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May 25, 1944

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

My dear Mrs. Kingman:

You may care to add to the group of cases from this court regarding the American citizens of Japanese ancestry, the enclosed copies of the certificate of questions addressed to the Supreme Court in Mitsuye Endo v. Eisenhower.

The Supreme Court responded to the certificate by ordering up the entire case, thereby taking it out of this court. The questions, of course, remain there for the Court's answers.

Yours very truly,

William Denman

UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY

WASHINGTON

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

MAY 25 1944

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

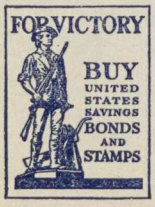
Dear Mrs. Kingman:

Many thanks for the clipping out of the Daily Californian concerning the three wounded veterans and the reception they received at the student dance. It seems that they must have had a great time.

Sincerely,

D. S. Myer

Director



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2306 Las Lunas St.
Pasadena 8, Calif.
May 20. 1944.

Mrs. Ruth H. Kingman, Exec. Secy.
Committee on American Principles and Fair Play
Berkeley 4, California.

Dear Mrs. Kingman

As a member of the Pasadena Chapter of the Committee on Fair Play, I am writing to ask if anything can be done to prevent the Initiative measure called the "Japanese Exclusion Act" from being placed on the November ballot, provided they obtain the required signatures on the petitions for same.

If it reads correctly as quoted in the L. A. Times of May 23rd it would debar "any person of Japanese ancestry from acquiring, possessing, leasing, enjoying, chartering or transferring real property or interest thereon"

Does not this closely parallel

Hostile treatment of the Jews?
It is not un-American, undemocratic
also inhuman to punish loyal
persons of Japanese ancestry who are
Alien & American born from living
in California - as this measure
is intended to do -

Thank you for your interest in behalf
of the loyal Japanese -

Sincerely yours
(Mrs) Lillie K. White

5/28/44

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May 25, 1944

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

Dear Miss Jefferds:

We have already mailed to you the 200 copies of the Kaltenborn letter for which you enclosed a dollar in your letter of May 16th.

Though 300 copies of "American Fighting Man Speak Out" have not yet arrived, we are enclosing a check for $6.00 in payment.

Thank you for your help.

Sincerely yours,

Clarence Gillett

Clarence S. Gillett
Executive Secretary

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May 26, 1944

Mr. Joseph C. Grew
State Department
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Grew:

At the request of Mr. Miller Freeman, we have sent out letters to each of our Committee members who had received copies of the earlier correspondence bet een this office and Mr. Freeman.

I am glad that Mr. Galen Fisher has written to you, explaining not only the feeling of the Committee, but also assureing you that our members generally understand and sympathize with your expressed opinions and observations.

Please be assured that you have our enthusiastic and sincere support.

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman

RWK:mj

c/10/44

DEPARTMENT OF STATE
WASHINGTON

May 29, 1944.

Dear Mrs. Kingman:

Many thanks for your letter of May 26. I am very glad that you have sent out letters to the members of your Committee based, I presume, on my letter to Mr. Miller Freeman and it would interest me very much if you would be willing to send me a copy of your letter for my files.

Very sincerely yours,

Joseph C. Grew

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

May 26, 1944

Mr. Pat Frayne
War Relocation Authority
461 Market Street
San Francisco, California

Dear Pat:

Herewith the "San Francisco Public Schools Bulletin"of May 1, 1944, carrying the announcement of the program whose recording we heard the other day.

Yesterday, Mr. Galen Fisher of our Committee and the Reverend Gordon Chapman were to have seen Larry Smith of NBC. Shortly before the hour of the appointment, Mr. Smith phoned that he would have to postpone it, because he was with Mr. George Hearst.

Later, Mr. Fisher having left for Washington, Chapman saw Smith, who seems not quite so prone to make the unqualified statements he usually favors. His principal "gripe" seems to be expressed in his insistence that WRA, through D.Myer, claims FBI clearance for evacuees with leave. Chapman tried to set him straight-- how successfully I do not know, particularly in view of the earlier interview.

Cordially,

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman

PS. Next time I'll let my secretary do the typing-- better for your eyes and my disposition.

