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March 16,1942

Dr. Roswell P. Barnes
297 Fourth Avenue
New York, N.Y.

Dear Roswell:

You have been kept informed by Dr. Dawber, no doubt, of the plans touching Japanese evacuees. Now that the Army has dashed our hopes for Hearing Boards to pass on loyalty, even of citizen Japanese, in advance of removal to Reception Centers, we are turning our attention to two lines: 1) Proposing a plan for Hearing Boards to function at the Centers. Two of the ablest lawyers on the Com. on National Security and Fair Play are working on this. 2) Making a nationwide plan for the finding of specific jobs for evacuees in places all over the states East of the Sierras, especially through the churches. This effort should presumably be kept rather quiet, lest Jap-haters seize on it and try to damn the whole scheme. (the Church representatives)

Dr. Frank Herron Smith was asked by Dawber to act as representative, for the Home and Federal Councils on this whole business, as you of course, are aware. The other day we took steps to form an Executive Committee, and I pressed for action along the lines sketched above. Every one expressed general approval, but it remains still to formulate definite plans. As I see it, there would be no necessity to centralize all the information as to prospective jobs, sponsors (local), etc. in the East, but it would be very necessary to have central clearing offices on this Coast, probably at Los Angeles, San Francisco, Seattle, and perhaps Portland.

The Army is very glad to have the evacuees find their own places to settle, and to have all sorts of private groups, such as churches, become sponsors and mediators toward the communities, for the newcomers. It is certainly a grand opportunity for our churches to show that we are not fighting the poor innocents who, because of racial connections, are being herded out of home and work. At the same time, the placing of several thousand farmers, house-workers, gardeners, etc. in country and city, should help meet the alleged labor shortage. A spontaneous letter from Wisconsin came to me last week, saying that they could probably place about 200 workers in dairying and canning. The writer was a former YMCA secretary in Japan, and said he had already found support for the idea among some of the political and educational leaders. For the present, however, no mention should be made of this possibility.

Rev. Gordon Chapman, formerly missionary in Japan, and now in charge of Presbyterian Japanese work in California, says he has already written his home Board people about finding jobs in the West and Eastern states. If each denomination were to approach its own churches, following a uniform pattern agreed upon, I should think the best results would be achieved. Our Executive Committee will no doubt work out suggestions to this end within a few days. Dr. Smith returns tomorrow from Los Angeles, and will bring ideas from there that can be incorporated.

Faithfully yours

Galen M. Fisher
Secy of Com. on Natl Security and Fair Play

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SECRETARY-TREASURER, GEORGE WILSON

April 18, 1942

Mr. Galen Fisher
11 El Sueno
Orinda, California

Dear Mr. Fisher:

Enclosed is a report, including recommendations, we have prepared on the alien problem in San Francisco, and attached are copies of a letter we have sent General John L. DeWitt and Rear Admiral J. W. Greenslade.

We would like to have your organization attend the conference we are hoping to arrange with General DeWitt and Admiral Greenslade, and will communicate with you later about such representation after you have read the report.

Thanking you for any cooperation and courtesies you may extend, we remain

Sincerely,

SAN FRANCISCO CIO COUNCIL

George Wilson

GEORGE WILSON
Secretary

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April 29,1942

Mr. George Wilson, Secretary
San Francisco C.I.O. Council
150 Golden Gate Avenue,
San Francisco, Calif.

Dear Mr. Wilson:

Thank you for your letter of April 18, accompanying the Report on Employment of Aliens. I have read the Report and the recommendations with care and although I am not competent to pass expert judgment on such matters, I am impressed by the fairness and social outlook embodied in them.

I am bringing the Report to the attention of the Chairman of the Committee on National Security and Fair Play, so that we may be prepared to take whatever steps may seem appropriate, at a later date, after your conference with the Army and Navy authorities. If you deem it desirable for me to attend that conference you will no doubt let me know in due course.

Sincerely yours

Galen M. Fisher
Secretary

Rt. 2, Box 346
Reedley, Calif.
April 29, 1942.

Mr. Galen M. Fisher
Orinda, Calif.

Dear Mr. Fisher,

You may perhaps recall having spoken to the University of California Y.M.W.C.A. Race Relations group some time earlier this semester. I was associated with that group as a member of its executive committee and am still appreciative of your fine co-operation and active participation in the movement for better race relations.

Owing to evacuation of the Berkeley area I was forced to leave for home, which is in Zone 2. I was very much disturbed upon my arrival here to find the people in a very bad state of demoralization. It seems that the local Chamber of Commerce and other dignitaries are anxious to have all of the remaining Japanese removed from Tulare County, and no doubt from the rest of the state. The heavy influx of migrant Japanese has created much of a problem, with most of them still idle, waiting for the grapes to be ready for harvesting. Very recently the supervisor of Tulare County recommended to Governor Olson that all of the Japanese be removed from Tulare County. You are no doubt familiar with the details.

A short time ago, Governor Olson, whom I understood to be honorary chairman of the Committee for Fair Play, spoke here in Reedley and gave "every assurance" that he would clear the Japs out of the state. He promised that he would take the matter up with Lt. General DeWitt, and according to the newspapers, he has done so, although we have not as yet heard of the outcome.

Would it at all be possible for you, Mr. Fisher, to present a more sympathetic case to the Army? Evacuation has been enough of an injustice so far. To go any furthur would mean no limit for similiar reprisals to be taken against any racial, religious or political minority. The Army has already established the zones which it has deemed militarily important. We now have shoddy politicians trying to influence the Army into declaring other areas restricted for reasons other than military.

If you have any acquaintance at all with Tulare County and its reactionary politicians, it is very understandable how such measures would come about. Porterville, from where the most agitation arises, is notorious as an anti-Oriental town. No Japanese are allowed to reside there. Tulare County is a stronghold of the Associated Farmers who have always agitated against the Japanese. The Japanese have developed the barren wastes in eastern Tulare County and have now made it one of the richest vegetable producing districts in the state. Many, of course, have acquired wealth and property -- this now seems to be the bone of contention.

I sincerely hope that you will act upon this immediately.

Very truly, by Kenji Murase

May 2,1942

Mr. Kenji Murase
Rt. 2 Box 346
Reedley, Calif.

Dear Mr. Murase:

I am glad you felt free to write me about the difficulty in Reedley. Of course I recall you in the race relations group when I spoke to it a while ago. Now you certainly are up against the real thing.

If I understand the situation correctly, the agitation by the white politicians has been given fresh impetus, and a certain justification, by virtue of the influx of a large number of "voluntary evacuees" who rushed in there before the deadline of March 29th, and many of whom have no work or prospect of work for some time.

One should not be surprised, therefore, that the politicians and the anti-Japanese group as a whole should seize on this situation to put a lever under the entire Japanese population. My first thought was, that a considerable proportion of the recent comers, those who have no jobs or early hope of jobs, should tell General DeWitt that they were ready to go to any suitable place and work. That would no doubt result in their being sent to some Reception Center, and ultimately, to one of the settlements.

I should expect such a proposal to relieve the pressure and prevent an explosion, because it would remove the chief talking-point of the agitators. It would presumably convince the General and the Governor that the migrant Japanese were not stubbornly insisting on sticking with a "free community" of their nationals, but were ready to go cheerfully to whatever place seemed best to the Army.

As to Governor Olson, he is no longer Honorary Chairman of our Committee, since the original Fair Play Committee was reorganized in February, taking the name: Committee on National Security and Fair Play", and at the same time dropping the Honorary Chairman, and electing Dr. Henry F. Grady the chairman. The Governor appears to be inconsistent, in view of his strong pronouncements for racial tolerance, etc., but he is probably more of a politician than he is an idealist.

It is my deliberate conviction that unless some such step as I have suggested is taken voluntarily, then there is grave likelihood of the Army being forced to take some drastic measure, in order to reach a quick and final solution. I have had to confer with Army officers on many things, and I believe it would not be wise for me to take up this matter until I learn that my suggestion is wrong, or that I have overlooked some factors, or until some local Japanese leaders have at least taken some decisive steps toward solving the problem themselves. It would be a great pity for you and other old residents to have to suffer for the mistakes of newcomers who rushed in carelessly, and should now offer to move out.

Cordially yours

Galen M. Fisher

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Statement Prepared by a Los Angeles Lawyer

This will interest you.

May 12, 1942

Dr. George Gleason,
139 N. Broadway,
Los Angeles, Calif.

Dear Dr. Gleason:

I regret that circumstances over which I had no control prevented my communicating with you earlier in regard to Dr. Leiper's article in the April 20, 1942, issue of CHRISTIANITY AND CRISIS.

In my opinion, the article in question is laudable in purpose, but unfortunate in its implications, as well as unsound in its facts. There is no remote relationship between the so-called Nuremberg laws and the action taken against American citizens of Japanese descent on the West Coast. The Nuremberg laws, you will recall, were decrees issued by Hitler at Nuremberg in 1934, under which the civil guarantee of the Weimar Constitution were completely abrogated by the principle laid down that only so-called Aryans could be citizens of Germany.

There has been no abrogation of the citizenship of the Japanese Americans. There has been no racial principle involved whatsoever, as the orders as given to General DeWitt by the Commander-in-Chief of the Army, are applicable, in principle, to all American citizens, irrespective of their descent.

Dr. Leiper is evidently not aware of the institution of martial law which has been repeatedly invoked in the history of our country in times of war. In effect, we have martial law in California today. To be sure, it is in a modified form. It is not called martial law in so many words. In this regard it is far less severe than invocations of martial law which have occurred many times in our past history. Dr. Leiper should recall that Lincoln found it necessary, during the Civil War period, to suspend the writ of habeas corpus.

To be sure, Dr. Leiper does draw some distinctions between the actions of Nazis in peace time and American practice in war time, but I believe he is unduly worried over the implications of the orders issued by Gen. DeWitt. Perhaps I have a greater confidence in the fundamental soundness of the American democracy,

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or it may be that I am merely closer to the scene, and therefore appreciate better that there are very few Californians who interpret the action taken in the manner that he does. There are of course Jap-baiters in California as there are Catholic-baiters and Jew-baiters and alien-baiters in other parts of the country. The number fortunately is very few. I know that a great many humanitarians who see eye to eye with Dr. Leiper on almost every other issue, are convinced of the military necessity of the actions taken; but are equally determined and assured that the action shall not constitute a precenent; and that everything that can be done, be done, now and in the future, to make up, so far as possible, for the inevitable hardships, unhappiness and psychological scars suffered by the loyal Japanese Americans who are unfortunately involved. These people feel, as I do, that in times of war no layman -- unaware, as he necessarily must be of all the facts and circumstances -- can set himself up in opposition to military orders for which our military leaders deem there is a public necessity.

Kindest regards.

Sincerely yours,

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

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DR. GEORGE GLEASON,
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June 2, 1942

Mr. Glen M. Fisher,
11 El Sueno,
Orinda, Calif.

