single talking point we have -- one which cannot be refuted. Do let us hear from you, from time to time. We appreciate your support, and want you to know that you have our very good wishes.

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman
Executive Secretary
Committee on American Principles
and Fair play

RWK:mj

June 5, 1944

Rev. J. Bernard Watson
First Methodist Church
21st & J Sts.
Sacramento, Calif.

Dear Mr. Watson:

In addition to the itemized list of material I sent you on May 27, I have added 25 copies of a new pamphlet we have on hand, a reprint from the California Monthly, "Beyond The Horizon" by Yori Wada. This item is included in the total bill for consigned material below.

<u>No. sent</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>Charge</u>
50	Kuroki Excerpts	\$1.00
50	Balance Sheet on Jap. Evac.	\$3.00
50	Truth About Jap Camps	\$1.25
100	American Fighting Men...	\$6.00
25	Beyond The Horizon	\$1.75
	TOTAL	\$13.00

Please return also, what remains of the material that may be distributed free of charge, unless you have a particular use for it. Our present understanding is that an accounting will be made after the conference.

Sincerely yours,

Office secretary

pd - 8/4/44
[Signature]
mj

June 30, 1944

Rev. Bernard E. Watson
Seaside
California

Dear Mr. Watson:

According to our letter to you of June 5th, we have released to you on consignment \$13.00 worth of material, in addition to certain material released for distribution without charge.

Since certain of these items are running low in our office supplies, we would appreciate a note from you telling us of the present status of this material.

Thank you very much for aiding our wide distribution.

Very sincerely yours,

Office secretary

mj

June 5, 1944

Office of Emergency Management
Rm. 229, 499 Pennsylvania Ave.
Washington, D.C.

Attention Mrs. E. Dennis:

The entire shipment of 2500 copies of our pamphlet "American Fighting Men Speak Out" (order #1684-S-44) was sent by Railway Express to the above address on May 18, 1944. The outstanding 1110 copies not yet received were in a separate package. The loss has been reported to the Railway Express here in Berkeley, and a "trailer" has been authorized, so that you should get the balance of pamphlets very shortly.

We have ordered additional copies from the printers, so that you can let us know if the balance of pamphlets do not arrive shortly, and we will send 1110 copies from here when they come from the printers.

In a letter to Mr. R.D. Snoddy on May 29, I mentioned that we had received no confirming purchase order #1684-S-44 mentioned in his telegram of May 11, but that the cost of the 2500 pamphlets was \$150.00.

May I apologize for the confusion, and hope that this will help clarify the situation. We will of course keep you informed of any word from the Railway Express Co.

Please do not hesitate to call upon us for any further help.

Very sincerely yours,

Office secretary

mj

June 5, 1944

Mr. Pat Frayne
War Relocation Authority
461 Market St.
San Francisco 5, Calif.

Dear Mr. Frayne:

I am sending the enclosed at Mrs. Kingman's request, as the second letter to Miss Eleanor Breed from a Captain in the Marine Intelligence overseas.

Sincerely yours,

Office secretary

mj

TELEGRAM

June 6, 1944

Mrs. Katherine Kaplan
1732 Kelton Ave.
Los Angeles, Calif.

Go ahead if you are confident returns warrant
increased expenditures.

Ruth W. Kingman

THE
AMERICAN WEBB CO.

1110 COMMERCE

CHICAGO, ILL.

GOOD MORNING

June 6, 1944

Mr. R.E. Combs
Visalia
California

Dear Mr. Combs:

Your letter to Mr. Calen Fisher, with a copy of your letter to Miss Margaret Cosgrave enclosed, has been received.

Mr. Fisher has gone to New York and Washington, to be gone for a short time.

Upon his return, I shall call the letter to his attention.

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman

RWK:mj

2234 Telegraph Avenue
Berkeley, Calif.

June 28, 1944

Mr. R.E. Carbs
415 West Race Street
Visalia, Calif.

Dear Mr. Carbs:

Having returned from an extended Eastern trip, Mrs. Kingman has shown me her note to you of June 6th, which acknowledged your request of May 22nd to me, and said that I would reply after my return.