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Orinda, Cal.
May 26,1944

Mr. Maurice E. Harrison
111 Sutter Street
San Francisco

Dear Mr. Harrison:

If I were not leaving this afternoon for New York, to be gone three weeks, I should try to consult you face to face about the enclosed, but must impose on your customary generosity.

Let me explain the setting: Some weeks ago I spoke on the Evacuation as Lincoln might have handled it, or something to that effect. Mr. Combs and Senator Hugh M. Burns were in the audience, at Freson. Afterward, Mr. Combs told me that he agreed with my main points. But next day, in a speech that he made at Selma, he was reported by the SELMA ENTERPRISE as saying that our Committee was "Unconsciously subversive". I thereupon wrote him for an explanation, saying in part, that if support of the Bill of Rights, etc. was subversive, then we were gulity.

His reply is the enclosed addressed to Miss Cosgrave of Freson and myself, respectively.

The question is, Shall we comply with the request made in his last paragraph to me, marked in red?

Will you kindly send your counsel on the matter to Mrs. Kingman. If their Committee is trustworthy, I suppose the request should be granted. Some things that Senator Tenney, especially, has said raises doubts in my mind, and I know that Mrs. Kingman feels much the same. But perhaps we need not concern ourselves with their motives or even their integrity, unless they could make trouble for some of our members, other than those whose names are available anyhow, on this letterhead.

Sincerely yours
Galen M. Fisher

c.c. Mrs. Kingman

May 26, 1944

Miss Priscilla Beattie
421 Sequoia
Pasadena, Calif.

Dear Priscilla:

Good work, your sending "Fighting Men" to the Presidents of the Womens' Clubs in California. ---They aren't really as bad as the press makes them look---they have shown some interest in getting some accurate information, so this may be a particularly good time to send them the pamphlet.

--Interesting, the protest to Mr. Hopkins from someone in a Berkeley hotel---right now, there is a Japanese and his wife (Help, shouldthat be "are a Japanese and his wife"?) in a hotel in Berkeley, permitted to come in just to settle up some business in San Francisco. They are here on a 3 week permit, and are having no trouble at all.

We are glad to say that the "Beyond the Horizon" will be available next week. It has been held up because we had loaned one of the cuts to a Chaplain at Camp Shelby, who has apparently gone overseas. We are now having a new cut made, and the whole job will be done next week. We will ship your order pronto.

Re the Japanese-American child photographs, I had misunderstood. I had thought that Mr. Opler might want to take the whole thing over with Mr. Carr. Our Committee does not feel that it is what we can use at this time, so have decided to let it go. I am sending the whole thing back to its originator, Mr. (Pvt.) Charles K. Ferguson, General Deliver, Corona del Mar, California. If you are interested further, I suggest that you write to him directly. He is most eager to see it put out, but is determined not to let it get into Pacifist hands, as it might involve WRA unfavorably. Keep at your work on getting people to state to the War Department that they will house and/or employ Japanese persons or families. I cannot put that too strongly. Those letters are telling.

Most cordially yours,

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman

RWK:mj

May 26, 1944

Pvt. Charles K. Ferguson
General Delivery
Corona del Mar
California

Dear Chuck:

I've never been more frustrated over failure to do something than I am over this booklet we had hoped to do with your pictures. As I told you before, I tried all of the possibilities and got exactly nowhere. I have written to Miss Priscilla Beattie of 421 Sequoia, Pasadena, California, telling her of it, and she may write to you. It might be a good idea for you to write her anyway, as she is a go-getter and has a lot of savvy.

Meantime--I wish that I could talk to you about the whole "deal". It gets more interesting and full of possibilities, as well as probabilities, daily.

Regretfully--even sorrowfully!

May 27, 1944

TELEGRAM

Mrs. Katherine Kaplan
1732 Kelton
Los Angeles, Calif.

Thank you for comments on letter. Definitely in line with my own impression. Have just checked files with McGiffert and am drawing up new memo letter to you. Assure you it will be entirely satisfactory. McGiffert greatly pleased with your report.

Big Stuff still developing.

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman

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

Dear Miss Jefferds:

Our supply of "The Races of Mankind" have at last come and we are today mailing you 100 copies. We are charging you 7¢ each for these which is the price the Public Affairs Committee charged in 500 lots.

