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April 16, 1943

Replied in person

Mrs. Ruth Kingman
2207 Union Street
Berkeley, California

Dear Mrs. Kingman:

Last week we held a conference with other people interested in the formation of a Committee on American Principles and Fair Play and it was decided that it would be advisable for us to attempt to organize a committee comparable to the one which you have in Berkeley and San Francisco. Some members from the Evacuee Council and the Committee on Minority Rights and the State Library Association, as well as representative educators and public people should be included on the list. Mr. Woodbury, Ex-State Senator Mary Farquarson, Mrs. Potts, Ruth Haines, Orville Robertson and I have been compiling a list of the people who might be interested. We feel it not only advisable but necessary that you plan to make an organizational visit in Seattle sometime very soon.

There is a well organized group in Portland who are interested in these same problems and include Dean Odgers of Multnomah College, Howard Willits of the regional "Y", and Mildred Bartholomew. We feel that your organizational experience in the Bay Region would be of real help to us in interpreting the program to some of the leaders in the states of Oregon and Washington.

We have also been requested to indicate what suitable action could be taken through trade unions and other pressure groups who are interested in the welfare of American citizens of Japanese ancestry. There are some 25 such organizations represented on the Committee for Minority Rights and they have asked me to indicate to them suitable action which they could take.

Very truly yours,

Bob O'Brien

Robert W. O'Brien

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Office of the Dean

June 19, 1943

Miss Mary Jefferds
Room 203, 465 California Street
San Francisco, California

Dear Miss Jefferds:

Henry Elliot's business address
is the Dexter-Horton Building, Second
and Cherry Street, Seattle. His
residence is at 4020 - 39th North,
Seattle.

Sincerely,

Robert W. O'Brien
per [signature]
Robert W. O'Brien

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Office of the Dean

June 21, 1943

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman
Room 203
465 California Street
San Francisco, California

Dear Ruth:

Your pamphlet of June 15 is excellent. I am wondering if we may have a few additional copies for distribution here in Seattle.

The pressure of work is quite heavy here and as we are having a meeting this Thursday to reorganize the committee and add strength to it, and I hope I hope some one who is better able than myself to get things accomplished.

Cordially,

Bob

Robert W. O'Brien

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MRS. MARY FARQUHARSON
2126 EAST FORTY-SEVENTH ST.
SEATTLE, WASH.

August 5, 1943.

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

Dear Ruth Kingman:

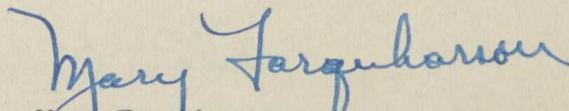
I have been trying to get in touch with Bob O'Brien before I answered your letter of July 26th, but so far we have not made connections. As usual I have been in and out of town a great deal.

I was delighted to hear that finances have been raised to support a half-time secretary here in the Northwest for the Fair Play Committee. To date, a considerable amount of cogitation on the case as to who it should be, has not brought forth very fruitful results.

Because I have not been ⁱⁿ touch with Bob during the last several days I do not know whether Mrs. Roscoe Mosiman has consented to be chairman of the Committee here or not. If she should agree to do it I think it is entirely possible that she may have good suggestions regarding the person to be executive secretary. I shall get in touch with you again within the next few days when more information is at hand, I hope.

As for "schizophrenia", Ray Roberts is still "bull-in-the-China-shop-ing" ~~at~~ practically everybody and everything, and everybody loving him in spite of it or because of it or something! He has the amazing quality of being able to be laughed at or to be bawled out without taking the slightest offense or without either one making any dent on him. Somebody ought to write a book!

Cordially yours,


Mary Farquharson.

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=MRS RUTH KINGMAN:

~~=2207 UNION ST (BERKELEY CALIF)~~

2234 Telegraph Ave

OK my 8/28/43



=PLEASE SEND ME BUNDLE OF MATERIAL REGARDING FAIR PLAY COMMITTEE INCLUDING CALIFORNIA PERSONEL WE ARE WORKING ON ADVISORY AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS HERE AND THE SECRETARY AND THINGS ARE LOOKING UP:

=MARY FARQUHARSON.