Dear Gale :

It is rather late to acknowledge the receipt of your very interesting statement of May 18th.

Dr. Hedrick also sent me the communications of Dr. Sproul addressed to Henry A. Wallace, John H. Tolan and President Roosevelt. I am wondering if there have been any new developments in regard to any of your or his suggestions.

For more than a week I have been trying to arrange an interview with Mayor Bowron. It is now postponed until Wednesday afternoon. I had intended to write you after seeing him. That is partly why I have delayed.

There is nothing especially new here, except that we seem constantly to be fighting wild rumors regarding our reception centers or events in the Far East. One poor school principal here got herself into great difficulty by addressing a mimeographed letter to the parents of the children. She suggested that toys and books should be provided for the Japanese children. But to strengthen her appeal she reported that the Japanese were greatly underfed, and that "the younger children crawl over the tables seeking to find scraps of food which may have been left." This was said of Santa Anita. Of course, several of us had to deny such a statement, but as the public relations director of Santa Anita had told me over the phone "this report has probably already been printed in the Tokio newspapers."

How did you like Dr. Loper's letter in the Christian Century?

On Saturday I drove Valborg about 240 miles over the mountains and down to Palm Springs. She seemed to enjoy the day.

I hope that Ella is much better and again enjoying her gardening.

Did I write you that I spoke to J. B. Hughes, the radio commentator, at our Town Hall meeting about two weeks ago? I asked him if he thought the movement to deprive Japanese of their citizenship after the war is over was gaining serious momentum. He said that he had not heard that it is. Then I asked if this does become a problem - "will you use your influence to prevent such action?" He replied - "I certainly will do everything I can."

Cordially yours,

George

GEORGE GLEASON

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535 San Luis Road.
Berkeley, California.
June 3, 1942.

Dr. Harley H. Gill,
1164 Phelan Building,
San Francisco, California.

My dear Dr. Gill:

Mr. Galen Fisher has asked me to send you a short report of the trip I made over a portion of the state, in the interest of the Japanese evacuees. While I was gone for only two weeks, and made but ten stops, I feel sure that the project, as it developed from day to day, was entirely worth while.

The first stop was in Stockton, where I talked with Professor George Colliver of the College of the Pacific, who is one of the leaders in the group which has been assisting the Japanese of Stockton. He assured me that much was being done to help them with their property problems and that a cordial relationship existed between the church groups, at least, and the Japanese. I urged that the College of the Pacific take the initiative in cooperating with the Recreational and Educational directors of the Assembly Center. I lunched with Ted Ohashi, the local President of the J.A.C.L., and he verified what Dr. Colliver said. I had hoped to be able to institute some sort of canteen service at the entrance of the Assembly Center on the day of embarkation, but as the Center skirts the town, it was not deemed practicable.

From Stockton I went to Sacramento, where I talked with Professor Tyler of Sacramento Junior College. He felt that the organization in Sacramento, under the leadership of Raymond Grant, was giving fine assistance. After urging him, as faculty member of the College, to keep in mind any possible cooperation with the Assembly Center, I called Wesley Ford and talked to him at length. He assured me that the church women's organizations were working on the program and although evacuation was in progress, would consider what could be done to set up a canteen service.

In Fresno I met with the Fair Play Committee and was able to persuade them to incorporate in their already fine plans, the issuing of a "statement" somewhat like that put out by Berkeley, Oakland, and Hayward groups, and the setting up of a canteen service. I was altogether delighted with the amount of friendliness found in and about Fresno, toward the Japanese.

While my headquarters were in Fresno, I made a trip to Reedley, and to Parlier, where I spent a fine day with some Berkeley Japanese and members of the local J.A.C.L. I was fortunate in talking with Dr. MacLaughlin, President of Reedley Junior College and with John Fairweather Jr., editor of the local newspaper. They both assured me that the situation in and around Reedley was not at all as the state press indicated, and that the Japanese there are, on the whole, liked and respected. They admitted, of course, that the influx of newcomers, resulting from the February voluntary evacuation, had complicated the situation, but considered that the local Japanese had things well in order.

From Fresno I went on down to Pasadena, where I met with representatives of several groups of League of Women Voters, who were having their Annual State Convention in Los Angeles. They were greatly interested in what we are doing, as they are studying the possibility of voting on the elimination of the

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Exclusion Act. I spoke to a meeting of the Pomona Valley League of Women Voters on the subject of the Japanese migration, and feel that the contact was most worthwhile.

The Friends Service Committee had the situation "well in hand" in Pasadena, and helped with disposal of property as well as with fine canteen service at the times of entrainment. In Los Angeles the thing was so far along that I did not try to get in touch with anyone other than Dr. George Gleason, with whom I had a fine interview on the whole picture in Los Angeles. He obtained permission for me to go thru Santa Anita and accompanied me on my tour thru that Center. Dr. Gleason spoke most highly of some of the Los Angeles church groups, but more particularly of the fine work done by the International Institute in assisting the evacuees.

From Los Angeles I went out to Claremont, where I was fortunate in being able to talk with W.P. Woodard, lately from Japan, and Dr. Theodore Hume, who is trying hard to incorporate some service to the Japanese in the Pomona Center in his church program. In Claremont I talked with student leaders of the Associated Students of Pomona College and urged them to offer a varied and full program of cooperation to the Recreational and Educational directors of the Center. I feel that they will keep at it until they may possibly be able to create a unique type of relationship between Center and community. Among the recommendations made was that the College volunteer to put on all dress rehearsals for dramatic and musical productions as programs for the center. I also suggested that they create and maintain libraries for different age groups as well as Sunday School libraries.

My last day was spent in Riverside, where, from the home of Ralph Scott, U.S.O. Director for Camp Hahn, I called Dr. Ellis, the Congregational minister. He came to the Scott home and after an hour's conference, he took me to the home of Mrs. C.E. Bear, president of the Council of Church Women. I explained at length the thing we were interested in doing in the control centers during evacuation, and as the first military orders had not as yet been posted in that area, there was plenty of time to organize any project. I had expected to go on to San Bernardino, but Mrs. Bear assured me that there was a close lineup between the women's groups in the two cities, and that she would see that the program was carried out in both communities. Day before yesterday I had word from her saying that all of the Japanese in the area had been given transportation when needed, and that all had been sent off with a good word and hot tea and cakes.

This is a rather sketchy report, I fear, but I did want to tell you what I had done. My train fare and hotel accomodations, plus a few intercommunity phone calls, amounted to $43.75. As Mr. Fisher advanced me $50.00, I still hold the remainder, which he instructs me to keep for future use.

If there is any further information I can give you, will you kindly ask me? I greatly appreciated the opportunity of making the trip and only hope that I can go further afield someday, using some of the experience I have gained thus far.

Very sincerely yours,

Ruth W Kingman

PS.
I approve Lawyers Statement re Leiper article.
When I pleaded to Mulvaney he replied he too disapproved.
J. H. Carpenter & Christ India re copies etc.

June 7, 1942

G. Gleason

Dear George:

Your letter of June 2 brings me up to date on your region. Up here the chief developments concern efforts of local friends to extend service to the Japanese at Tanforan Center. Mrs. Kingman and Allen Blaisdell and some LWV women are heading it up, and hoping to get permission to send a stream of professors and others into the Center to give informal lectures, etc.

Then the surprise order of Gen. DeWitt for evacuation of Military Area 2 is causing much consternation. It disproves the rumor that recently came from Washington as to the Army's pledge to the Dept. of Justice not to make any more sweeping evacuations. Since the rumor came from the best inside sources, I judge it meant no more after this one. Several Eurasians and well-to-do invalids who took refuge in Area 2 will now have to go to Centers.

I thought Dr. Loper's letter was timely, although taken alone, I felt it was inadequate, for the Army made some blunders, while doing its main job efficiently and with consideration. Now that all California is about to be cleared of Japanese, it is sincerely to be hoped that the Executive Order giving the Army such emergency powers may be modified or revoked, so that the regular processes of maintaining order may be returned to the Dept. of Justice and the local peace officers and the courts.

As to conditions at the Assembly Centers, I have visited only Tanforan myself, but have heard detailed reports from several persons who have been inside several centers, and have read some dozens of letters from five centers, also the articles in the press about them, such as those by Arthur Caylor. I will try to get you a set of the last. My conclusion is that conditions are gradually improving, but that there are several grave deficiencies or mistaken policies in some centers, and that if the Army had known the centers would be occupied so long, it would have been derelict in not making them more adequate, both as to sanitation and to leisure time activities. My latest letter, from an able Japanese-American who has been employed in a city dept. of education for some years says what others had said before, as to one of the reputedly better Centers: "We are very free in our movements within "the fence". It is not like a concentration camp and yet, as you can well understand, when things like a child's death, during delivery; mass ptomaine poisoning; general poor organization of administration, etc. are evident, the folks are depressed and bitter." That refers to Tanforan, and from all accounts, three other centers, Sacramento, Turlock, and Merced, are not so good. My letters from Tulare, and accounts of visitors, would indicate that it is one of the best. Santa Anita also rates well. I am however, counselling patience and cooperation with the authorities, rather than sensational criticism, and expect that the Relocation Centers will be much better, despite the present deficiencies of Manzanar, which is now under the Relocation Authority.

I leave June 13 to attend the Congregational Council at Durham, N.H. and to do various other things, including visits with Eleanor and Ralph. I hope also to visit the successful colony at Deetley, Utah, where 140 evacuees are founding a harmonious cooperative settlement, on land leased by a George A. Fisher, whom I know.

So glad to know what John B. Hughes said to you. Good work.

Ella is quite well again, and the garden is flourishing.

As ever

Dale

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Mr. Galen Fisher
Elfueno
Orinda, California

Dear Mr. Fisher:

In this morning's mail I received from Alfred E. Maffly, Superintendent of the Berkeley Hospital, a letter regarding the report of the Committee of Minorities. For your information I am enclosing a copy of the letter.

Mr. Maffly apparently refers to the statement regarding typhoid inoculation which according to the report was "done by a Japanese Staff with phenomenal efficiency at the Congregational Church." Perhaps you will want to drop him a line to acknowledge this correction.

Aside from mailing the report out to our Board of Directors the Community Chest has done nothing to circularize this report. I wonder if you believe it would be well to condense it for the newspaper as being of general interest.

Yours very truly,

Bob

Robert R. Porter
Executive Secretary

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June 30, 1942

Mr. Robert Porter, Secretary
Berkeley Council of Social Agencies
2073 Allston Way
Berkeley, California

Dear Bob:

We wish to call your attention to an error in the Report of Committee on Minorities Appointed by the Berkeley Council Agencies. Four Hundred Japanese evacuees received their typhoid inoculation at the Berkeley Hospital Clinic. Each one of the 410 evacuees was enoculated two times on succeeding Saturdays. All arrangements were made by Mrs. Kingman and the Japanese American Citizens League, under the leadership of President Obata and Secretary Fujii. The Japanese were very appreciative and presented the Hospital with one of Professor Obata's watercolor paintings.