We are sorry thare has been so much delay, but we can now supply at once these pamphlets or McWilliams "What About Our Japanese Americans." The price on either one in quantities of 25 or more is 7¢.

Cordially yours,

Clarence Gillett

Clarence S. Gillett
Executive Secretary

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WAR DEPARTMENT

THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE

WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

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IN REPLY REFER TO AGOB-C 014.311 (18 May 44)

26 May 1944.

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

Dear Mr. Fisher:

This is in reply to your letter of 18 May 1944, addressed to the Secretary of War, concerning the exclusion of persons of Japanese ancestry from the West Coast.

The War Department appreciates very much your offer of cooperation in the event a program should be put into effect for the return of these persons to the West Coast. The exclusion of persons of Japanese ancestry from the West Coast in the spring of 1942 was carried out because it was required by military necessity. This does not mean that the War Department considered that all persons of Japanese descent were disloyal, but merely, that, in the emergency, mass evacuation was the only action which could be taken.

The situation is under the constant study of the War Department due to the changing military situation, and you can be assured that these persons will not be kept from the West Coast any longer than military necessity requires.

Sincerely yours,

Robert H Dunlop

ROBERT H. DUNLOP
Brigadier General,
Acting The Adjutant General.
By: E f m

May 27, 1944

Rev. J. Bernard Watson
Seaside
California

Dear Mr. Watson:

I have listed below the material included in the packages to be sent to Sacramento for the Conference early in June. As you will note, some of the material may be distributed free of charge, while the remainder will be on consignment. This remainder may be paid for in the total amount now, (in which case we will refund whatever is necessary after the Conference), or I shall send you a bill for the total, and no money need pass hands until after the Conference when an accounting may be made. Please let me know which procedure will be most convenient.

No. sent	Item	Charge
50	Eberharter Minority Report I(I)	none
50	Kuroki excerpts @ 2¢ each	$1.00
50	FORTUNE reprint	none
50	Balance Sheet on Jap. Evac. @10¢	$5.00 (total $3.)
50	Voice That Must Be Heard	none
75	Pertinent Facts	none
50	Truth About Jap Camps @2 for 5¢	$1.25
25	J. Edgar Hoover Statements	none
25	Evidences of Americanism....	none
25	Stimson Statements	none
25	Col. Fielder Statements	none
25	These Are Our Parents	none
100	Soldier and Civilian Nisei...	none
100	American Fighting Men..@10 ¢ each	$10.00 (or total.....$6.00)

Total cost if paid now would be $11.25. Otherwise, you will be held accountable for $17.25.

I hope this selection of material will be satisfactory.

Sincerely yours,

Office secretary

mj

see June 5 1944 (copies)

May 27, 1944

Dr. Hubert Phillips
Fresno State Teachers' College
Fresno, Calif.

Dear Dr. Phillips:

I was sorry to miss you when you were in San Francisco earlier this week. Margaret Cosgrave told me that you were to be here, and I called your hotel, too late to reach you.

I expect to see Margaret this weekend, and shall relay to you, through her, some of the things we are most interested in at this particular time.

I hope that we can get together the next time you are in the Bay area.

Very cordially yours,

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman

RWK:mj

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May 27, 1944

To all members of Gd Bd. and Ex. Comm.

When Mr. Miller Freeman asked us to send to each of our Committee Board members, copies of the correspondence between this office and Mr. Freeman, we consented to do so. We felt at that time that much of the material covered in the correspondence was not of specific concern to members of the Committee, but, appreciating Mr. Freeman's interest, we acceded to his request.

One of the several persons to whom Mr. Freeman sent copies of the correspondence was the Honorable Joseph E. Grew, of the State Department. Mr. Grew felt that Mr. Freeman entirely misunderstood the point in his address of December 29, 1943, in reference to the Emperor of Japan, and has asked that our members be informed as to his actual position.

Mr. Galen Fisher, a personal friend of Mr. Grew's has also written a letter to Mr. Grew, assuring him of our understanding and appreciation of his point of view, and saying that we feel the importance of clearing up any misapprehensions which might have been created.

Enclosed you will find a copy of Mr. Grew's letter to Mr. Freeman.

Very cordially yours,

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman

RWK:mj

COPY

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Washington

May 2, 1944

Dear Mr. Freeman:

I have before me your letter of February 29, 1944, in which you say:

> "I am glad to have my impression corrected that you are in favor of upholding the doctrine of the divinity of the Emperor of Japan."