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MRS. MARY FARQUHARSON
2126 EAST FORTY-SEVENTH ST.
SEATTLE, WASH.

September 9, 1943

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

Dear Ruth:

Mrs. E.E. Siegley - 2712 10th North - has agreed to be the executive secretary for the Fair Play Committee in Seattle. Mrs. Roscoe Mosiman, who will be chairman of the executive committee if we do not find some man who will do it (Mrs. Mosiman thinks a man would be preferable since we have hoping Mrs. Stimson will be chairman of the advisory board) likes Mrs. Siegley very much and thinks she will be a very good person for the job. Mrs. Siegley's husband (very much older than she) is a well-to-do business man here of many years residence. They are very conservative Republicans on most issues, but both Bob O'Brien and I were impressed with the fact that Mrs. Siegley evidently feels strongly on the issues around which the Fair Play Committee is organized. She will have contacts with business circles in town which are important. Mrs. Siegley has had considerable experience in secretarial work and is a very efficient person. When the first Rent Committee was appointed here by the Mayor a year or so ago, Mrs. Siegley was secretary of that (before O.P.A. was in the picture.)

Bob and I told Mrs. Siegley that California had raised enough money to pay her \$100 a month for half time work, and of course as soon as we really get rolling there is no reason why we can't collect some money up here. Since the money is coming from down there to start with at least, would it not be a good idea for you to write directly to Mrs. Siegley, with a copy to me if that is convenient.

In connection with organizational machinery up here, Bob and I have assumed that an advisory board and an executive committee such as you have in California would be the best arrangement. We notice, however, that you have included the names of some of the Seattle people on your list of advisory board members. What is your thinking at this point? Shall we go ahead with this arrangement?

We are assuming that any good person whom we can get to join either the executive committee or advisory board is ipso facto (or something!) a member. Surely we can't actually go through all the red tape of having each person passed on by a whole group. We are very eager to get some member of the Board of Regents of this University on the advisory board. Bob says you have some leads on Shemanski. Who ought to see him and what angles should we know ahead of time? Thomas Balmer is another regent that I think is at least a possibility. Do you know any others? So far we have no report on Mrs. Stimson, but if she is o.k. I think some of these others will be easier, and I still have hopes of Dr. Sieg. I think we can get several good names from Eastern Washington too, in addition to Ben Kizer's.

Kingman, Mrs. Ruth

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The list of names that you sent which came from Dillong Myer doesn't look very good to either Bob or to me. However I shall pass them on to Mrs. Siegley and Mrs. Mosiman and perhaps they can do something with some of them. A couple of the newspaper men we are very sure are n.g. Doug Welsh is writing for the unspeakable P.I. which is now printing all of Hearst's worst stuff, and Cliff Harrison has written some very bad copy also.

*ask
for
names*
Bob says that a student organization has been set up to maintain contacts with the Nisei and that they will affiliate with the Fair Play Committee. Bob is their adviser.

If you have an extra copy of the constitution and by-laws we could use another copy to good advantage. Also some more of those mimeographed lists of California members with a descriptive word or two as to who they are would be very helpful. It is that list which really impresses people. I think I can help keep things pushing, from the sidelines or wherever the leverage is best!

*Sent
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Cordially yours,

Mary F.

MRS. MARY FARQUHARSON
2126 EAST FORTY-SEVENTH ST.
SEATTLE, WASH.

September 24, 1943

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

Dear Miss Jefferds:

Thank you for your letter of September 21.

It will be very helpful to the work of the Committee up here if you can send us considerable quantities of literature of all kinds. We now have Mrs. E.E. Siegley as the secretary of the Northwest Committee, and I think she is going to be a good one. She is eager indeed to do some educational work regarding the principles and policies of the Fair Play Committee, and of course literature would help her very much.

Since Mrs. Kingman suggested in her letter to me of September 21 that I notify her when Bob O'Brien and I felt that our new secretary was able to take over, so that she could ask the treasurer, Mr. Harry S. Scott, to put Mrs. Siegley on the pay-roll, and since Mrs. Kingman is now in Washington, D.C., I think I should ask you to please ask the treasurer to inform Mrs. Siegley officially that she is on the "pay-roll." Mrs. Siegley has already done considerable work and neither Bob O'Brien or I feel that it would be fair to delay remunerating her until October. Probably she should not receive the regular amount of compensation for this month, but I think some adjustment should be made. Please let us know if there is anything further that I can do to assist in getting work under way up here.