Upon carefully considering your request for a list of the names of our Committee members, it seems clear to me that the list of the members of the Advisory Board and the Executive Committee which appear on this letterhead should meet your purposes, for the reason that all policies of this Committee are determined by them. Accordingly, to supply a list of the other members would be superfluous.

If you come upon any dependable evidence that ^{the name of} this Committee is being misused by any of its ordinary members, so as to give the least justification for terming it subversive, we should of course, be grateful for information that would enable us to take appropriate measures.

I earnestly hope that your efforts to uncover really subversive activities will be successful, and that you may use the prestige of your Committee to counteract the unAmerican vilification of and discrimination against persons of Japanese and other colored ancestry who are law-abiding and loyal, and whose only offence is having the wrong skin color.

Sincerely yours

Galen M. Fisher

15/44
6/15/44
In reply, refer to:
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UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY
Gila River Project
Rivers, Arizona

June 6, 1944

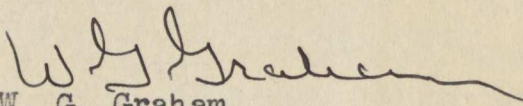
Committee on American Principles
& Fair Play
Headquarters: Room 203
465 California Street
San Francisco, California

Gentlemen:

Attached is our tally-out No. 1000-420-44 covering the return of thirty pamphlets to you.

Please sign as a receipt the copies indicated and return to the Property and Warehousing Officer, War Relocation Authority, Gila River Project, Rivers, Arizona.

Very truly yours,


W. G. Graham
Finance Officer

Enclosure #10270



1000-420-44

WAR DEPARTMENT
M. C. Form No. 490
Revised February 8, 1938

TALLY-OUT

(Packing or Loading List)

Gila River Pronect

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Sheet No. _____

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465 California Street Carrier _____
San Francisco, California
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		Y O U R C O P Y			
		Requisition #40-1300-106-44 Reports Division			

Checker.

Hugh A. Faltner Packer.
Marie Jeffords Shipper.
(Signature)
Office Secretary
(Designation)

Received the above articles in apparent good order and condition (except as noted) this date 6/9/44

6/6/44
J. MAXWELL CHAMBERLIN
MINISTER
2012 W. 83RD STREET
PHONE PL-8753

Southwest Community Church

(METHODIST)

SOUTH GRAMERCY PLACE AT 83RD STREET
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

June 6, 1944

Committee on American
Principles and Fair Play,
2234 Telegraph Road,
Berkeley 4, Calif.

Dear Sirs:

Mr. Dillon Myer is scheduled to speak on June 26th to our Methodist Federation for Social Service during the Annual Conference of the Southern California-Arizona Annual Conference at Pasadena. Subject, "The return of the Japanese to the Pacific Coast".

We would like to have in quantity some materials to sell. If your pamphlet on "American Fighting Men Speak Out" is in print by that time, we would like to have 100 copies on consignment. I will be responsible for the money and returning any unsold copies. If you can't handle it that way, send me 50 copies anyway. They will need to reach me by June 24th to do us any good. Send to:

J.M.Chamberlin,
% First Methodist Church
Colorado and Oak,
Pasadena, Calif.

My personal address is 2012 W. 83rd St.,
Los Angeles 44, Calif.

6/8/44
HJ

June 7, 1944

American Principles and Fair Play
2234 Telegraph Avenue
Berkeley 4, California

Dear Sirs:

Our term papers for social science this semester are to be on some phase of the subject, "Planning and My Responsibility as a Citizen." I have chosen to narrow my topic to planning for the Japanese-American citizens in post war America.

I have some information at the present time dealing with their treatment in the relocation centers but I would like some additional information on plans that have been made or are being made to absorb these citizens and their families back into our community life.

Also, I would like to know about any law, state or federal, that could prevent all states or some of the states from keeping these citizens outside their borders.

I will appreciate it if you can send this material as soon as possible as our papers are due Wednesday of next week. Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

Doris Hartley

June 8, 1944

Miss Doris Hartley
212 Fulton Ave.
Stockton 27, Calif.