Today there has come to me a copy of your letter of January 24, 1944, to Mrs. Ruth Kingman, Secretary of the Pacific Coast Committee for American Principles and Fair Play, in which you state in paragraph five:

> "I disagree with the doctrine being enunciated by Ambassador Joseph Grew that this Nation should uphold and exert its official influence to support and maintain the principles of the divinity of the Emperor of Japan."

Permit me to say emphatically that I have never, directly or indirectly enunciated the doctrine that this nation should uphold and exert its official influence to support and maintain the principles of the divinity of the Emperor of Japan. I have never believed in and do not now believe in such a doctrine. I emphatically agree with your statement to Mrs. Kingman that "We can only insure peace in the Pacific by the wiping out of the Fascist gangsters who control the Japanese Government", and I have publicly expressed this opinion all over the country.

In view of the fact that Mrs. Kingman has had printed copies made of your letter to her of January 24 and has circulated such copies to the members of the Pacific Coast Advisory Board of the Committee on American Principles and Fair Play, among whom I find the names of personal friends, I trust that in all fairness you will consider it proper to inform Mrs. Kingman of the fallacy of your statement to her under reference and to request her similarly to inform those persons to whom she circulated the copy of your letter. It will be appreciated if you will send me a copy of your letter to Mrs. Kingman and if you will let me know in due course whether Mrs. Kingman will take the suggested action.

Yours truly,

Joseph C. Grew (signed)

PS It may not be out of place to say that some of my public remarks have been misreported and radically distorted in some sections of the press.

J.C.G.

May 27, 1944

Mr. Saburo Kido
415 Beason Bldg.
Salt Lake City 1, Utah

Dear Mr. Kido:

I am writing for Mrs. Kingman to confirm the order of 1000 copies of the reprint in pamphlet form of Sgt. Ben Kuroki's speech before the Commonwealth Club of San Francisco, at five cents a copy.

We would appreciate it very much if you could send us (airmail) a copy of the proof of the pamphlet with the changes we had noted, before the large printing job is done. We shall, of course air-mail it back to you, or directly to the printers, the same day we receive it.

I have contacted Dr. Monroe E. Deutsch re the Commonwealth Club member directory, and will let you know as soon as I receive word from him, unless he sends the directory directly to you. He seemed hopeful of obtaining one for you.

Very sincerely yours,

Office secretary

mj

May 27, 1944

Mr. Louis J. Meilette
P.O. Box 459
Honolulu 9, Hawaii

Dear Mr. Meilette:

The cost of the 100 copies of the pamphlet "American Fighting Men Speak Out" sent to you today, is six dollars.

Please make the check payable to the Fair Play Committee.

Thank you very much.

Very sincerely yours,

Office secretary

mj

May 27, 1944

War Relocation Authority
Central Utah Relocation Project
Topaz, Utah

Dear Sirs:

The bill for the 100 copies of the brochure "American Fighting Men Speak Out" (per your order # WRA6-1847-44) order May 16, 1944, is $6.00 (six dollars). Please make the check payable to the Fair Play Committee.

I certify that the above bill is correct and just; that payment therefore has not been received; that all statutory requirements as to American production and labor standards and conditions of purchase applicable to the transaction have been complied with; and that State of local taxes are not included in the amount billed.

Mary Jefferds
Office secretary

mj

May 27, 1944

TELEGRAM

Rev. J. Bernard Watson
Seaside
California

Please wire collect which days I should attend Conference.

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman

5/31/44

Young Men's Christian Association

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May 27, 1944

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

Dear Sirs:

The Annual Student YMCA-YWCA Regional Conference at College Camp, Wisconsin is to be held from June 7th to June 14th this year. For it's Book Store we would like to order twenty-five (25) copies of Galen M. Fisher's A BALANCE SHEET ON JAPANESE EVACUATION.

We are ordering on a consignment basis, assuming the usual 20% deduction unless notified otherwise, and should have the copies in our hands by June 6th. Send the shipment and invoice to:

Clarence Elliot
YM- YW Student Conference
College Camp, Wisconsin

I thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Yours truly,

Marion Hagen, j.c.

