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MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE OF THE WEST COAST
COMMITTEE ON AMERICAN PRINCIPLES AND FAIR PLAY, March 2, 1943 at
253 Montgomery Street, S. F.

Those present: Chairman pro tem Harry L. Kingman, Galen Fisher, Mrs. Robert McWilliams, Dr. A. C. McGiffert, Dr. Paul Taylor, and Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman, exec. sec'y.

Dr. McGiffert reported on an informal meeting of Taylor, Kingman and himself with Assemblyman Gardiner Johnson. Without committing himself to any specific future action in the matter of the pending anti-Japanese legislation Mr. Johnson made certain observations and suggestions. He felt that the resolutions which merely memorialized Congress were of little importance and were likely to be passed. He said that bills, on the other hand, were significant and need close scrutiny. He advised the committee to request copies of the proposed bills and resolutions from the Supervisor of the Legislative Bill Room at the state capitol. He advised the committee to request the chairmen of the legislative committees which are to consider the bills we are interested in to notify us when they are to be brought up. He suggested that it might be well for the proper persons to interview such legislators as Assemblyman Harrison Call, chairman of the Assembly Judicial Committee before the convening of the next session of the Legislature.

Mrs. McWilliams called attention to Senate Bill #97 presented by Senator Tenney which, although ostensibly a liberal bill, contains a particularly objectionable joker clause.

It was decided that only such bills and resolutions would be considered by this committee which directly concern persons of oriental ancestry.

It was decided that any proposed action of this committee should be submitted for review by Maurice Harrison and be approved by the Executive Committee.

It was decided that this committee should analyse bills that are of concern to the Fair Play Committee and propose appropriate action.

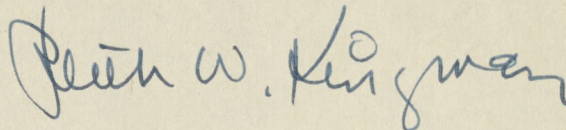
It was recommended that the Executive Committee instruct the Executive Sec'y to ascertain from Mr. Crum, Mrs. McWilliams, etc. which bills concern us and then write the appropriate persons requesting notification of legislative hearings upon them.

It was recommended that the Ex. Com. authorize a letter to be mailed to all the legislators which would urge the safeguarding of the democratic principles to which the Fair Play Committee is devoted.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth W. Kingman, Ex. Sec'y

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ruth W. Kingman". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name.