Sincerely yours,

Mary Farquharson
Mary Farquharson

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In talking with Mrs. Siegley today I found that she is not at all worried about compensation. She feels, however, that it would help her tremendously if she visited the San Francisco office for a week or so, probably in October. She has friends there with whom she could stay, & both Bob O'Brien & I feel it is a very good idea. MF.

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Committee on American Principles and Fair Play

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Headquarters N.W. Area: 2712 10th Ave No.,
Seattle 2, Wash.

November 23, 1943

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

My dear Mrs. Kingman:

I was glad to get your letter of November 10 (and the check came a few days later) and I have been waiting to reply until I could make the desired report to you. However, partly owing to the Tule Lake business, Mr. Elliott has felt that he had to study the matter more thoroughly before deciding on his answer; and he is also hesitating on account of his health. However, I still feel that we will be able to have him as Chairman. When I talked with him a few days ago he promised to see another man whom we very much want on our Executive - or as Chairman of the Advisory - and I am to see him again tomorrow.

I am having the Sheppard Bill studied by a very good lawyer, who will give me an opinion on its legality soon; and then I shall turn it over to Mr. Elliott for study. I suspect that it would be found unconstitutional and that it is introduced and publicized for purely political reasons.

Regarding our Seattle papers: the P-I has remained consistently Hearst - and has published vicious editorials. The TIMES has been much more moderate and I think gave Dillon Myer a fair break in publishing his stories; and last Sunday there was a full page article in the Magazine Section by The Rev. L. H. Tibesar that was fine. I will try and get it for you, altho I have no doubt that other papers carried it. The Seattle STAR also is right in line with the Hearst papers.

I had quite a talk with Dean McLean, who has taken the place of Mr. Joyce as Custodian of Evacuee Property. He will be a wonderful help because he has been here many years, knows everyone practically, and is a highly respected man. All of his connection with us will be strictly off the record, of course, but he can help in the forming of the right kind of a Committee.

I am practically certain that we are going to have the man we want as Treasurer also, and he is a dandy money raiser. This seems to be contingent upon his company and their attitude - - whether they think this is too controversial.

I did not take the trip to Spokane as intended, but will go over there in January.

My cough is practically conquered now, much to my (and everyone's) relief.

"... Americanism is not, and never was, a matter of race or ancestry."—Franklin D. Roosevelt, February 1, 1943

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There was a very good editorial in the University of Washington Daily not long ago, consisting largely of quotation from Bob O'Brien and from Dr. Cheng. Bob promised to send you one, and I will check on it as soon as I can reach him - no small feat. I have also tried many times to call Mary Farquharson, but no reply.

I have not yet received the Fisher reprints, and hope to have them soon. I am attaching a list of the literature on hand November 15, but some of it has now been used, and it will go pretty fast when I really get going a little better. ~~As I study all of these pieces of material, I wonder if you would suggest what you would consider a starter to give out. So much of it is so lengthy and involved with hearings etc that it is almost too much to expect of a busy man to read it through.~~ For instance, replies to editorials are good reading, but I wonder how convincing they are to one who is already inclined to be antagonistic.

It seems to me that the leaflet by John F. Embree on Relocation of Japanese in United States is very fine, but I have only one of them.

On November 8 your Mary J. sent a key to Sets #1, #2, and #3, which is just what I wanted, and I hope this method will be carried out. Suppose you have lost her by this time, and I hope you have someone who can really take her place. Of Set #1 I have 34 of a; none of b; only 12 of c (and I shall hope for quite a few of the new list when you have them); and 40 of d.

Of Set #2 I have 3 each of all, but no Covering Letter on any of the sets.

Of Set #3 only 3 of a; 21 of b; and about 100 or more of c.

There are frequent references to the Tolen Hearings, but I do not seem to have a copy of that.