Marion Hagen, Chairman
Geneva Conference Literature Committee

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May 29, 1944

Mr. William Davis
Stiles Hall
Berkeley, Calif.

Dear Mr. Davis:

Mrs. Kingman tells me that you have kindly reminded her that our lease on the office space at 2234 Telegraph Avenue, granted by your Board of Directors at $30.00 per month, will expire on June 30th.

May I express our appreciation, not only of the low rental rate, but more particularly for the opportunity of carrying on our work in such a favorable location. Much of our program is carried on after consultation with our advisors in the Administration Building and on the campus. Mrs. Kingman's work is greatly expedited by the easy accessibility of those members provided by the present location of her office.

The Committee is expecting the coming year to present a still heavier schedule and program, necessitating not only close working relationship of the members, but of an increased budget. If it is possible for the lease of the Executive Office to be renewed at the same, or at approximately the same figure as that of last year, our work will be immeasurably benefited, as any change of location would be an added burden on our limited staff and budget.

Will you kindly convey this to your Board, together with our hearty appreciation of their interest.

Very sincerely yours,

Galen M. Fisher

GMF:mj

May 29, 1944

Capt. Frank A. Keidel
Lomita Post No. 1622
Veterans of Foreign Wars
of the United States
Lomita, Calif.

Dear Captain Keidel:

In regard to your letter of February 18th to our Pasadena Branch, you may find the enclosed material of some interest, if you have not already received copies.

Sincerely yours,

Office secretary

mj

May 29, 1944

Mr. R.D. Snnddy
Office of Emergency Management, Rm. 229
499 Pennsylvania Ave., N.W.
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Snoddy:

The cost of the 2500 copies of the pamphlet "American Fighting Men Speak Out" per your order of May 11, 1944, at six dollars per hundred, is $150.00. The booklets were mailed to you on May 18th.

We have not yet received the confirming purchase order 16843-44, mentioned in the telegram of May 11th.

Please make the check payable to the Fair Play Committee.

Thank you very much.

Sincerely yours,

Office secretary

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May 29, 1944

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

Dear Mr. Gillett:

Since the 100 copies of "American Fighting Men Speak Out" were mailed to you May 16th, they should have arrived by May 25th. If you have not received them by the time you receive this letter, please let us know, and we shall ship 100 copies immediately....there may have been an error in addressing or mailing.

In your letter of May 25th, accompanying the check in payment of the Fighting Men pamphlet, you mentioned the check in payment of 300 copies. I am assuming this was a clerical error, since the brochure is listed at six dollars per 100, and your original order was for 100 copies.

Thank you for sending the copies of the Kaltenborn letter. I am sure we will receive them in a few days.

Sincerely yours,

Office secretary

mj

May 29, 1944

Judge Wm. Denman
2790 Green St.
San Francisco, Calif.

Dear Judge Denman:

Thank you very much for sending us the copies of the certificate of questions addressed to the Supreme Court in Mitsuye Endo v. Eisenhower.

The outcome of this case is of interest to us, and the ordering of it to the Supreme Court seems to indicate that it is of interest to other as well.

We shall watch for the decision with concern.

Very cordially yours,

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman

RWK:mj

May 29, 1944

Mr. Chiura Obata
6329 San Bonita Ave.
St. Louis, Mo.

Dear Mr. Obata:

In looking over my files, I find that I have had no reply from you about the note to Miss Cecilia McCarthy. Perhaps you sent one along, but I have not received it.

If you wish me to try again to reach Miss McCarthy, do not hesitate to say so, for I shall be more than glad to make every effort.

My very best wishes to all of the family, including Masa and Kim.

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman

RWK:mj

May 29, 1944

Mr. William B. Davis
Stiles Hall
Berkeley, Calif.

Dear Mr. Davis:

The cost of the 50 copies of "American Fighting Men Speak Out" sent to you today, is three dollars.

Please make the check payable to the Fair Play Committee.

Thank you very much.

Very sincerely yours,

Office secretary

mj

May 31, 1944

Mr. B.R. Stauber
War Relocation Authority
Barr Bldg.
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Stauber:

One of my friends at the University, Mrs. James Corneille, is much concerned as to the whereabouts of a Japanese American family whose members are valued friends. She was distressed when they first went to Tulelake, and is still more unhappy because they have suddenly stopped writing.