Dear Miss Hartley:

We do not have much specific information regarding your questions in your letter of June 7, but you may find the enclosed of some help.

Also, according to the Constitution of the United States, it is not possible for any state to refuse to let citizens within their borders.

I hope you will be able to use the enclosed material. Please do not hesitate to call upon us for any further aid.

Sincerely yours,

Office secretary

mj

June 8, 1944

Miss Dorothy Elderdice
Westminister
Maryland

Dear Miss Elderdice:

Under separate cover we are sending you 25 copies of "American Fighting Men Speak Out", and a packet of other material that I think you will find informative and useful.

I am also enclosing a membership card. All our regular members are placed upon our mailing list, and receive all material when it is issued.

Sincerely yours,

Office secretary

mj

June 8, 1944

J.M. Chamberlin
care of First Methodist Church
Colorado and Oak
Pasadena, Calif.

Dear Mr. Chamberlin:

Today, I have mailed under separate cover the 100 copies of "American Fighting Men Speak Out" you requested in your letter of June 6, 1944. In addition I have mailed other material which may be of some interest, some of which may be distributed free of charge, and the remainder will be on consignment. The accounting for the whole lot may be held at the close of the conference. The material I have mailed is listed below:

<u>No. sent</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>Charge</u>
100	American Fighting Men Speak Out	\$6.00
12	Beyond the Horizon	1.00
50	Release of June 15, 1943	none
25	Balance Sheet on Japanese Evacuation	1.75
50	Fortune reprint	none
50	Voice That Must Be Heard	none
25	Soldier and Civilian Nisei....	none
25	Facts Concerning Japanese-Americans...	<u>none</u>

The total amount to be accounted for is \$8.75.

I hope this arrangement will be satisfactory. If we can be of any further assistance, please do not hesitate to call upon us.

Sincerely yours,

Office secretary

June 8, 1944

Mrs. Katherine Kaplan
1732 Kelton
Los Angeles, Calif.

Dear Mrs. Kaplan:

I have mailed today under separate cover, 150 applications for membership, and about 200 of our release of June 15, 1943. We do not have any more of the card applications for membership available at present, so I have sent our mimeographed sheets. More cards are on order at the printers, and if you wish to have a supply of these on hand, they should be available next week.

If there is any other material I can send along, please do not hesitate to call on us.

Sincerely yours,

Office secretary

mj

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297 FOURTH AVENUE, NEW YORK 10, N. Y.

June 9, 1944

Committee on American Principles of Fair Play
2234 Telegraph Avenue
Berkeley, California 4

Gentlemen:

I am delighted to see a copy of "American Fighting Men Speak Out."

I have just been in California for the second or third time since Pearl Harbor and I must say that the attitude of a lot of American citizens in that part of the world is enough to make anybody who knows what democracy is sick at heart. I am delighted that you are doing this kind of publicity and I hope you will keep it up. I am sending a check for \$5.00 as a contribution to the work of the Committee.

Yours cordially,

Henry Smith Leiper

HSL:LS

P. S. I may say that I was with the American Expeditionary Forces in Siberia in the last war and lived for five years in China. I know the worst things about the Japanese and they are very bad, but I also know that there is another side to the story and the danger is that blind American prejudices will blot out that other side.

June 10, 1944

The Hon. Joseph C. Grew
Department of State
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Grew:

I am enclosing copies of the letters we sent out to our members who received the original correspondence between this office and Mr. Miller Freeman. We were very glad to be able to clear up any misapprehension that may have resulted from Mr. Freeman's interpretation of your policies.

May we repeat, that we are heartily in accord with your position, and wish to express our readiness to cooperate with you in any way possible.

Very cordially yours,

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman
Executive Secretary

RWK:mj



DEPARTMENT OF STATE
WASHINGTON

June 16, 1944.

Dear Mrs. Kingman:

Many thanks for your letter of June 10 and for so kindly sending out to the members of your Committee copies of my letter to Mr. Freeman of May 2. I am glad that the misapprehension about my views will thus have been cleared up.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Joseph C. Grew", with a long, sweeping flourish extending to the right.