Yours very truly,

Signature

Alfred E. Maffly
Treasurer

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July 9,1942

Mr. Robert R. Porter
Executive Secretary
Community Chest
Berkeley, Calif.

Dear Mr. Porter:

Upon my return from a trip East I find your letter of July 2 together with a copy of Mr. Alfred Haffly's letter of June 30, correcting my report for the Committee on Minorities.

I am chagrined to find that Mr. Haffly is entirely right. The inoculation was done at the Berkeley Hospital Clinic. The error was entirely mine, and was due to my not understanding Mrs. Kingman's oral statement to me. I am glad that my report has not yet been widely circulated, and am sending copies of this letter to Mr. Haffly and Mrs. Kingman. If any more copies of the report should be sent out, please make the correction in accordance with Mr. Haffly's wording. The splendid cooperation of the Hospital might also be specifically mentioned. I hope you can let your Directors know of this correction.

As to whether or not the report should be given wider publicity, I am content to leave that to your discretion.

Sincerely yours,

Galen M. Fisher

Report of Committee on Minorities

appointed by Berkeley Council of Social Agencies

June 8,1942

Members of Committee: In December, 1941, at suggestion of Dr. Loper and Mr. Robert Porter, the Council appointed the following:

Mrs. Wallace Alexander David P. Barrows A.B.Campbell
Gifford Douglas Mrs. Stanley B. Freeborn Mrs. Ruth Kingman
Calen H. Pieler, Chairman Vere V. Loper Elmer E. Nichols
Chester H. Rowell Frank Morton Smith

Meetings: Without demur, the chairman arranged that there should be no meetings, all activities being arranged by telephone and personal consultation.

Activities: The activities fall into three categories: 1) Red Cross work; 2) Evacuation of Japanese; 3) Service to evacuees at Tanforan.

It will be noted that all these activities concern the Japanese. A little aid was extended to German and Italian aliens, but the Committee was appointed primarily with reference to the Japanese situation, and focussed on them.

of Mrs. Freeborn.

1) Red Cross Work. Under the energetic leadership of a group of Caucasian women enlisted a large number of Japanese women in six groups for sewing and knitting They were almost entirely of the older generation. When the Red Cross supply of wool gave out, they contributed enough money to buy it themselves, enough for an afghan. $97. was collected from so many of them for membership in the R.C. A Home Nursing Course was also organized for 21 younger generation women. They completed the course in half the ordinary period by meeting twice a week, and most of them are presumably finding the course of practical help in the Assembly Centers. This group met at the YWCA Cottage. These Red Cross activities gave the members great satisfaction, partly because they wished to participate in some specific war work, and partly because it gave them opportunity to associate with Caucasian women.

2) Evacuation of Japanese. Mrs. Kingman showed great resourcefulness and vigor in this service. It fell into two parts: Preparatory, and During actual registration and Departure. During the preparatory period, Mrs. Kingman served numbers of individuals, especially by serving as a go-between at the Government offices, at a time when the Japanese were perplexed and sensitive to rebuffs, and when information was often indefinite and the agencies concerned were overlapping or confused. Among the specific aids given were those in connection with storage of household goods, and keepsakes; arranging for typhoid inoculation, which was done by a Japanese staff with phenomenal efficiency, at the Congregational Church; and holding a benefit sale of Prof. Chata's paintings, the proceeds going to the University for a scholarship fund for some student adversely affected by the War. The waiver in connection with Custody of Keepsakes was formulated by Mr. Nichols.

During Registration and Departure groups of women from six central churches served one day each in hospitality, providing a creche for children of mothers who were registering, and serving tea and sandwiches, and taxing registrants to the Control Station. The Station was set up at the First Congregational Church, by the courtesy of the Trustees, under Dr. Loper's leadership. This gave it many advantages and a homelike atmosphere. The Japanese were deeply grateful. The host Church and the Berkeley Fellowship of Churches distributed to all registrants a cordial Statement of Christian Fellowship.

The success and originality of this Berkeley Evacuation Service attracted wide attention, and through a trip to Valley and So. California cities, Mrs. Kingman was able to coach church and civic groups there in doing likewise. She visited

Sacramento, Stockton, Fresno, Reedley, Parlier, Pleasanton, Claremont, Los Angeles, and Riverside.

5) Service at Tanforan. Several members of the Committee have visited the Berkeley and other Bay Region friends now living at Tanforan, taking them many necessities and such luxuries as fruits, vegetables, curtain materials, sugar, and cost-langers. Mr. Perren Smith has visited not only Tanforan, but all the other centers, in his capacity as Chairman of the Protestant Church Commission for Wartime Japanese Service, and he and Mr. Fisher and others have repeatedly conferred with the Government authorities.

As an outgrowth of Mrs. Kingman's visits to Tanforan and the great needs discovered by her and others for supplying not only equipment but program for leisure time activities, it is now planned that groups of friends in Berkeley and the other Bay cities shall set about systematically meeting these needs, as soon as the Government authorities have given consent.

Finances.

The only cost for all the services conducted in Berkeley, was $22.98 for the special telephone set up at the First Congregational Church for a few weeks, and $45.75 for Mrs. Kingman's trip. Office space was provided free, first by the Community Chest, and then by the Church, and both Mrs. Brosborn and Mrs. Kingman paid their own incidental travel around Berkeley and San Francisco, and secured contributions of auto service by others. The total expense, therefore, has been $68.81 to date.

Contributions were secured as follows:

From special fund raised by Rev Robert Inglis, at Plymouth Church,	$20.
From Northern California Congregational Conference, Dr. Harley Gill, Supt.	40.
	60.

This leaves a present deficit of $8.81. But the Chairman proposes that in dissolving this Committee, we give Mrs. Kingman about $10. toward defraying expenses in continuing the service to evacuees at Tanforan. The Chairman has contributed $2. toward this amount - which is $10.81 in all - and ventures to suggest that such other members of the Committee as may wish to participate, should send $1. or not more than $2. in any case, to Mr. Clifford T. Douglas, at the Central Bank American Trust Company, or to the Chairman.

Request for Dismissal.

With this report, the Chairman requests the Council of Social Agencies to dismiss the Committee, since its assignment has been completed.

Respectfully submitted

Galen M. Fisher,
Chairman

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

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DR. GEORGE GLEASON,
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

July 13, 1942.

Dr. Raymond J. O'Flaherty

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

Dear Gale:

Your statement in the Far Eastern Survey for June 29th., is complete and very fair. From my point of view, it would have been 100% perfect if you had added at the top of page 146 the phrase which you did mention below that fear on the part of law enforcement authorities of mob violence against Japanese residents was one of the motives of the evacuation. You did mention this, but it would have been more perfect to place this among the motives which lead up to the evacuation. However, Galen, you have done a magnificent job. Now, can't we get this into the hands of hundreds of people who did not read the Far Eastern Survey?

This is my plan: Roy Malcolm, of U.S.C., has written, primarily from the historical point of view, The Japanese Problem in California. You probably have seen this. I should like to get between 200 and 500 copies of his pamphlet, and a similar number of copies of your statement, and then add a brief mimeographed statement which I should like to prepare giving a little more of the Government point of view and the latest facts from Gen. De Witt's headquarters regarding the location of Japanese and plans for their immediate future placement.

I should like to have these three documents available for all who in my circle of acquaintances raise questions regarding the Japanese problem. The point is - can you supply me with between 200 and 500 copies of this latest statement of yours? I do hope you can.

7/15 yes, probably, unless you prefer the Dorchester pamphlet.

Mr. Galen M. Fisher -- #2

I have not heard whether you have returned, but hope you are not too far away. I can read in several magazines traces of your fine work and influence. I trust you and Ella are both well and that the strenuous trip was not too much for you.

Sincerely yours,

George

George Gleason

A Los Angeles woman is attempting to add her contribution to this whole Japanese situation. Enclosed is a mimeo sheet. Under separate cover I am sending you one of her pamphlets. I understand that she is a woman of considerable wealth.

Geo.

GG:S

August 10th, 1942.

Dear Galen:

Further to my letter of this morning, I wish to report to you that the best possible contact you could make is the man known as Mr. Ringle, attached to the office of the United States Naval Intelligence, Room 535 of the Van Nuys Building, at the corner of Spring and 7th Streets, Los Angeles. Mr. Ringle, in my opinion, has more complete knowledge of the activities of loyal Nisei than any other individual on the Pacific coast. I would suggest that you arrange for Mrs. Buwalda, who is known to him, to call upon Mr. Ringle, and it may be possible that he would be in a position to provide you with some indication of information along the lines desired.

I have personal knowledge of fairly active groups of Nisei, who have done more towards furthering the interest of the United States by discovering and reporting upon dangerous Japanese individuals, than have certain other organizations. In one case I know of, a Nisei was solely and directly responsible for the capture of a Japanese submarine commander in Los Angeles. The commander himself was unknown to any official American organization. I am telling you this in confidence because neither the Nisei nor the transaction can be divulged without imperilling the life of the Japanese informant in question.

Many other Nisei have done similar tasks and I may say to their credit, that in no case known to me has any Nisei in Western America done such acts in return for money, but have been motivated by their loyalty only to the United States.

As to any representations which may at any time have been made to General De Witt, I have no knowledge, but I will be very much surprised indeed if such representations have not been made. As the information is public, would you not care to quote the case of Mr. Shuji Fujii, late aditor of the "Doho", who frequently in his paper exposed the activities of individuals such as Gongoro Nakamura, K. Mukaida, and many other Japanese, etc. etc., who were arrested on the night of December 7th.

The whole question which you raise is an enormous one, and cannot be dealt with by means of correspondence. Perhaps it is sufficient for me to say that I personally know at least fifteen individuals who have received continual aid from the group attached to each of loyal and patriotic Nisei, and have in consequence been of great service to the United States in obtaining information regarding disloyal or suspicious Japanese.

Yours sincerely,

B.

Intelligence Officers

"B" is an American, formerly in the U.S. Intelligence Service in Calif. He & his parents are well-known to me & are absolutely trustworthy.

G. McRoberts

January 12, 1943

Mr. Stuart Ward
Commonwealth Club
St. Francis Hotel
San Francisco

Dear Stuart:

I wish we had had more opportunity to talk when we were both in Riverside. Your appreciative attitude toward the lecture I gave there emboldens me to send you a copy of it. I should be glad of any comments or criticisms. It may appear in an eastern magazine.

A week ago I was told that you had made certain statements as to nisei American citizens having failed to give the Intelligence services any aid in ferreting out dangerous or subversive persons of Japanese race. It was in Berkeley, and may have been before the YMCA and YWCA Student Conference. At any rate, the next night I spoke to that conference and took occasion to stress the fact that I had evidence to the contrary.