As she feels that at least the Nisei of the family will probably wish to be released, it is possible that they have already left the Center.

Quite an influential person in the community, Mrs. Corneille looks forward to a time when she can assist her friends to return to their former homes, if if can be worked out.

I have told her that I would inquire of WRA as to the family's whereabouts. The family head is

Mr. George Sasajima
6906 A-B
Tulelake, California.

If it is not too much trouble, can you tell me where Mr. Sasajima and his family are now?

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman

RWK:mj

May 31, 1944

Mrs. Belle K. White
2306 Las Lunas St.
Pasadena 8, 1944

Dear Mrs. White;

In reply to your letter of May 25, there seems to be no way that I know of to keep theinitiative measure you refer to, off of the November ballot if the necessary number of signatures are secured for the petition.

However, if it were to pass, it would immediately be declared unconstitutional, (as in Arizona), as such discriminatory legislation cannot be enforced against American citizens, on the basis of race.

Naturally, we hope that California will not go on the recordin such a way as to reflect on our good sense, as well as on ourfairmindedness.

Very sincerely yours,

(Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman)

May 31, 1944

Mr. Frank S. Bayley
Henry Stuart Bldg.
Seattle, Washington

Dear Mr. Bayley:

I believe that Mrs. Mosiman sent you a copy of her letter to me, of May 26, 1944. Enclosed you will find a copy of our reply to her letter.

As you will see, I hope to be in Seattle before long, and I look forward to seeing you at that time.

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman

RWK:mj

May 31, 1944

Mr. Marion Hagen
YMCA, Student Branch
University Farm Campus
St. Paul 8, Minnesota

Dear Mr. Hagen:

The 25 copies of Mr. Galen Fisher's pamphlet "A Balance Sheet on Japanese Evacuation" have been sent on consignment (per your order of May 27, 1944) to Mr. Clarence Elliot, College Camp, Wisconsin.

The cost of these 25 copies will be $1.75. I am very sorry that we cannot give you the 20% deduction you mentioned, since all our material is sold at cost.

I am enclosing a pamphlet just recently issued by the Fair Play Committee, which you may find of some interest.

May I again express my regret that the deduction is impossible?

Very sincerely yours,

Office secretary

mj

May 31, 1944

Mrs. Roscoe B. Mosiman
9263 Fauntleroy Ave.,
Seattle, Washington

Dear Mrs. Mosiman:

Thank you very much for your letter of May 26, and for the good wishes it expresses. The Committee is increasingly busy with its growing program, and is always appreciative of good will toward its efforts.

I am quite sure that the Executive Committee understands quite well the situation in the Northwest. When Mrs. Siegley was here in Berkeley, we received the impression that you were to act as the Chairman of the Executive Committee in Seattle, while Mr. Bayley was to be the Chairman of the Advisory group for the Northwest. There seems to have been considerable confusion as to where any responsibility lay, but I think that it has finally been cleared up.

I hope to be in Seattle soon, for the purpose of getting the Committee a bit more satisfactorily launched. Our program, while anything but aggressive, is contributing largely to much needed education, and is also keeping closely in touch with national policies and trends. Naturally, an expanding program needs financial support, and I am sure that the Northwest will wish to contribute its share. Thus far, there has been no organization for such support that we know of, due to an apparent lack of understanding on the part of Mrs. Siegley that such support was to be expected. Apparently she did not discuss the matter with Mr. Bayley, who naturally had to depend upon the Executive Secretary for such information, and not being informed, knew nothing of the details we thought were being carried out.

As the "military necessity" for evacuation of all persons of Japanese ancestry from the West Coast is steadily decreasing, it seems reasonalbe to assume that the War Department will sooner or later modify its restrictive orders concerning the evacuees. When that time comes, we shall have a much more specific and detailed task----that of interpreting the action of the War Department to the many persons who have been

filled to the brim with all sorts of distorted information and misinformation.

Looking forward to such a time, we are particularly eager to get the counsel as well as the cooperation of the many friends of fair play in the Northwest. I hope that when I can get up to Seattle, I can talk with both you and Mrs. Siegley, as well as with Mr. Bayley and many other interested persons.