Joseph C. Grew

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

June 12, 1944

Mrs. Alice Hoiem,
Rt. 1, Box 171
Fowler, Calif.

Dear Mrs. Hoiem:

I am sorry not to have been able to reply sooner to your letter of June 3. I was in Sacramento for a part of last week, and was unable to clear up my correspondence.

This morning I talked to Margaret Cosgrave, who told me that you are going to write to Attorney General Robert Kenney for specific information concerning the escheat proceedings resulting from the enforcement of the Alien land laws of California. I am sure that he will give you accurate details, far better than I can, but I phoned WRA for a "quickie" opinion from them, with the following result.

If proceedings have not as yet started, against the Nisei whose property was put in her name while she was a minor, she can dispose of it on the open market. If proceedings have started, however, she must abide by the rulings, or, if she feels that she has a plausible case (wherein she can prove that the property was bought in good faith for her, and all profits set aside for her benefit, as the law holds proper) she can call upon legal aid to represent her at the hearings. If she feels that there is good reason to believe that such is the case, it would seem unwise for her to dispose of her property. Otherwise, in all probability the proceeds from its sale will go to the State.

As to the extent of the plan of confiscation, I can only surmise, but the law is pretty clear, and while there will undoubtedly be many cases where the property has been held clearly in accordance with law, even tho held in the name of minors, it seems to me that a great part of the land held in the name of Nisei is now subject to escheat proceedings.

Very cordially yours,

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman

UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY

WASHINGTON

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

JUN 12 1944

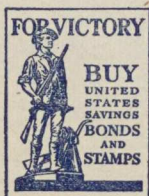
Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman
Committee on American Principles and Fair Play
2234 Telegraph Avenue
Berkeley, California

Dear Mrs. Kingman:

Many thanks for sending to Secretary Ickes and to Assistant Secretary McCloy the statement on government policy concerning the nisei. The statement amasses some evidence which is incontrovertible. It is difficult to see how anyone can take issue with the conclusion that an authoritative statement is in order.

Sincerely,

D. S. Myers
Director



Center Hospital
Heart Mountain, Wyoming
June 12, 1944

Dear Mrs. Kingman,

I am a recent member of your committee from Cincinnati, Ohio where for three months I have been serving as Associate Recreation Officer under Raymond Booth. I have been in this Recreation Center for two weeks and expect to be here ten days or two weeks longer.

I received today the packet of literature furnished from Cincinnati which I have been reading with great interest and profit. I enclose check ~~for \$1.00~~ ^{for} ~~the~~ ^{which} please send me 12 copies of Helen Fisher's "Balance Sheet."

6/16/44
The copy is excellent. If you can send this so as to arrive here by June 20th please send it to the above address here. If you cannot send it immediately then please forward to my Cincinnati address below.

I should like to ask about an apparent mistrust in the statements of Chief Gabrielson and Col. Fielder quoted on the mimeographed sheet headed "Statements Regarding Rumors of Sabotage in Hawaii."

In his last paragraph, Chief Gabrielson says "the Japanese did maintain an excellent system of espionage." In Col. Fielder's last paragraph he says "there have been no known acts of sabotage, espionage, or fifth column activities etc."

(over)

What is the answer to this apparent conflict?

I am having a most interesting experience here. The fact that 63 boys from Heart Mountain went on trial today at Cheyenne for failing to report for pre-induction physicals is evidence of the confused and demoralized state of evanee morale. And yet both juvenile and adult delinquency and fire ^{traps} are far below ~~that~~ in Commission cities of comparable size.

As a newcomer in this field of race relations, the long active in the field of negro race relations, my hat is off to those Japanese Americans. As a group I have come to believe that they are infinitely superior to us of long established Commission background. I only hope that this experience may not too greatly injure their potential usefulness as citizens.

Congratulations and best wishes for the continued success of your valuable work.

Sincerely,

Arthur Lattimer

home address 29 Landon Court
Cincinnati 29, Ohio

name
Shigu Hi Koyeda

19-3-C
Tapaz, Uthai
June 13, 1944

My dear Mrs. Krigman:

I guess you'll be very surprised when you see who the letter writer is. Perhaps, you might have forgotten, I hope not.