The most substantial evidence in my possession is a letter from a man whom I have long known, who was formerly in the Intelligence Service in California. When I asked him about this point he wrote me a long letter, parts of which are confidential, but the gist of which is this:

"Colonel B (Bendetsen) is certainly off on the wrong track, and there are innumerable cases I could give you. (The writer was referring to Col. Bendetsen's public statements that not a single nisei had given the Intelligence any help. C.M.F.) I have personal knowledge of fairly active groups of Nisei who have done more towards furthering the interest of the United States by discovering and reporting upon dangerous Japanese individuals, than have certain other organizations. (The writer then gives an instance of a very important Japanese who was seized solely through the aid of a Nisei.) Many other Nisei have done similar tasks, and I say to their credit, that in no case known to me has any Nisei in Western America done such acts in return for money, but have been motivated by their loyalty only to the United States.

"Mr. Shuji Fujii, late editor of the DOHO (the Los Angeles paper, issued in English. CMF)frequently in his paper exposed the activities of individuals such as Gongoro Nakamura, K. Nakaida, and many other Japanese, etc., etc., who were arrested on the night of December 7th.

"Perhaps it is sufficient for me to say that I personally know at least f fifteen individuals who have received continual help aid from the group of loyal and patriotic Nisei attached to each, and have in consequence been of great service to the United States in obtaining information regarding disloyal or suspicious Japanese."

I confronted one of Col. Bendetsen's chief aids with these statements, and he said of course, the Colonel's assertion on this point had been false, but "it did good at the time, and need not now be corrected." I was indignant and ashamed.

I give you this material not for publication, but to correct your own beliefs on the matter.

Sincerely yours

August 17,1942

Dr. George Gleason
139 No. Broadway
Los Angeles, Calif.

Dear George:

Although I have had but scant time to go over your ms. since my return home, I am glad to send along a few comments.

You have written a clear and informing essay, containing some fresh data. If the legal aspect is adequately covered by Caryl Warren, it will greatly strengthen the document, for the evacuation has been most open to criticism at the point of its undermining of all civil liberties.

To mention some specific matters of fact, or omissions:

p. 6,bot. Since scholars have always said that the Tanaka Memorial bore internal evidence of being at least partially forged, should you not refer to it as "the so-called" instead of"famous"? In view of your caution on most other matters, should you not tone down p.7, ll. 6-9?

p. 9b. The mention of the Canadian action should be supplemented by mention of the absence of any evacuation in Hawaii, and the creation of an aggressive "Morale Section" under the Military Governor, headed by our friend Charles F. Loomis.

p.14: One, and I believe, two, of the Relocation Centers are to be administered by the Indian Bureau, by request of the Relocation Authority. Poston is one, and I think the other is Gila, since it also is on an Indian Reservation. I can readily ascertain this point tomorrow, when I am to lunch with T.W.Holland, Director of the Resettlement Division of WRA.

p.15: The reader is likely to be left wondering if both Dr. Hedrick's plan and the National Student Relocation Council are functioning. It is my understanding that only the latter has been commissioned by the WRA .

p.16: Until late in March, the Army encouraged voluntary evacuation, as well as allowed it. General DeWitt's highest aides said in my hearing that the more evacuees moved and looked after themselves, the better.

p. 20, 5: I have a supply of the reprint of my article, and shall be glad to send you up to 50, if you would really like to use them. They finally got the price down to six cents a copy in quantities of 100 or more.

Some points that might well be stressed, or changed:

1. On page 5 you imply that it is friendship for the Japanese that has moved persons like myself to "deplore". What most moves me is the denial of the due process of law which the Constitution guarantees, as stated by the Tolan Committee on p. 14, top, and the appearance of race discrimination in that all persons of Japanese stock were removed, and no others. Furthermore, the vehement agitation for indiscriminate evacuation which was carried on by economic pressure groups, as in the Salinas area, and by the Associated Farmers as well as by politicians, has been generally credited with being only second to the Pearl Harbor attack and the false rumors of sabotage there, in creating popular panic.

"Selective evacuation"

Suppress all + with Japs? Farmers, no will to by politicians has been

not indiscriminate evacuation, was what many of our most prominent citizens, such as the Committee on National Security and Fair Play, confidently expected the Army to carry out; and I have it on good authority that the Department of Justice expected that.

2. The general impression of the statement as a whole is that it was written by persons unaware of many things that have been said and done behind the scenes, in other words, that it is naive and oblivious of some of the sinister effects of the policies followed by the War Department. I should greatly regret to have it go out without some modification. For example: from sources that I fully trust, such as responsible members of General DeWitt's staff, the Tolan Committee staff, officials of Intelligence services, and persons close to Federal Department heads, I have gleaned such facts and trends as these:

a. The FBI believed it could handle the Japanese menace on this Coast just as it has handled the larger problem on the Atlantic Coast and as touching German and Italian aliens and sympathizers of Axis stock.

b. After weeks of intense discussion and protest by Dept. of Justice representatives, the War Dept. late in May gave assurances that it would not carry out any more mass evacuations. At the same time, efforts by both Federal officials and members of Congress were made to secure the limitation of the Executive Order of Feb. 19, so as to restore in good part, to the Dept. of Justice the powers given by that Order to the Army.

c. The former chief legal member of DeWitt's staff has frankly expressed his disapproval of the indiscriminate evacuation policy since he was transferred to other duties at his own request.

d. Members of the Naval Intelligence have expressed their opposition to the Army's policies on evacuation, and have acknowledged their indebtedness to nisei informers, in contradiction to Col. Bendetsen's statements that "there has not been a single instance when any Japanese has reported disloyalty on the part of another of the same race". In Washington I was asked by one of the best informed men to gather and bring privately to Bendetsen's attention facts such as I have mentioned, in order that he might withdraw his very harmful statement. To that end I am now securing written statements, and have one from an Intelligence agent which says he personally knows at least fifteen Intelligence men who have been continually aided by loyal and patriotic nisei regarding disloyal and suspicious Japanese. I give you this in strict confidence, for it would be disastrous to use such material except with utmost caution. I have similar oral statements from FBI men.

e. It is notorious that politicians have made political capital out of the Japanese issue. Compare statements made by both Gov. Olson and Atty Gen. Warren last year to or concerning Japanese residents, with their recent appeals, such as Warren's speech to the Native Daughters about disfranchising nisei, in order to catch the votes of all the organizations forming the Joint Immigration Committee. One of the leading politicians of So. Calif. was so aggressive in anti-Japanese agitation during February that he was called down by Gen. DeWitt and forthwith the agitation died down.

f. You assume that the President gave close attention to the Japanese problem on this Coast, but I gathered in Washington that he was engrossed with

what he deemed more pressing problems and left it to Secretaries Biddle, Stimson and Knox, and Members of Congress.

g. The heads of the WRA have been greatly irritated and embarrassed in their administration by the practical veto power exercised by the Army. This has been true especially in reference to releasing students to go to colleges east of the mountains, and in carrying out the dispersed settlement of other evacuees. The WRA has privately asked that a public opinion be developed that would bring about a relaxation of the Army's ultra-conservative attitude, and it looks especially to religious and social leaders to take the lead in doing this. The WRA had much difficulty in getting its appropriation through Congress, on account of such opposition as Congressmen like Ford and Dies represent, and it feels it must refrain from directly attempting to influence public opinion.

3. It seems to me and to many of those with whom I have been conferring that the time has come to lay chief emphasis on future policies, especially as to resettlement and maintenance of civil liberties, and to give less attention to justifying or blaming the Army, the President, or any one else. At this point I feel your statement needs considerable strengthening. Your "Suggestions for the Future" all appeal to me, except no. 6, which seems less definite and important.

I have written you with great frankness, because I am eager to help you and our common cause, but I must ask you to treat much of it as confidential, that is, for the eyes only of such trustworthy associates as Dr. Hedrick, Bishop Stevens and others of your immediate counsellors on this project.

Faithfully yours

Galen M. Fisher

September 24, 1942

Dr. Mark A. Dawber
Commission on Aliens
297 - 4th Avenue
New York City, N.Y.

Dear Dr. Dawber:

I am sending you herewith several statements by prominent Californians for use in a proposed folder or pamphlet.

I believe you and Barnes will agree with me that such statements as Millikan's and Deutsch's and the others that are gradually coming in will be very far-reaching in overcoming prejudice in inland states and also on the Atlantic seaboard if they can only be brought to the attention of enough people. This leads me to mention two specific points.

1) Copies of a number of these statements were sent to Gordon Chapman at 156 - 5th Avenue, but probably reached there after his departure for the west. I am not certain whether they would be forwarded to him or whether he left instructions to have them sent to Dr. Stanley Jones, or possibly to you or Dr. Barnes. I therefore suggest that you make immediate inquiry and see if you can trace those statements. If not, notify me and I will send you duplicates. In any case allow me to repeat the conviction I expressed in my recent letter to you and to Barnes to the effect that all these statements and others that will be coming in should be issued in the first place under the auspices of the Commission on Aliens or whatever other national body you may create with reference to resettlement of the evacuees. It is my personal opinion however that it would be all right also to allow the statements to be used by Dr. Jones or any other person or organization which would be given wide publicity. In other words, the more they are used the better, but it is perfectly clear to me that they ought to be one of the chief instruments in the field work that your resettlement committee will be conducting.

2) We ought to get some wise public relations counsellors to help us get just such statements by well-known Californians on the wires of the AP and UP. Folders and pamphlets after all will reach their hundreds, whereas news items carried by the national news services will reach their millions. I am sure that some of the eminent of the men from whom I am getting statements will be glad to fall in with any reasonable scheme for securing such publicity.

Sincerely yours,

Galen M. Fisher

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DR. GEORGE GLEASON,
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

Oct. 13, 1942.

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

Dear Galen:

Apologies for the delay in answering your inquiry of Sept. 25th. I thought that the F.B.I. might have this information. The head of our local office, Mr. Hood, has been absent for some weeks. Only this morning was I able to get him on the 'phone. He says, however, that he does not have the information regarding children being shot by sentries in Assembly Centers. He says we will have to get it from the WCCA, the office of which, as you know, is in San Francisco. Manzanar has, however, been for some months under the WRA.

I did learn from one of our social workers who has visited Santa Anita, Pomona, Poston, and Manzanar that a boy was shot in the arm at Manzanar in the early days of the operation of that Center. The boy was gathering wood beyond the proper line. It is reported that he was warned but did not respond. The guard shot him and he was taken to the hospital. This is the only case I have been able to trace with any degree of certainty.

A few days ago, a very attractive representative of the F.B.I. called at my office and inquired if you and I were heads of the "Japanese Protective Association". I told him everything that I was doing, and gave him a copy of the list of members of your Committee. I am wondering if you received a similar call.

cpies to Dent & Miss Mary W. Billyard 112 E. 19 St N.Y.C.

Mr. Galen M. Fisher -- #2

I hope you have a grand time on your trip East. I confess that I envy you the opportunity to get in touch with friends in that section of the country. I am giving a good deal of time to the formation of the Southern California branch of the Commission to Study the Organization of Peace. Dr. Eugene Harley is the leader and is doing an excellent piece of work. We hope to have the sort of a federation which will educate this community regarding the issues this world is now facing.