I have a few of the leaflets from the Citizen's Committee for Resettlement from St. Louis, and think it quite interesting, but it would be much better if it had a date. I assume they are an organization much like our own, except that they are frankly trying to assist in resettlement. I would like to write them for more information, but do not want to without your consent. By the way, could we have a similar leaflet that would give condensed facts?

Last night's paper carried a note: Governor Arthur B. Langlie today urged Washingtonians to observe December 15 as Bill of Rights Day. As I expect to go to Olympia next week I think I shall prepare a letter asking him to include the Nisei in this observance, and give him some carefully selected literature. I doubt whether he would say much at present, but it would serve to get him to thinking about it.

This seems to clear up the most pressing matters to date, and if it suggests to you anything more that I should have, please let me know.

Most sincerely yours,

Clara M. Siegler
Executive Secretary
Northwest Area

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COMMITTEE ON AMERICAN PRINCIPLES AND FAIR PLAY

Literature on hand November 15, 1943.

Leaflet of Objectives	1000	appx.
Text of American Legion Protest on Racial Discrimination	27	
You Can Do Something About It Citizens Committee for Resettlement	13	
Japanese Americans in Hawaii Reprint from Harper's	23	
In the United States Circuit Court of Appeals for the Ninth District Gordon Hirabayashi vs United States of America	4	
Our 110,000 New Boarders Reprint from March 1943 Readers Digest	8	
The Japanese in Our Midst Colorado Council of Churches	2	
Embree; Relocation of Japanese in U.S.	1	
Washington, D.C. POST Oct 2, 1943 "U.S. Born Japanese See Action in Italy	1	
Letter to Rev. Arthur T. Kent from Col. William P. Scobey July 28 1943	2	
Message from The President of the U.S. Document No 96 Sept 14, 1943	1	
Union Calendar No. 243 House of Representatives Report from Herman P. Eberharter	1	
Extracts from testimony of J. Edgar Hoover before the Subcommittee of the Comm. of Appropriations Feb 18, 1943	1	
Circular letter from Pasadena Chapter	1	
" " from Sacramento Council of Churches	1	
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December 13, 1943

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

Dear Mrs. Kingman:

During the past few weeks I have been busy, but results have been very few - - largely because of the furor centering around Dillon Myer, and the remote suspicion that we are friendly to the W.R.A. program made it seem as tho the best thing to do would be to wait until things had cooled off. However, I can now report some definite progress.

After a long period of studying the matter, Mr. Elliott finally reached the decision that it would not be possible for him to serve as Chairman of the Executive Committee, and as I had been counting on him definitely this was quite a blow. His reasons are perfectly good, as he has taken on the work that was formerly done by Mr. Bayley; and as 1944 is a Centennial Year in the Y.M.C.A., Mr. Elliott feels that the demands on his time will be very great. However, he is perfectly willing to serve as a member of either the Executive or the Advisory Committee.

Now comes the good news: At a conference with Mr. Bayley a few days ago he tentatively consented to act as Chairman of the Executive Committee, and I believe that when he hears from you officially in this regard he will make his acceptance official. His address is: Frank S. Bayley, 725 Henry Bldg., Seattle 1, Wash. and his telephone is Eliot 6566.

At this conference we also made a list of people whom we all considered desirable on the Committee, and I believe that Mr. Bayley will approach them as soon as he hears from you and Mr. Fisher. I feel that he is going to take a very great interest in this work, and we are fortunate indeed that he will serve.

Very sincerely yours,

Clara M. Sigley
Executive Secretary
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Dear Mrs. Kingman:

The letter from M.J. dated Dec. 20 says that material is being sent, and no doubt as soon as the rest of the Christmas packages are delivered I will receive this also.

I think the Galen Fisher pamphlet is splendid, and I am taking my one copy to Mr. Bayley today. I wish you would send us at least 100 at once, as we must have ONE good piece of literature to send to people whom we wish to interest. Regarding payment, you know Mr. Scott sent \$25.00 as a revolving fund for this office. I do not know exactly how this is to be handled. When I spent a small part of it for stamps etc and sent in the vouchers, I immediately received check to cover. Since then I have bought a few small items and more stamps, but have not sent in vouchers. I presume the payment for this literature is out of this, but will appreciate being set right on it.