I'm Tad's sister writing from Tapaz. The farewell, we said 2 Christmases ago is the last time, I have seen you. Tad saw you on his furlough in Berkeley, and told us how busy you were in doing the wonderful work for us.

Tad is now overseas, and we have received 3 mails from him for the first time. At the last writing, he seemed quite well, though his destination is unknown. Censorship is so strict that he can't tell us much, but as long as we hear that he

is all right, Mother & the rest of us are quite reassured. We hope that all of this misery throughout the world will be over before too long.

We have been able to, finally, have one resident & her daughter return to Los Altos in fact she will be leaving on the 19th with permission to reside there. She is originally an Oakland girl - her husband volunteered for the army same time Tad did & is ^{now} overseas duty too, now. I presume, you are familiar with Mrs. Severest of Los Altos. She has worked it through the Western Defense Command to make it possible for Mrs. Shickel's return.

In all probability, our return there will become possible before too long a date, and all this is made possible by the untiring efforts of friends like you. I thought that you would be interested in this bit of news.

I, too, have made an application request to San Francisco, but, I think, that the request will have more weight, if it had

some sponsorship behind it - hence this
favor, Mrs. Kingman.

If there are any openings for a job - I have
been connected with the Welfare Section in Tokyo
all along, and, therefore, very interested in this
sort of work. I have handled Red Cross work, too,
and so I wanted to ask your advice concerning
the possibilities of these lines of work. If I can
do something at the International House, perhaps
there wouldn't be too much prejudice there.
Of course, there may be no opportunities, but,
I figured if I didn't ask you, I would never
be able to know, so here I am doing that.
I hope that you won't think me too presumptuous
in face of the difficult situation - but I felt
that your open mind would understand
the situation as is, and would be the best
to advise me on what chances I might find.

Thank you very much for every thing,
and my best regards to you and yours.

Sincerely,

Shige Hikoeda
19-3-C

28/94
30-18-C. Heart Mountain, Wyo; June 13, 1944.

Pacific Coast Committee on American Principles and Fair Play.

Berkeley, California.

Att. Mr. R. W. Kingman.

Friend:

Thank you very much for your daughter's Commode for the American principles, and the human rights. The trend of public opinion in the Pacific Coast has been good for our cause. It is due to the unselfish services of the organizations like yours. We are very grateful for it. Hope to day comes soon when all the families of men live in peace again as brothers and sisters under one household of God as their common Father.

The enclosed is my next pamphlet - in 12 pages, in the same type as volume I. It costs 5 cents a copy - post prepaid. If you can use, please let me know.

Since this is the only extra copy. Please favor me by returning it to me when you be through.

Truly yours, Samuel Augustus.

6/20/44
[Signature]

WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY

MANZANAR RELOCATION AREA
Manzanar, California

In reply, please refer to:

June 13, 1944

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

Dear Mrs. Kingman:

Under separate cover I am sending you ten copies of an address delivered by Mr. Ralph P. Merritt at the close of a series of 8 panel discussions held here at Manzanar on "America in the Making". The panel discussions were held to aid a number of evacuees in their thinking on the problems facing America.

Members of the staff prevailed upon Mr. Merritt to allow us to mimeograph 100 copies of his talk and to send these to a limited number of persons interested in the Japanese problem in California. I know you will find them helpful in the good work you are doing in northern California.

Sincerely,

[Signature: Robert L. Brown]

Robert L. Brown
Asst. Project Director
Operations & Public Relations



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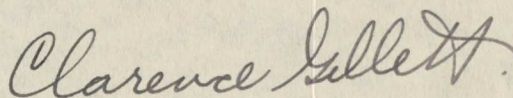
Miss Mary Jefferds
Committee on American Principles and Fair Plan
2234 Telegraph Avenue
Berkeley 4, California

Dear Miss Jefferds:

Thank you for your check for the 100 copies "The Races of Mankind"
sent you on May 26th. The receipt is enclosed.