With best wishes to you and Ella,

Cordially,

George

George Gleason

GG:S

Arlington Ave. and Rincon Road,

Berkeley, Calif. Oct. 20, 1942.

Mr. Galen M. Fisher,

260 California St.,

San Francisco, Calif.

Dear Mr. Fisher,

On May 28th I was privileged to hear your speak at St. Mark's Episcopal Church in Berkeley on the Resettlement of the Japanese. You gave us some copies of the report of the Committee on National Security and Fair Play, released on May 18th. I should like to send copies of this report to members of a National Board of the Woman's Auxiliary of the Protestant Episcopal Church of which I am a member. I used some of the facts stated in the report, when speaking to a group of Church women in Glen Ridge, New Jersey last week. Could you send me twenty copies of the report ? There is an appalling lack of understanding of the Japanese-American question among people in the eastern and middle western parts of our Country. I believe the report: The Bottleneck in Japanese Resettlement, contains much enlightening information and shall be happy to forward copies to the members of the above memtioned Board, who come from various parts of the USA.

Sent

Trusting that you still have copies of the report on hand and that you may not think my request unreasonable, I am

Sincerely yours,

Eleanor C. Batte.

Mrs. Geo. McP. Batte,
Arlington Ave. and Rincon Road,
Berkeley, Calif.

Copy to Mr. Fisher

January 11, 1943

Dr. Aurelia Henry Reinhardt
President
Mills College
California

My dear Dr. Reinhardt:

Thank you for your letter of January 8th giving the report of the sub-committee investigating the possibility of raising funds for purposes of national publicity in collaboration with the Council for Democracy.

My own letter to the Vice-Chairmen of January 8th anticipated your report with regard to the raising of funds, as Mr. Fisher told me that your committee had had little encouragement in this regard.

If a new committee is set up for the specific purpose of counteracting efforts to put through legislation depriving American citizen Japanese of their rights, I shall be happy to participate.

Very sincerely yours,

Henry F. Grady
President

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In file

January 19, 1943

Dr. David P. Barrows
Department of Political Science
University of California
Berkeley, California

My dear Dr. Barrows:

Thank you for your letter of January 13 in which you refer to my letter of January 8 to the Vice Chairmen of the Committee on National Security and Fair Play. In dissolving the Committee, I have acted simply as the chairman with a mandate from a large majority of the Committee to discontinue it.

If it appears that a majority wish now to reestablish the Committee they should, of course, do so and I shall be glad to be counted as one of a new group which may be set up to counteract efforts which are made to put through legislation depriving American citizen Japanese of their rights.

I have no particular views on continuing the name of the Committee, although I find it difficult to reconcile dissolution of the Committee with a part of the group continuing under the same name. It really results in not discontinuing the Committee at all.

Always kindest regards.

Sincerely yours,

Henry F. Grady
President

HFG:rb

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January 29, 1943

Ans. 1/23 - Copy "Jap. Colony: Success Sent."

Dear Mr. Fisher:

I acknowledge receipt of your letter of January 22. Of course, I recall your visit here and my talk with you about the Japanese problem. I also recall the statement which you attribute to me. It is correct. I will admit that the announcement by the War Department was a long time being publicized but I am sure by this time you have seen it in the daily papers; and for your information I transmit the mimeograph press release which was issued on the date of its announcement by the Secretary of War.

I suppose you are familiar with the general interest that is being displayed in the Japanese question at the present time. In addition to the War Department's action in organizing this combat team, the War Relocation Authority is, I am advised, moving with some speed on the problem of segregation. In addition, the subcommittee of the Senate Military Affairs Committee is conducting hearings on a bill which proposes to transfer the administration of the centers from the War Relocation Authority to the War Department.

With all of this activity going on it seems certain that some material developments for the good of the loyal Japanese will be forthcoming. While, of course, the War Department is primarily concerned with the development of its combat team, nevertheless, if you willnote in the last paragraph of the press release, other considerations affecting the Japanese are also being implemented.

I feel that you and your organization may be able to furnish assistance in this problem by wise counsel to the Japanese.

Sincerely,

William P. Scobey

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January 28, 1943

I M M E D I A T E R E L E A S E

LOYAL AMERICANS OF JAPANESE ANCESTRY
TO COMPOSE SPECIAL UNIT IN ARMY

The War Department announced today that plans have been completed for the admission of a substantial number of American citizens of Japanese ancestry to the Army of the United States.

This action was taken following study by the War Department of many earnest requests by loyal American citizens of Japanese extraction for the organization of a special unit of the Army in which they could have their share in the fight against the Nation's enemies.

The following statement was issued by the Honorable Henry L. Stimson, Secretary of War:

"It is the inherent right of every faithful citizen, regardless of ancestry, to bear arms in the Nation's battle. When obstacles to the free expression of that right are imposed by emergency considerations, those barriers should be removed as soon as humanly possible. Loyalty to country is a voice that must be heard, and I am glad that I am now able to give active proof that this basic American belief is not a casualty of war."

The War Department announced that the initial procedure in the formation of the unit authorized by the Secretary will be voluntary induction. Facilities for this will be nation-wide, including the Hawaiian Islands and the War Relocation Centers in this country. No individual will be inducted if doubt exists as to his loyalty.

Upon induction the "nisei," as American-born citizens of Japanese parentage are termed, will begin training as a combat team for service in an active theater. This combat team will include the customary elements of infantry artillery, engineer, and medical personnel. No effort will be spared in developing it into an efficient well-rounded, hard-hitting unit.

The new unit will be trained separately from the battalion of Americans of Japanese extraction--originally a Hawaiian National Guard organization--which is already a component of the Army.

The War Department's action, it was announced, is part of a larger program which will enable all loyal American citizens of Japanese ancestry to make their proper contribution toward winning the war--through employment in war production as well as military service.

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Fertig is zealous & prolific - not always discreet. But he can be quite useful. Note his request in middle par.
4/2/43 Gmt.
Don't return -

120 No. San Pedro St.,
Los Angeles, Calif.
February 1, 1943

Ans. 4/6/43 included statements

Dear Galen Fisher:

I am sure I owe you something on my order of a few months ago of copies of "A Tombstone of Democracy", but cannot find a record of the debt. It is at least 50¢, so am enclosing that amount in stamps. In case it is more please let me know and I'll promptly send balance.

+ Has the Fair Play Committee yet printed the quotations of prominent Californians regarding Japanese? As I wrote you before I wish about 300 or 40 copies of this. Will pay whatever cost.

+ What success on Fair Play's contacts with Sacramento legislature? How can we help towards that down here - besides letters to legislature, interviews with legislators from this district?

Sincerely,

Fred Fertig

JOS. S. THOMPSON
5815 THIRD STREET
SAN FRANCISCO

February
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1943

Mr. Allen C. Blaisdell
International House
Berkeley, California

Dear Mr. Blaisdell:

Responding to your letter of January 27th, I am always extremely vague when asked to suggest people for various functions. I always imagine that those who are interested will themselves take a hand in the work and thus automatically become material for further work.

Cordially yours,

Jos. S. Thompson

JST:RM

Taxes can be abolished--rent cannot.
Rent is the value of location among
people. Someone must inevitably
collect it, though no one creates
it. That someone should be the
PUBLIC TREASURER.
J.S.T.

February 5, 1943

Mr. Bill Henry
Los Angeles,Times
Los Angeles, California

Dear Bill,

It was a real pleasure to see you the other day. It was kind of you to take time to advise me on personnel for the Fair Play committee.

I had some very interesting interviews. In the two days I found a number of educators and ministers who were in sympathy with the project but did not have much luck with the business and professional men that I saw. For example, both W.S. Rosecrans, former Chamber of Commerce president, and James R. Page, president of the Community Chest, strongly advocated kicking every Japanese, alien or citizen, out of the country. However, I believe that were those who believe in fair play for the Japanese brought together in a committee like the one we have up here, a far better community attitude would result. Doubtless my work will be followed up and an organization developed.

I enclose an editorial written by a Japanese friend of mine who is a sergeant in the U.S. Army. He is stationed at Camp Robinson, Arkansas, and has just requested a transfer to the Nissei combat unit which is being created at Camp Shelby, Mississippi.

This morning I was talking with Chester Rowell of the San Francisco Chronicle. He agreed with me that you were one of the top citizens.of the state.

Sincerely yours,

Harry L. Kingman

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Datil N. M.
Jan 30. 43

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Mrs Ruth Kingman, Secty
Com. of American Principles
and Fair Play.
San Francisco.

5/25/43
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Dear Madam.

Notice of your Jan 25th meeting did not reach me until today due to the fact that I am spending the winter in Tau Mexico.

My interest in the pur-poses of the original Com-mittee of Correspondence. But I confess that I am dubious about any organization which begins with a single purpose, adhering

to that purpose. Bitter experience has taught me that persisions creep in & one finds oneself honorably a member of an organization with wholly different purposes.

I'm not at all sure I would want to be a member of the League for Democracy which apparently took over the organized Committee.

If the present Committee can keep from entanglements with anything else and how to take line of protesting during war time, the helpless minorities, I am willing to continue my membership but I do not want to

become involved ~~with~~ in
any project to uphold
democracy on general
principales.

The American Constitution
does that. The evacuated
Japanese need help. As
a specific objective I
am willing to help. But
I do not want to ally my-
self with any movement
that has such a broad
basis that it can embark
on almost any high sounding
undertaking.

Perhaps my membership
is not valuable to you
with all these mental reservations
attached. If a Constitution
was adopted at the Jan 25

meeting, I'd like to see a copy.

Pardon the length of this. My excuse is that I am interested in the original purpose of the Committee I joined, but when it handed its work over to another agency I felt unable to go along with it.

Very truly
James McKey Shanbaum

OAKLAND PUBLIC SCHOOLS

RESEARCH DEPARTMENT

OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA

February 16, 1943

Dr. Galen M. Fisher
University of California
Berkeley, California

Dear Dr. Fisher:

I enjoyed reading your article in the February Graphic. Particularly impressive are the statements by the Legionnaire and the county surveyor. Also, the fact that the venture was cooperative rather than individually profitable would tend to allay fears of those suspicious.

I am sending you a copy of the article in the Progressive Education magazine. This is the same one as was printed in the Mental Hygiene Bulletin.

Cordially yours,

Hubert C. Armstrong

Hubert C. Armstrong
Director of Research

HCA:rb

OFFICE OF THE PRINCIPAL
FRESNO TECHNICAL SCHOOL
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Answered 3/31/43

HOMER C. WILSON
SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS
EDWIN C. KRATT
ASS'T SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS
LEROY L. SMITH
SECRETARY-BUSINESS MANAGER

FRESNO PUBLIC SCHOOLS
FRESNO, CALIFORNIA

3223 Floradora
Fresno, Calif.
February 17, 1943

Dear Mrs. Kingman,

Thanks again for a speech that "stabbed the spirit broad awake"! I'm only deeply sorry that we didn't have a houseful for it. Your sentence that "these people are human beings and we can't let them be shut up behind barbed wire in America!" is the rallying cry for the cause, I think. Thanks sincerely.