I am getting this letter off before my conference this afternoon with Mr. Bayley, as I want you to receive it before your meeting, as I want to say that it seems to me that, inasmuch as cough, flu, and other things have delayed the work here so much, that the check for December for my services should be eliminated. I really think that this month I have not merited it.

I hope that the conference today with Mr. Bayley will result in our planning definite and regular meeting times, and I am also hopeful that it will be possible to work closely with him. Possibly a letter from him will be sent out this afternoon, but as you are having your Advisory Board meeting on the 29th, he may feel that any definite move on his part should await your report on the meeting.

I am supplying copies of the Sheppard Bill to Mr. Bayley, Mr. Elliott, and one of our State Supreme Court judges, and hope for comment from each of them that can be used in case this is pushed. Will give you copies of their opinions as soon as I have them.

With best wishes,

Yours very truly,
Clare M. Sigley

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January 6, 1944

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

Dear Mrs. Kingman:

When I talked with Mr. Bayley (referred to in my letter of Dec. 27) we decided on calling a group together for a meeting on January 4. Ten were asked - all accepted - but two of them found it necessary to be elsewhere. Dr. Steiner had a new class that meets each day at one o'clock. However, Mr. O'Brien came, and he could speak for Dr. Steiner more or less.

This was an informal meeting; those present being:

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| Mr. Frank Bayley | Mrs. Warner Muir - Seattle Council of Churches |
| Mr. Henry Elliott | Mr. Wesley Rennie - Exec. Secty. Seattle Y.M.C.A. |
| Mrs. R. E. Mosiman | Rev. Allan I. Lorimer - Plymouth Cong. Church. |
| Mr. Robert O'Brien | Mrs. Siegley |

Mr. Bayley had also asked Miller Freeman, whom everyone considers would be very valuable on the Committee, and when he found he could not come he told Mr. Bayley 'I'll go along with you and do whatever you say'. We finished up by working further on the names of a proposed Executive Committee, and I think in a day or so now Mr. Bayley will be ready to present the full list of names to you, for ratification; and then we will have a meeting of this Exec. Com. and begin work on the Advisory Board.

The time was mostly spent in conversation, and I was very glad to have the kits of material received the day before to give them. However, Mr. Bayley and I were keenly disappointed that we did not have a report from you of your Advisory Board meeting. Lacking that, we tried to proceed on a suggested course or strategy, and the attached sheet gives bits of the conversation to show you how the thinking is shaping up.

I will be in Spokane January 13 and 14 (at the Davenport Hotel) and I am writing Mr. Kizer and Mr. Kneisley, the Y.M.C.A. Secty., and hope we can have a small group together while I am there. I would be glad to have a suggested course of procedure from you before that time. There are at least two men in Tacoma who are much interested in this, and I shall hope to have a group together there also before long. I might add that a banker in Kent is supposed to be interested along this line, and Mr. Bayley is going to invite him to be on our Advisory Board. He is a man of considerable influence there.

Every few days I talk with Dean McLean, and as soon as we have

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enough of a group we will have him meet with us and give a talk on the status of evacuees properties.

The Seattle Times evidences a willingness to cooperate and will take our stories as soon as it is possible to announce our Executive Committee. All there agreed that we should have that given prominence before we had anything else. Then when we have that we have hopes of some of the other state papers in Wenatchee, Spokane, and Yakima - and probably Tacoma.

Mrs. Muir telephoned me this morning regarding an article "The Story of America's Treatment of Her Japanese-American Citizens" in the little magazine OUTCASTS, published by the Fellowship of Reconciliation, located at 2929 Broadway, N. Y. This article is by Caleb Foote. She also said that Kirby Page was formerly their national President, and that she believes he is in California now. I am sending for this magazine, as she says the article is especially good. I wish you would try and give me your feeling about it - and to what extent it can or should be used.

I have the article in TIME of December 20. Their representative here telephoned me early in December, but all I could tell him about the Committee here was its principles and what we hoped to do in the way of education; but he will be very glad of anything we can give him later. I shall certainly try and keep in touch with him. Something like this is probably much more effective than newspaper publicity.