The 200 copies of "Beyond the Horizon" have come and we are enclosing
our check for \$12.00 and the receipt which we shall be glad to have you
return to us. 100 copies of "American Fighting Men Speak Out" have come
but nothing has been heard of the first package. We are glad to have these.

Sincerely yours,



Clarence S. Gillett
Executive Secretary

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sent to
last see letter
of June 4

June 14, 1944

The enclosed is sent at the request of:

T/Sgt. Saunce Tajima, 19077424
USAFPE (xy) APO 501
Care of Postmaster
San Francisco, California
U.S. Army

We are glad to carry out Sgt. Tajima's
request, and hope that you will find the pamphlet
informative.

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman
Executive Secretary

RSK:mj

6/5/44
Dear Mary -

June 2/44

Please send the total bill for
consigned material to me at
The First Meth. Church 21st & J. St.
Sacramento, Calif. - we can make
the settlement after the conference.

Thank you very much -
Rev. J. Bernard Watson

Rev. Bernard Watson MINISTER

Methodist Church

Seaside, California



Mary Jeffords
2234 Telegraph ave.
Berkeley 4
California,

483 East Villa
Pasadena 4, California
June 14, 1944

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

Dear Ruth Kingman,

I talked with you relative to the American Japanese situation in Berkeley on May 25th. Perhaps you recall.

Yesterday I had a chat with Janice Clayton of the Hollywood Democratic Committee, 1585 Cross Roads of the World, Hollywood 28, California. She told me that the HDC thinks that there are more important issues to face at the present time than the one about which you and I are most interested; that the time will come when this will be the most important issue, but That's Not Now. I hope that by this time, after we talked for awhile, she has begun to feel that it's more important than she thought it was.

Generally speaking, she knew very little about the situation, and she expressed considerable interest in having material sent to her which would better acquaint her with the matter. I sent her some things today. I think it would be a very good idea if you would send her some of ^{your} material, too, for it would all be supplementary to that which I sent. I'd also hope that you might write to her, telling her of the Fair Play Committee since I think it very important that both your organizations acquaint themselves with each other. I haven't an extra copy of the Public Affairs Pamphlet No. 91 by Carey McWilliams. If you have one of them to send her, that would be helpful also.

Yesterday at a newstand I chanced on a magazine called WORLD, August 1944 issue. Have never seen this magazine before, but it's published by the World at War Publishing Company, 19 West 44th Street, New York City. The editor is a man named Lionel White.

One of the lead articles is written by California Congressman Norris Poulson, is entitled "They're Your Japanese, Too". It's the sort of thing which ought to be vigorously protested. I've written to White and will also write to Poulson. My guess is that this is a magazine with a very small circulation; therefore, the more protests we get to the editor, the more effective they'll be. Perhaps he'd grant you the opportunity to present the Fair Play point of view.

Cordially yours,

Walter Godfrey



MADISON SQUARE
STATION



THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

Mr. Maurice E. Harrison
Pacific Coast Committee on
Amer. Principles & Fair Play
2234 Telegraph Ave.
Berkeley, California

AMERICAN CIVIL LIBERTIES UNION
170 Fifth Avenue, New York 10, N. Y.

June 14, 1944

Dear Mr. Harrison:

I herewith acknowledge with
thanks receipt of the book, "Why Japan
Was Strong", sent me by John Patric.

Sincerely yours,

Roger N. Baldwin
Roger N. Baldwin



THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

P. C. C. on A. P. + F. P.
2234 Telegraph ave
Berkeley (4)
Calif.

OK my 1/44
Dec 20/44
Dear Sir:

June 16, '44

As of this date our
new address is:

701312 Lexington
Delano, Calif.

It was formerly:
Earlimart, Calif.

Anton Nelson

P.S.: We keep getting
duplicate releases from
you. Would you check your
mailing list.

June 16, 1944

Mr. H.V. Kaltenborn
care of KPO, 420 Taylor St.
San Francisco, Calif.

Dear Mr. Kaltenborn:

With so much being said in the press and on the air on the subject of Americans of Japanese ancestry, we feel confident that you will be interested in the enclosed booklets.