Will you give me some advice about relocation centers? Like this?

Place:	Type of student	Administration
Manzanar	_____	Mr. Merritt
Tule	_____	_____
Poston	_____	_____
Gila	_____	_____
Topaz	_____	Mr. Ernst
Jerome	_____	_____
?	_____	_____

I know Mrs. Merritt well enough to write to her re. Manzanar, but nothing about the others.

I'm chiefly interested in helping these people achieve morale philosophy so that we may not lose them as a constructive part of our citizenry. I think I can teach English, Literature, Speech, Dramatics, Journalism, World Development, Public Speaking, Radio work, with a constructive and democratic philosophy and skill gained in California elementary and high schools since 1929. I know and like many Japanese in this area and spent my time in Japan entirely with Japanese friends. Though I have no language, I have a good background of history and literature and social interest.

If the population is too subject to the undercurrents, perhaps I wouldn't do much more than stop-gap, that's why I particularly want some evaluation from you, Mrs. Kingman. Please assist if you can. I want to utilize my skill in the best possible way, also I want to avoid the stop-gap experience for myself if I can.

Are teachers fed, housed and laundered at the camps? How is salary determined? When does the term begin? How much vacation period is possible? All these would help me to plan, if you have any bit of information regarding them.

Gratefully,
Eleanor Eviuger

535 San Luis Road
Berkeley, California
February 18, 1943

Dean Robert O'Brien
University of Washington
Seattle, Washington

Dear Mr. O'Brien,

Last night Paul Taylor telephoned me to say that he had just returned from Washington, D.C., where he had talked with Dillon Meyer.

It seems that Dillon Meyer is having rather a bad time with the Senatorial Investigation Committee, and both he and Paul Taylor feel that letters from the constituents of the senators--especially Walgreen of Washington and Chandler of Kentucky--urging them to keep an open mind might carry some weight.

It would be very helpful if you could get ten or twelve key people in Washington to write airmail letters on this at once.

Thank you very much for your help in this.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ruth Kingman

Mrs. K

February 20,1943

Mr. William C. Carr
1360 West Colorado Street
Pasadena, Calif.

Dear Mr. Carr:

I have your good letter of February 17th. It came the day following the initial meeting of the Executive Committee of the Committee on American Principles and Fair Play, but too early for me to be able to give you final answers on some of your queries. I have, however, consulted the Chairman of the Executive Committee, Dr. Arthur Cushman McGiffert, and Mr. Harry Kingman, whose wife is the newly appointed Executive Secretary of the Committee.

It seems likely that local committees which desire to cooperate closely with the Committee and will ratify its general policies will be termed Chapters. The advantage of this designation would be that the local group might not adopt the name American Principles and Fair Play, but would state in its publicity that it was a Chapter of the Committee on A.P.F.P.

All chapters would be expected to do nothing contrary to the Polivies of the Committee, but they would not need to abstain from doing more than the Committee, or adopting different modes of activity. They should enjoy autonomy within all reasonable limits, such as are implied by what I have said. The local chapters should presumably give the names of the officers of the Committee on their letterhead. They would no doubt wish to do this for the sake of prestige.

As to finance, the Executive Committee will have to reach the final ruling, but in general, it seems reasonable to expect that chapters will contribute more than half of their membership fees in and contributions to the Committee treasury, since the Committee will be supplying the Executive Secretary, whose salary will be the largest item (even though Mrs. Kingman will serve at less than a person of her abilities would normally receive), and travel, publications and national relations would be carried by the Committee. It is estimated that the budget for the first six months will be at least $2000.- in fact, that budget has been authorized, subject to reconsideration at the next meeting, on March 2, when Mrs. Kingman's observations on her trip to Fresno and the South, will be heard, and when the membership of the Committee will have been filled out.

The present Officers and members of the Committee are as follows:

Honorary Chairman, President Robert Gordon Sproul.
Chairman of Advisory Board, Maurice E. Harrison. Members of Board, at least twenty eminent citizens of the Coast, such as Dr. R.A. Millikan, Pres. R.L.Wilbur.
Executive Committee: Chairman, President Arthur Cushman McGiffert; Vice-chairmen: Mrs. Alfred McLaughlin (who wishes to resign as soon as a successor has been found), Prof. Paul S. Taylor, Rabbi Irving Reichert, one or more Labor men, and ex officio, the Chairmen of the Southern California and Northwest groups , if and when formed. Harry S. Scott, Treas. Galen M. Fisher, Asst. Treas., Alfred J. Lundberg, Mrs. Philip Bancroft, Mrs. Wallace Alexander, and several others.

Sincerely yours Galen M. Fisher

Feb. 24, 1943

Dr. Robert A. Millikan
Pasadena, Calif.

Dear Dr. Millikan:

I thank you heartily for your letter of February 19th, with the list of names of eminent men who might support the Committee on American Principles and Fair Play. I at once sent the list airmail-special to Mrs. Harry Kingman, the recently appointed Executive Secretary of the Committee, who is now in your vicinity, laying the foundations for the Southern California Committee. She will no doubt have seen you by the time this reaches you. The names you give are of the first water.

You express doubt that you have seen the statement of Purposes and Policies of the Committee. I am not surprised that you have forgotten seeing it, driven as you have been by more urgent matters, but on January 23rd you wrote to Mrs. Kingman (who kindly assisted me in sending out the prospectus of the proposed Committee,) as follows:

> "I have looked over the content of your letter of January 19th, and while I cannot attend in person the meeting on Monday, January 25th, at four o'clock, I am glad to express my sympathy with the program as outlined and my willingness to do what I can to promote its objectives."

The preliminary version of the Policies that you saw was adopted with only slight change on January 25th. I enclose a copy of it incorporated in a statement that I wrote yesterday.

Sincerely yours

Galen M. Fisher

Feb (20)

Mr. M.D.Woodbury,
Seattle, Wash.

DearoWoody,

With the removal of the Student Relocation Council office to Philadelphia we are turning our attention to the matter of protecting the constitutional rights of the Japanese evacuees. I enclose a memorandumwwhich describes the formation of the Committee on American Principles and Fair Play. Chapters are being organized in Los Angdes, Pasadena, Fresno and other California communities. It is hoped that Washington and Oregon will also participate in the activities of the Committee.

A Legislative Committee is being organized this next week to oppose the anti-Japanese bills and resolutions which are to come up soon in the California Legislature. Similar procedure should no doubt be instituted in Washington and Oregon.

Will you please consult with Bob O'Brien and others and send me your reaction to the new Committee plans and send names and addresses of people in the Northwest who might be enlisted in this project. Possibly you already have an organization and could send me the name of the chairman who might be an ex-officio member of the Executive Committee.

Any information you can send me I would like to have by March 2nd if possible. If you have any suggestions on personnel in Oregon please let me have that also.

Cordially yours,

Harry L. Kingman

PHONE EXBROOK 3913

WATERFRONT EMPLOYERS ASSOCIATION
OF THE PACIFIC COAST
FINANCIAL CENTER BUILDING
405 MONTGOMERY STREET
SAN FRANCISCO, CAL.

February 27, 1943

Dr. Paul H. Taylor
University of California
Berkeley, California

Mr. Galen M. Fisher
260 California St. - Room 311
San Francisco, California

Gentlemen:

Thank you both for your kindness in extending an invitation to rub elbows with you in the Committee on American Principles and Fair Play.

I took the liberty of putting my point of view before Maurice Harrison. It is that as an individual I have neither acquaintance nor standing with those who are making up your Committee; and group interest, such as organized employers or in my case shipping industry, is inappropriate.

There is an additional personal reason I must decline your kind invitation. It is that I am frequently absent from the city and loaded with chores when here, and I feel a reluctance to take on an obligation which I know in advance I would have to skimp.

Faithfully yours,

F. P. Foisie

The Yale Collection of War Literature

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Librarian

Sherman Kent, *Chairman*
of the Faculty Committee
Russell G. Pruden, *Curator*

February 28, 1942

General David P. Barrows, Chairman
Northern California Committee on Fair Play
For Citizens and Aliens of Japanese Ancestry
Room 311, 260 California Street
San Francisco, California

Dear General Barrows:

Since September 1939 Yale University has been gathering in its library, and making available to scholar and general reader, printed materials dealing with the War. President Seymour's personal interest has aided in making the collection an outstanding one. It now includes war literature from almost every nation--from governments and official agencies, and from innumerable private groups interested in war issues.

Bulletins, news releases, pamphlets, in fact any literature issued by your organization would, we believe, be of real and lasting value to our collection. Would you be willing to place the Yale Library on your mailing list to receive such publications? If you issue periodicals, could you possibly send us all available back numbers?

Should you be able to forward our work by the contribution of your publications, we shall be greatly indebted to you for your kindness and generosity.

Sincerely yours,

Russell G. Pruden

THE PACIFIC SOUTHWEST AREA COUNCIL OF THE
NATIONAL COUNCIL OF THE YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATIONS
OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

AREA OFFICES
220 GOLDEN GATE AVE., SAN FRANCISCO
715 SOUTH HOPE STREET, LOS ANGELES

Los Angeles, March 1,1943

Mrs. Harry L. Kingman,
535 San Luis Road,
Berkeley, California.

Dear Ruth:

I want to thank you very much for the splendid help that you were to our Area Council meeting in getting consideration for legislation which would enable us to more adequately work in the WRA centers. And, incidentally, it was good to meet you and to get to know you better. We enjoyed very much having you with us on both official and non-official business.

I am sending you herewith a copy of the Honolulu Chamber of Commerce action which relates to selective service for the Japanese. A letter from Louis Meillette indicates that some 7,000 have volunteered for military service.

I hope you like your new work and I hope that it is progressing satisfactorily. Let me know if I can help in any way.

Sincerely yours,

Lawrence E. Morrie

LEN:d
Enc.

Mr. Galen M. Fisher.
Orinda, California.

Ruth, please send him the right stuff
G.M.F.

My dear Mr. Fisher,
3/43

Thank you so very much for your good letter concerning George Orwin. I had not expected an answer -

Will you be kind enough to put one of those sheets explaining the purpose of the Fair Play committee in the enclosed envelope. I am anxious to get my brother interested in the cause.

Thankyou for this favor.

(Mrs D.W.) Ruth Page
Parkin California

Mr. Galen Fisher of the Fair Play Committee

Mo. Mon. 2/43.

My dear Mr. Fisher—

I am hastening to write you on a very busy morning about the enclosed letter my Senior H.S. Son received from his former classmate at Pasbin H. School.