Also in the December 1943 Reader's Digest on page 4 is a long quotation from Dr. Sun Fo regarding the Chinese attitude toward the Japanese people that is very interesting.

This seems to be all right now, but I am most hopeful of having a report of the Advisory Board meeting there, and also other suggestions from you, before going to Spokane.

Yours very sincerely,

Clara M. Siegler
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February 25, 1944

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

Dear Mrs. Kingman:

No doubt you are back in your office by this time, all refreshed and ready for whatever may happen.

I have written to all the people you suggested in your letter of January 25, but so far have had no replies. Probably the changes taking place in the W.R.A. have caused many delays. However, the Seattle Times, and some other papers too, have been doing very well in the matter of publishing the reports you speak of regarding the Nisei being under Selective Service; tales of heroism on battle fronts, etc. Of course, if these can be sent in letter form to some of these opposition factors it would be a good idea too.

Last week Joe E. Brown was guest speaker on a radio program and was telling of some of his appearances in army camps. He gave a very wonderful talk about the heroism of the nisei in Italy. Would it be possible for you to get a statement from him?

The attached is a statement put out by the Council of Churches in December. Seems to me that it reads very well.

Mr. Bailey was away for over a month, and when he returned he was buried in work, of course. I saw him a few days ago and he said that as soon as Miller Freeman got back he would have a talk with him, and then would have me arrange a general meeting as soon as possible. I am to see him this afternoon and hope that there will be no more delay.

When I was in Spokane I saw Mr. Ben Kizer, but he did not seem much interested in the Committee, and said quite flatly that "I am more interested in the Civil Liberties work". He also said that "There is no Japanese problem here".

I talked with the Executive Secretary of the Y.M.C.A. and he said also that there was little of a Japanese problem - - that their problem was more with the sailors from the huge naval training base, and the negroes. However, he expressed interest in our work.

Other people in Spokane, however, seemed to feel that there is a problem there, and that possibly it is being stirred up to some extent by the Civil Liberties group.

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Perhaps Mary Farquharson has written you in regard to Dr. Suzuki of Spokane, in whom she is taking a very special interest. It seems to me that his case is nothing for us to interfere with. He is an alien, to begin with, Mr. Bayley feels that for the present at least, the Committee should stay within the field of general influence and information, rather than to 'go to town' on individual cases.

The copies of the speech of Sgt. Ben Kuroki before the Commonwealth Club were received yesterday. It is a fine speech, and I shall get it out to our mailing list at once.

I hope that it will be possible for Mr. Bayley to write you before many days.

Will the work of the WRA be materially affected by the official changes? About all I have heard about this was the criticism on the radio (and I do not know who the speaker was) saying that it was just a shuffle and would not be any change or improvement. Does Mr. Dillon Myer retain his influence, or what is his present status?

Yours very sincerely,

Clara M. Siegley
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March 9, 1944

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2234 Telegraph Ave.,
Berkeley, California.

Dear Mrs. Kingman:

I take it from the letters and notes from Miss Jefferds that you^{are} back, and no doubt a mountain of mail awaited you.

The enclosed copy of letter to Mr. Fisher will explain some things to you. I constantly hope that Mr. Bayley will get out from under some of his pressing work so we can spend a little more time on this work. However, it seems that we are doing what we can for the time being.

I followed up the affair at Kent and it seems that the debate was pretty evenly balanced. I am in touch with Dr. Williston and keep him supplied with whatever I have in the way of new material. I am also very glad indeed to have the information about people from this area who write to your office, and am putting them on my mailing list and as soon as we have our own stationery will make a more direct contact.

Regarding the correspondence from Mr. Greenwood, I have telephoned him this morning about that. I work rather closely with him on other things, but neither of us knew of the other's interest in this matter. However, we will now keep in touch. I have been to see Mr. Barnett and send him material, but apparently he overlooked the fact that we have an address here. I shall immediately remind him! It was through his advice that we got Mrs. Muir on our committee.

I shall also try and see Mayor Devin as soon as possible, but think it would be very unwise to even try until after the election. He is having a hard fight, and has the 'not-so-good' elements pretty well lined up against him - - however, I believe he will come through.