There has been too little carefully documented material prepared on this subject, and we are sending you these leaflets, feeling sure that you will appreciate a fair minded and accurate presentation of fact and opinion on this highly difficult subject.

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman
Executive Secretary

RWK:mj

7/5/44
2020 Evans Ave., Ventura
Calif.

June 16, 1944

Committee on American Principles
And Fair Play
San Francisco

Dear Mrs. Kingman:

I have received your communications during the last year, and although I have not acknowledged them as I should, I have tried to read them carefully. I have had on my heart to try to interest a few people, even, enough to have them become members of the Committee, but so far I haven't found the right way to do this. We have used some of your material ourselves, my sister is sometimes asked to speak on the Relocation Centers, or other phases of the Japanese-American situation, but I agree with you, that we ought to be passing on the material to others and getting it read as widely as possible.

I sent them some of your material then
Last fall our church had a series of Panel Discussions on Post-war Problems, and various members of the community took part. I have selected three of these and want to follow up by sending them material from time to time. Also I want to send material to the Methodist ministers in the small places in the county, Fillmore, Piru, Santa Paula, etc. Could you send me some copies, five or ten, of the mimeographed material.

- W. J. McCloy*
- (1) Secretary Ickes' report of April 13, 1944.
 - (2) Evidences of Americanism among Japanese-Am'ns.
 - (3) Letter to Mr. Merchant from Asst. Sec'y. of War John J. McCloy.

Check for \$7.00 held for deposit. D.M.M.

I am sending you \$7.00, two dollars each as General member from my father, Dr. Gideon F. Draper, my sister, Winifred, and myself, and \$1.00 for the 12 copies of the pamphlet "American Fighting Men Speak Out".

6/21/44

Last winter our pastor preached a sermon along the lines of Dr. Albert E. Day's, and it roused a good deal of opposition in our church, (First Methodist, Ventura) We have a Peace Fellowship in the church, and we tried to back up the pastor by putting in little items about the Japanese-Americans in the bulletin, but after two or three weeks, the pastor asked us to desist. You see, the church people are blind to the issue. They don't see it as a place where Christian principles should apply. Believe me, we are doing what we can, but it is so little.

The petition that is going around to amend the alien land law has disturbed me a lot. I saw a copy of the "covering letter" addressed to those who were asked to circulate the petition, and the opening sentence was, "Your help is needed to make it impossible for a Japanese to earn even a rice living in California". The bill itself is so worded that it is not clear whether "those who owe any foreign allegiance" are disqualified from owning, leasing and operating property, or whether merely the fact of ancestry is enough to disqualify them. I wrote a letter to our local newspaper protesting the spirit of the bill, but I doubt if it will be printed.

I would give anything to be near enough to Berkeley to be able to consult with others and know how to work on the problem most efficiently and strategically. But every place has its local problems.

If it is not practicable to send copies of the mimeographed material, please send just the pamphlet, and I will use what I have, of other material. I am sure there are a lot of people who do not hate the Japanese and would be cordial and fair in every way, if they were to return, but I haven't found anyone yet who dares to say so openly. But here's hoping.

Sincerely yours,

Marion R. Draper

July 5, 1944

Mrs. Marion Draper
2020 Evans Ave.
Ventura, Calif.

Dear Mrs. Draper:

Thank you very much for your good letter of June 10. My assistant, Miss Jefferds has already sent you the material you asked for. Only the press of work has kept me from replying at an earlier date.

You are right in feeling that our major task is the mobilization of existing fairminded people in such a way that they will exercise the courage of their convictions. Ventura is one of the cities we feel to be most in need of such a mobilization.

I wonder if it will be possible for you to help us as we plan to widen out our educational plans to include your city. One of the means we expect to use will be made possible by putting in our hands the names and address of the following persons in your community. It will be of primary importance to our work if you, together with one or two others, can give us the names and address of the following persons:

All clergymen

Chairman of Council of Social Agencies

As many of the heads of Social agencies as you can get --

i.e. YMCA, YWCA, Public Health, all Community Chest agencies etc.