It is rather ill expressed in parts, but it does definitely show the problems which bewilder the nisei as well as their parents. The cutting from Pacific Citizen bears this out.

I wondered if you in your position + interest in the Japanese would have any influence in persuading

some influential U.S. personage to proclaim to these people definitely they will not be deported + give them in general some rock to stand on. The huge huge problem seems to grow in its solution.

Thank you for considering this immediate request.

Cordially

(Mrs. D. K.) Ruth S. Page

RR, Box 199
Parlier California

March 3, 1943

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

Re: 4-10-F
Central Utah

Dear Mr. Myer:

It is with real pleasure that I send a letter of recommendation for Masa Sato Obata. I have known her for several years, as well as her mother and father. The family holds a high position in the community and might be considered to be entirely desirable as citizens of Berkeley. I know of nothing which would lead me to think that there is anything in her training which might make her anything but truly American. Her husband, Kimeo Obata, was the president of the Japanese American Citizens League in Berkeley and Mrs. Obata was of great assistance to him in the work of that organization during the evacuation of the Japanese from Berkeley.

She has had an excellent education. I know that she has graduated from the University but I do not know with what degrees. As to her occupational abilities I know very little, as I understand that she had done little in her professional work before leaving California.

Mrs. Obata should prove to be an excellent representative of the American Japanese group should she be relocated outside of the Center.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Harry Kingman

Mrs. Ringnan put her on list.

Berkeley California
March 4 - 1943

Reply sent

Mr. Galen Fisher,
Orinda, Calif.

Dear Mr. Fisher,

Your letter to Mrs. Page has been shared with other members here of the Fair Play Com. Needless to say, all of us are saddened and disturbed over the recent turn of events in the various relocation centers. However, I feel very strongly that we should put forth every effort to encourage those people who have had the faith and the fortitude to remain loyal in spite of everything. We have only eight Fair Play members here, I believe we can count on to help where possible.

Would you kindly inform us of decisions made at the meeting you were having on March second of the Fair Play Committee there.

The enclosed dollar is to help defray some of your expenses correspondence involves.

#1 sent to Seattle

Yours sincerely,
Berniece W. Lawrence
(Mrs. Cecil)

P. S. Did you complete the survey you were making late last summer and to which all Committees were contributing? If a copy is available in some form we would like one.

not yet

B.W.L.

765 San Luis Road
Berkeley, California

Sacramento Address
State Capitol

from Legislators rep' file

ASSEMBLY
CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE

GARDINER JOHNSON

Member of the Assembly
Eighteenth District

MARCH 5, 1943

Harry Kingman, Esquire
2227 Union Street
Berkeley, California.

Dear Harry:

Under separate cover I am sending to you one copy each of the Semi-Final History of the Assembly and Senate and the Legislative Digest for your use in locating bills in which you are interested.

If I can be of any assistance to you, please do not fail to drop me a note at State Capitol, Sacramento, where I will be from now on.

Yours very truly,

Gardiner Johnson

GARDINER JOHNSON

GJ:EH

March 6,1943

Mrs. Mildred B. Potts, Chairman
Miss Priscilla Wicks, Secretary
Evacuees Service Council
1118 Fifth Avenue, Seattle, Wn.

Dear Friends:

Thank you for your welcome letter of February 25th, just received. I shall simply reply briefly to your inquiries, and refer the letter to our newly appointed Executive Secretary, Mrs. Harry L. Kingman, for more adequate treatment.

As the enclosed circular shows, the Policies proposed in the circular that I sent Mr. Bennie was adopted, almost without change. The letterhead of the Committee is going to press this week, but the names of most of the persons already secured for the Advisory Board and the General Executive Committee are given on the enclosed.

Mrs. Kingman's address for ordinary correspondence will be in Berkeley, although she will also have an office in San Francisco, at the Merchants Exchange Building. She spent some time in Southern California, where there is already an active Fair Play Committee in Pasadena, and the regional committee there will gradually be formed. In Fresno there is also a cooperating Committee headed by Prof. Hubert Phillips, having forty paid-up members.

We have not yet attempted to form any cooperating group in Portland, although we have a few names of prospective leaders, one of them, the brother of F.J.Koster, the well-known San Francisco business and Red Cross leader, another, Charles Grant, the lumberman. In Seattle, Lane Summers, the lawyer, and Keith Middleton, steamship man, are known to our Treasurer, Harry Scott, and thought to be interested in our activities. You doubtless know them.

As Mrs. Kingman will explain in more detail, it is the thought of our Committee that any local group or federation of groups, like your Council, could be an Affiliated group, instead of having to form a new committee. It would, however, seem to be appropriate that any such Affiliated group should agree to bear i its full share of the general expenses, and should carry on its letterhead its relationship to the Committee on American Principles and Fair Play.

Mr. Bennie also referred my original letter to Mrs. (or Miss) June Purcell Guild, and I wish you would be good enough to share with her this letter. I am writing her more briefly, in appreciation of her offer to help secure some response to our efforts in Seattle.

We shall lean on you for counsel and aid in securing members and forming groups in other important centers in the Northwest, such as Spokane, where my friend, Ben H. Kizer, will be interested.

Sincerely yours

Galen M. Fisher

Japanese American Citizens League

An All American Organization of American Citizens

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413-415 Beason Building
25 E. Second South Street
Telephone: 5-6501
Salt Lake City, Utah

March 8, 1943

Mr. H. S. Scott
465 California Street
San Francisco, California

Dear Mr. Scott:

Thank you for your letter of March 4, 1943, sending me a copy of a preliminary plan of organization of a group to be known as the Committee on American Principles and Fair Play. When we had the pleasure of meeting with Mr. Galen Fisher last November, he informed us that the former Fair Play Committee was in the process of reorganization. Needless to say, I am personally very much gratified and heartened to find that you are lending your efforts in preparing the organization on a coastwide scale.

I am enclosing herewith a list of persons and addresses, whom we know to be definitely sympathetic toward American principles of fair play in action, as well as in theory.

Although these thoughts may already have occurred to your Committee, I wish to call your attention to the following ideas. A legislative committee of the Committee on American Principles and Fair Play might be created to keep close observation on bills introduced in the California State Legislature. We are not so much concerned about the possibility of un-American legislation being passed by the State Legislature, as we are of the unfavorable publicity that such bills will create in other states.

We are, of course, working closely with the American Civil Liberties Union, but since this group is concerned with all minority groups, a check on legislation by your Committee will preclude any chance of a slip-up. In this connection, I am sending to you under separate cover for your information a copy of the brief of the Japanese American Citizens League, Amicus Curiae, in the case of John T. Regan, (Native Sons) vs. Cameron King, Registrar of Voters in the City and County of San Francisco. This is the action of the Native Sons, seeking to cancel the citizenship of American citizens of Japanese ancestry formerly residing in the City and County of San Francisco. In the hearings in two courts they have thus far been unsuccessful and we have been given to understand that they are taking the case to the U.S. Supreme Court.

We have every confidence that our citizenship will be upheld by the highest court of the land, but the publicity the case is creating in California is doing untold harm.

Another suggestion I have to offer is the creation of an educational or public relations committee, or whatever name you deem best. Inasmuch as the Japanese Americans are unable to convey to the citizens of the west coast their attitudes and viewpoints, the members of such a committee could participate in forums, radio programs, meetings, etc., to present the views and stands of the Americans of Japanese ancestry. This work is very vital to make for an enlightened and unprejudiced public opinion.

Naturally, our League will be only too happy to provide any factual information that may be required in carrying on such work.

For your information, the brief mentioned in the foregoing has also been forwarded to Dr. Henry F. Grady, Mr. Maurice E. Harrison, Mr. Galen M. Fisher, Mrs. Harry L. Kingman and a few others.

Upon receipt of this letter, I shall appreciate your informing me whether we may have permission to release the information contained in the preliminary plan for publication in our "Pacific Citizen". If you feel that the organization is still premature, kindly send me further bulletins that may be released for printing.

As you may know, the War Department is now accepting volunteers for the special Japanese American combat unit, a forerunner of the reinstatement of Selective Service for Americans of Japanese descent. My brother has withdrawn from the University to volunteer for this service and is due to be inducted next week and will probably be sent to Camp Shelby, Mississippi, by the end of this month. Mother and I are very proud that George has seen fit to take this action. He is an upper classman in engineering and it would have been in order for him to be deferred when the selective service system is reinstated for the Japanese Americans, but he feels that active duty immediately is the only way in which he can justify himself as an American.

Several of our staff members here will soon be going into the service and we are facing quite a problem in securing substitutes.

With very best regards to you and the office crew,

Sincerely,

Teiko Ishida

Teiko Ishida

Japanese American Citizens League

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Salt Lake City, Utah

March 22, 1943

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

Dear Mrs. Kingman:

This is further to my letter of M arch 8, 1943, addressed to Mr. Harry S. Scott, which I understand has been turned over to you.

I failed to mention the Pasadena Committee for Fair Play, Wm. C. Carr, Secretary, 1360 West Colorado St., Pasadena, California. This group has been one of the more aggressive and active of the smaller Fair Play groups and is now conducting a drive for increased membership. I believe you will find it worth while to contact Mr. Carr and to consolidate your efforts.

You may be interested to know that I just received a note from Bob O'Brien of the University of Washington that he is anxious to be of help in the Northwest and is "waiting to hear from the Californians". I hope you have already written to him, or will do so very shortly.

Incidentally, Mr. Scott mentioned that we would soon receive a release from you regarding the formation of this new Committee. Please place the League on your mailing list for all releases.

With very best regards and appreciating your efforts,

Sincerely yours,

Teiko Ishida

Teiko Ishida, Secretary

March 29, 1943

Mr. Teiko Ishida
Japanese American Citizens' League
25 East Second South Street
Salt Lake City, Utah

Dear Mr. Teiko Ishida:

In reply to your letter which you wrote adding to what you had already written to Mr. Harry S. Scott, I am glad to say that we have already been in touch with the persons of whom you spoke.

Mr. Carr in Pasadena is busily engaged in affiliating the Pasadena group with ours, and just yesterday I received a letter from Dean O'Brien of Seattle who, in responding to a letter of mine, has called together a group of leading citizens in Seattle for the same purpose.

I think that by now you have received at least one of our releases, and you may be sure that the Japanese American Citizens' League is high on our mailing list.

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman

RWK:jns

Dear Mr. Fisher:

This is to ask if you have available any extra copies of the reprint of your article in The Christian Century dealing with "Our Japanese Refugees". I saw a notice to that effect on the bulletin of the Federal Council of Churches, and wondered if I might obtain a few copies for some of my students interested in the subject. Thanks.

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Cordially yours,

Paul E. Pfuetze

Paul E. Pfuetze
University of Connecticut
Storrs, Conn.

P.S. What is the present situation out there?

Pfuetze
Storrs, Conn.

THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

Mr. Galen Fisher

~~260 California Street~~ 11 El Sueno

~~San Francisco, Calif.~~

Orinda, Calif.