I wrote the men in Washington etc and all I have received so far is a release that came this morning - - the one of January 21 regarding Nisei being Reinstated to Selected Service. Well, the Seattle TIMES published this news at the time with pictures. It would seem that the Department is also rather marking time.

If there is anything I can do that I am not doing, I would very glad of suggestions or orders from you. I admit that at times I do feel rather baffled.

Very truly yours,

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c/c Mr. Bayley

Clara M. Sigley

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April 20, 1944

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman,
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Berkeley, California.

Dear Mrs. Kingman:

I know it is very disappointing to you and Mr. Fisher that there is so little activity here. It is also not at all what I expected to accomplish.

First: Regarding our finances. As I wrote you the latter part of December, it seemed that the amount of activity here did not warrant the amount you were sending me. However, the checks have been coming regularly - somewhat to my surprise. Now that you have sent all that the budget called for, I shall not expect more until there is a financial build-up here. I shall, however, consider it my duty to continue with this work and do all that I possibly can to keep it alive.

If Mr. Fisher can suggest a letter that I can send out to those who are interested, perhaps a small amount would come in and at least be sufficient to pay any expenses that may arise. You will remember that I was sent a \$25.00 revolving fund, which is not all used up yet.

Not long ago Mary Farquharson visited Tule Lake and on her return talked to a small group; and shortly after that a teacher from Tule Lake - - a Miss Lillie A. Roudabush - - was here and again a small group of about the same people heard her. The whole thing seems to be a situation of being completely baffled as to there being anything to do. Miss Roudabush said that the only things she could suggest that would help those people - particularly the children - to feel that they are not completely forgotten, is for sympathetic people to visit them whenever possible; and that we could send pictures or magazines. The situation seems to be very disheartening and at a complete dead-end.

After the talk, I talked with Mrs. F. a little while. She is representing what is called an Evacuee Service Committee, but she too, seems to have arrived at a point where there is practically nothing to do.

Our Mayor has appointed a Civic Unity Committee composed of twelve very representative citizens, including two negroes and at least two leading Jewish men. I personally know a number of them and have talked with them. Their special function now is to look after the Negro and Jewish problems here - which are very real and rather dangerous. At the bottom of it all is, of course, the same old racial intolerance. I am putting these people on my mailing list, as I feel that we should be rather close - - but in no sense amalgamated.

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Last week I was in Bellingham and had lunch with Miss Bartholomew. (By the way, she has vast admiration for you and your ability!) She says she has found no Japanese problem there, largely because Bellingham was never much of a Japanese center anyway. She wishes to be kept advised of all that we are doing, however.

In talking with Mr. Bayley, he told me of his correspondence with Mr. Fisher, and he realizes that there is some impatience because he has not accomplished more. I believe I am expressing a rather general feeling when I say that at the presenttime nothing is to be gained by agitation. The time will come after the war, however, when a Committee such as this will be of the utmost importance and value, and our influence may mean a great deal. With this in view, we feel that we should meet occasionally to talk things over.

Your suggestion about building a mailing list of the two types of persons is good, and I am working on it.

I have received two bulletins from the WRA Reference Service: one of March 16 received April 11; and one of April 5 received today. As you can see, these are too old to be interesting to the papers, and some of the material has already appeared in the TIMES. The P-I continues to feature the 'bad boys'.

I am working on a bulletin to send to all the interested people we have on our list, and will have it approved by Mrs. Mosiman and Mr. Bayley before sending it out. Will also send you a copy.

In the WRA bulletin of April 5, I note the paragraph that only 10 per cent of the evacuees are planning a return to their former homes. As soon as I can arrange a meeting with the new custodian of Evacuee Property here I shall try and dig up a report for you.

The East and West Association, 40 East 49 Street, New York 17, sent Mrs. Mosiman an invitation to join them. It is apparently headed by Pearl S. Buck. Perhaps you also have received one of these. The reason I mention it is that it has developed a very interesting method of approach, particularly.

Just now I can think of nothing more to say. Am sending a copy of this for you to send to Mr. Fisher if you wish.

Yours very sincerely,

CMS/S
c/c Mr. Bayley

Clara M. Siegley