Superintendent of Schools

Chairman of Chamber of Commerce

President, League of Women Voters

Head of Local Bar Association

Principal of High School

Leading Laymen of community who ordinarily head up War Bond, Community Chest and Red Cross Campaigns.

If you can do this with a simple notation of any information you have as to their possible or probable feeling on the subject of minority problems as a whole, and on the

questions arising from any consideration of the future of loyal persons of Japanese ancestry on the Pacific Coast, you will be creating the groundwork for the job we hope to start on in the very near future.

You see, I took you at your word, and have set you to work. So far, our plans for this educational mobilization are being developed carefully and with no publicity. Therefore, if you could carry on your part of it in the same manner, it will fit in with our general policy aimed toward sound preparation for all of our undertakings.

Very cordially yours,

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman

RWK:mj

Mrs. Thomas F. Lopez > 1523 Webster Street < Fresno 3, California

16 June, 1944

6/21/44
Committee on Fair Play
465 California Street
San Francisco

Dear Sirs:-

check for \$10.00 enclosed - held for deposit. D.M.M.
My intentions have been of the best, but I have been snowed under with the problems of my own little Japanese friends, and have delayed sending you a check.

I wanted to tell you that we had as a guest in our house the brother of our former little Japanese maid. He was in uniform, but he was a Fresno boy, and, during the three weeks he was with us, he met with not one unpleasant experience. A boy at the college, where he visited remarked - so one of the professors told me - "That's a Jap, isn't it?" Another boy replied, "That's not a Jap; that's an American soldier!"

Also Harry was asked to speak at a men's luncheon club; he visited Chinatown, and all of the Chinese - not exactly all! - came up and asked about their various Japanese friends. He went out and worked on his brother's ranch, and met with only the warmest welcome from the neighbors.

His brother visited us last week. He spent most of the time on the ranch. He was

here ten days, and met with only the friendliest reception. He told us that when he was traveling through the south, he got on a ~~ha~~ bus, and, like the rest of us northerners, sat down in the first seat. The conductor tapped him on the shoulder and said, "You must sit up in the front; those are the seats for the whites!"

Also we picked ^{up} a young soldier, recently invalided home from Africa, Sicily, Naples and Anzio, where he was wounded. I asked him about the attitude toward the Japanese soldiers. He said, "They gave us a paper of instructions on how to treat the Japanese soldiers. We didn't need any instructions; they were fighting, if anything, harder than we were, and their losses were greater. They were our comrades, and no one had to tell us how to treat them."

You've probably had full reports on these matters, but I want you to know that my feeling is that the venomous attitude toward the Japanese is really not as widespread as reports would indicate. And, if it were not for the Fresno "Bee", it would hardly appear to exist. This, for Fresno County.

I realize that contributions to your committee might be more useful than aid to individuals, but the desperate need of one's own little friends is one that I find it difficult to deny. As an American of early Dutch and English ancestry, I must confess that I feel outraged that I should feel the need for lessening the suffering of these good little people, inflicted upon them by my fellow-citizens who never seem to have lived in the America that I thought was mine.

Mrs. Thomas F. Lopez » 1523 Webster Street « Fresno 3, California

Your committee - my committee, too, -
is the one bright spot that gives me hope. I
was in Japan in 1939, and the generous reception
I received everywhere there gives me faith that
when the war is over, the problem of reeducation
will be simply one of proving that we have all
been victims of a mass madness.

Yours sincerely,

Marguerite Winant Lopez

June 21, 1944

Mrs. Thomas F. Lopez
1523 Webster St.
Fresno 3, Calif.

Dear Mrs. Lopez:

Mrs. Kingman was not in the office today when we received your letter of June 16th. In discussion of the Committee work, I read your letter to her over the phone, and she has requested that I write you to ask permission to send copies of your letter to Mr. Dillon S. Myer (Director, War Relocation Authority) and Secretary of War, Henry Stimson.

Unless we hear from you to the contrary, within a week, we shall assume you have no objection our sending these copies.

Thank you very much for the information and views expressed.

Very sincerely yours,

Office secretary

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