Very cordially yours,

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman
Executive Secretary

RWK:mj

cc: Mr. Frank S. Bayley

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5/2/44

May 31, 1944

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

Dear Mrs. Kingman:

On page 32, June issue, is Dr. Freeman's helpful statement on Nisei for which we again thank you and him.

Yours truly

Vaughan MacCaughey
Editor

VMC:L

Ans. by phone
5/2/44

5/31/44

Dear Ruth,

The enclosures are for you -- except the V-mail letter, which you may want to copy. Please return. Eugene Boardman, an old Beirut friend, is now in Marine Intelligence in So. Pacific -- of course you won't use his name, but you may want to put "Captain, Intelligence, U. S. Marine Corps"... Interesting, isn't it? He's the friend to whom I went a batch of material, and who talked American-Japanese with Woodbridge Bingham in Hawaii, a while back.

Are the boys still down at Dibble? Maybe I should write them again -- maybe they didn't ever get my letter of a while back.

See you soon?

Cheerio,

Eleanor

Excerpts: V-mail May 19,1944

Dear E.

I have run across several items lately in my work that may be of interest. One is a bitter newspaper article commenting on America's "toadying" to the Chungking regime while her basic attitudes toward the colored races remain unchanged. The treatment of relocated Japanese-Americans is described as an evidence of our hypocritical democracy. Through the whole article runs the old resentment at the "national slight" of the 1923 Exclusion Act. Also, a booklet put into the hands of every Japanese soldier embarking for the "South Seas" explains to him what he is fighting for in terms of an area where one billion colored Orientals have been oppressed by an encroaching three hundred million whites -- British, American, French, Dutch, etc. So far as I am able to judge, only an occasional Japanese is touched more by the appeal to race than to the "national slight". But the race motif must have great influence in southeast Asia. .....

As ever,

G.
Capt. U.S. Marines, Intelligence

Excerpts from a V-mail letter

Dear E.

I have read with much interest the last few days the pamphlets and prints of gov't. documents concerning relocation that came to me from you recently. I shall circulate these among my colleagues. The Japanese government apparently watches what happens to the segregees more closely than it does the condition of its own nationals held by the Allies as bona fide prisoners of war. The strong feeling of some Americans about the former can always be exploited for propaganda purposes; officially they prefer to deny that the latter even exist. As a result the segregees are considered as our equivalent of the American prisoners of war that they hold. Any slip in the WRA's procedure means that our people suffer. --- The WRA seems to have done a good job, though it's a pity that only 20000 have been let out on indefinite leave so far. ---

Sincerely,

G.

Captain, Marine Intelligence

Edwin R. Embree
President

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Secretary and Comptroller

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May 31, 1944

Dear Mrs. Kingman: We are attempting to compile a handbook of organizations whose work has a direct or indirect bearing upon race relations. The Pacific Coast Committee on American Principles and Fair Play is one of the organizations that should be included.

Will you, at your earliest convenience, let us have a brief statement (500 words or less) embodying the objectives and activities of your organization in the form that you would like to have it included in the handbook? We should also have the names of the officers or baord of directors. It may be that you have some printed or mimeographed literature which covers these points; if so, we should like very much to have copies.

We hope that the information compiled in this way will prove useful to all organizations working in this vitally important field. Your cooperation will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

Charles S. Johnson

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San Francisco, California

6/2/44

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May 31, 1944

Miss Mary Jefferds
American Fair Play Committee
2234 Telegraph Avenue
Berkeley 4, California

Dear Miss Jefferds:

Thank you for your Air Mail letter of May 29th. We have not yet received the 100 copies of "American Fighting Men Speak Out", and we shall be glad to have you start another 100 copies on its way. If the first hundred should appear, we shall see if we can dispose of them or if not return them to you.

OK 6/2/44

You're right in thinking that the reference to 300 copies instead of 100 copies was a mistake.

Mrs. Paul W. Moritz of South Pasadena writes that you have an abundant supply of "Beyond the Horizon". If so, we would like to have you send us 200 copies. We shall be glad to remit for these when we know they are on the way and also for the second hundred of the "Fighting Men"pamphlet unless we return them to you.

I trust that the Kaltenborn letters arrive before this does.

Sincerely yours,

Clarence Gillett

Clarence S. Gillett
Executive Secretary

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