STUDENT CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION
COLLEGE OF THE PACIFIC
STOCKTON JUNIOR COLLEGE
STOCKTON, CALIFORNIA

March 10, 1943

Mrs. Harry Kingman,
c/o Fairplay Committee,
2227 Union Street,
Berkeley, California.

Dear Mrs. Kingman:

, Those students who were at Asilomar came back to our campus most enthusiastic and vitally interested in your presentation of the Japanese Relocation Centers. Your personal experiences were particularly of value.

Because of their interest in your discussion, we should like to present you at one of our cabinet meetings as the guest speaker. The time would be at 4:15 p.m. on either March 22nd or March 29th depending on which day would be better for you.

We would be glad to pay your expenses for the trip and would appreciate your letting us know if you can come just as soon as you can decide. In your presentation we should like included what we, as students on the outside, can do to help our fellow Americans and their parents.

Cordially yours,
Fred Wolfrom
Fred Wolfrom,
Program Chairman.

FW:et

Martha [illegible] exhibit - Mrs. Kingman

Reply 4/7/43

1465 O'Farrell Street
San Francisco, Calif.
March 14, 1943

Mr. Gillen Fisher
City

Dear Sir:-

We have learned from Mrs. Robert McWilliams that you and your group may be in a position to help us in our campaign to have Bill No. H. R. 2011 enacted. As you will see in the attached copy, the bill proposes to extend the right to become a U. S. citizen to every person regardless of "race, color, creed, or national origin."

Our object in addressing you this letter is to request that you please extend us whatever help you deem necessary to make our campaign end in success.

Hoping to hear from you and assuring you that we will be ever grateful for your help,

Respectfully yours,

C. L. Julabal
C. L. Julabal

78th Congress
1st Session H. R. 2011

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

February 26, 1943

Mr. Marcantonio introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Immigration and Naturalization.

A BILL

To amend the Nationality Act of 1940.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 303 of the Nationality Act of 1940, approved October 14, 1940 (54 Stat. 1142, 8 U. S. C. 703), be, and hereby is, amended by striking out the said section and enacting a new section replacing it to read as follows: "The right of a person to become a naturalized citizen of the United States shall not be denied or abridged because of race, color, creed, or national origin."

A true copy:
C. L. Jularbal

April 7, 1943

Mr. C. L. Julabal
1465 O'Farrell Street
San Francisco, California

Dear Mr. Julabal:

As I indicated to you in my last letter, I have waited for action by our Executive Committee before committing our group as to its attitude toward action on H.R. 2011. At the Executive meeting on Friday, April 2, the question was fully discussed, and the group came to the following decision.

Notwithstanding our personal approval of the Bill, we feel that our efforts should continue to be channelled along the line of our original plan. That is, we should limit our activities to the legislation here on the Pacific Coast and to giving what assistance we can to the War Relocation Authority, in promoting their program of resettlement.

We do wish success for the proponents of H.R. 2011, and individually will be working in that direction.

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman

RWK:jns

Senate

California Legislature

Sacramento

Sacramento, California
March 15, 1943

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman, Executive Secretary
Committee on American Principles and Fair Play
Room 205
465 California Street
San Francisco, California

My dear Mrs. Kingman:

Thanks for your letter of March 15. I appreciate your interest and would naturally like to have your support and cooperation in every way.

Sincerely,

Ed Fletcher

EF:pm

March 15, 1943

Mrs. John Guild
1716 Bigelow Avenue
North Seattle, Washington

Dear Mrs. Guild:

As you already know, the Committee on American Principles and Fair Play has been reorganized and is planning on drawing in interested groups all up and down the Pacific Coast. With headquarters in the Merchants' Exchange Building in San Francisco and the Executive Office in Berkeley, we are working out an organization and program which will soon be sufficiently concrete to present to the various communities which have indicated an interest, as well as in many centers where such a program is felt to be needed.

The Finance Committee will meet this week, and their report, together with that of the Membership Committee which met last week, will form the basis of the organizational suggestions we hope to pass on to the other members of our General Committee.

When that report is completed, I shall send you an account of the plans as they are made, with the full information you have asked for as to membership, dues, program and general policy. Meantime, in case you have not had a copy of the Policy adopted by the Committee, I am enclosing one, as it appeared in the news release we sent out covering letters to members of the California State Legislature.

This is a definite promise of full information to come next week.

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman

Enclosure

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Copy of letter sent to:

Mrs. Cecil Lawrence
Parlier, California

Mr. Claude N. Settles
San Jose State College
San Jose, California

Mrs. Afton Nance
2110 Manhattan Avenue
Hermosa Beach, California

Rev. Bernard Watson
Box 201
Seaside, California

HOME ADDRESS
303 MARIPOSA AVENUE
ROSEVILLE, CALIFORNIA

SACRAMENTO ADDRESS
STATE CAPITOL

JERROLD L. SEAWELL
SEVENTH SENATORIAL DISTRICT

CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE

Senate

March 16, 1943

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

Dear Mrs. Kingman:

This will acknowledge your communication of March 15 expressing the purposes of your organization and requestion my cooperation.

I deeply appreciate your offer of assistance and should conditions warrant, will call upon your organization for advise and counsel.

Sincerely,

Jerrold L. Seawell

JLS:dl

HOME ADDRESS
ROUTE 4, BOX 299
SAN JOSE
TELEPHONE: BALLARD 504R1

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LABOR AND CAPITAL
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California Legislature
Fifty-Fifth Session
Assembly

JOHN F. THOMPSON
MEMBER OF ASSEMBLY, TWENTY-NINTH DISTRICT
SOUTHERN HALF OF SANTA CLARA COUNTY

March 16, 1943.

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

Dear friends:

I am pleased to receive your letter of March 15, 1943, concerning persons of Oriental ancestry.

Thank you very much for your advice on this subject and rest assured that I will keep your views in mind should any such legislation come before the Assembly to be voted upon.

Yours very truly,

Jack Thompson

JOHN F. THOMPSON.

JFT:P

ATTORNEY AT LAW
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1101 EDWARDS-WILDEY BUILDING
609 SOUTH GRAND AVENUE
LOS ANGELES

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STATE CAPITOL

California Legislature
Fifty-Fifth Session
Assembly

WILLIAM H. ROSENTHAL
MEMBER OF ASSEMBLY, FORTIETH DISTRICT

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MILITARY AFFAIRS
MOTOR VEHICLES
MUNICIPAL AND COUNTY GOVERNMENT

March 16, 1943

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

Dear Mrs. Kingman:

Thank you very kindly for your letter of March 15.

I would be very happy to hear from your organization on any matters affecting progressive legislation.

Sincerely,

Wm. H. Rosenthal

William H. Rosenthal
Member of Assembly
40th District

WHR:mhm

March 16, 1943

Mr. Alfred J. Lundberg
2129 Grove Street
Oakland, California

Dear Mr. Lundberg:

I am enclosing a copy of the release which has gone to newspapers throughout the nation which tells of the creation of the Committee on American Principles and Fair Play and of the letter to each legislator in Sacramento. These were drafted by the officers including Maurice Harrison and Dr. McGiffert.

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Will you, then, be good enough to invite the following people to be members of the Advisory Board:

Mr. Eric Johnston
United States Chamber of Commerce
Washington, D.C.
(His home is in Portland, Oregon).

Rev. Father Whelan
Loyola University
Los Angeles, California

(over)

Rev. O'Flaherty
(Address not given to me, but name urged as being most significant, and Father O'Flaherty most cooperative).
Los Angeles, California

Donald W. Thornburgh, Vice-President
Columbia Broadcasting Company
6121 Sunset Boulevard
Hollywood, California

If you have the address, it would be valuable if we could get Monseigneur O'Dwyer, whom we have been urged to ask to participate.

I am sending some of our letterheads under separate cover, in case you wish to use them, and also a suggested form which you are, of course, free to revise, and some extra releases. It may be that there are certain individuals that you would like to invite in addition to those suggested. At your convenience will you please let me know what is done and what response you secure.

It appears that the Fair Play Committee can render a very significant service to our nation, and it is heartening to us that you are willing to ally yourself with it. I can assure you that everything possible will be done to conduct the Committee's work with tact and discretion.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman

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2324 TEVIOT STREET
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STATE CAPITOL

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AND ECONOMY
PUBLIC MORALS

California Legislature
Fifty-Fifth Session
Assembly

ERNEST E. DEBS
MEMBER OF ASSEMBLY, FIFTY-SIXTH DISTRICT

March 17, 1943

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

Dear Mrs. Kingman:

I am in receipt of your letter dated March 15th, relative to the new organization you have formed.

I am highly in accord with your policies, and principles, and wish your organization every success.

If I can be of any service at any time, please feel free to call upon me.

Sincerely yours,

Ernest E. Debs

Ernest E. Debs

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582 N. HAWTHORNE BOULEVARD
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UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES

GLENN M. ANDERSON
MEMBER OF ASSEMBLY, FORTY-SIXTH DISTRICT

March 17, 1943

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman, Executive Secretary
2207 Union Street
Berkeley, California

Dear Friends:

I received your communication of March 15, 1943, in which you state the purpose of your organization is for the principals enunciated in the Constitution of our great Country and for the maintenance of the liberties guaranteed in the Bill of Rights.

I am confident every member of this legislature will support you in this view and will work with you toward that end.

Thanking you for your letter. I am,

Yours respectfully,

Glenn M. Anderson

GMA:rvf

2023 19 Avenue,
Oakland, California
March 17,1943.

Ans'd 4-22-43

Mr. Galen Fisher,
260 California Street,
San Francisco, Calif.

Dear Sir:

You may remember that I called you by telephone one Sunday afternoon about a year ago,concerning a young Japanese-American soldier,Bill Wada,who was a prisoner in a concentration camp. The boy was a volunteer,and could not learn why he was being held since he had had a splendid record in the army. Later you assisted his brother ,Fred Wada, in the Keetley Colony. You have told the story of this colony very well in the Survey Graphic. I am enclosing a letter just received from Fred. I thought it might interest you. To me there appeared an underlying fear ,or dread,that all is not yet well for him or his people. You need not return the letter.

Mr. West and I feel such articles as yours,and that of J.R. McEvoy,in the Baltimore Sun,of February 7,condensed for the Reader's Digest, will do much to make people think of the seriousness of this whole matter.

Tonight's Tribune carries information of the formation of the Pacific Coast Committee, and their resolution to the legislature. As a teacher and clubwoman,I heartily approve of such action. After Bill Wada,at my suggestion,had called upon some relatives of mine living near Fort Benjamin Harrison ,they wrote me. "We were uncomfortable having him in the house,although he seemed such a fine young man. Since people in California feel so strongly against these Japanese-Americans there must be something rather dangerous and tricky about them,with which you are not acquainted." Since we have sown such doubts in our own country,it is certainly our duty to take the initiative to right the wrong in so far as is possible.

If I can help in any way,the work of this body,I shall be glad tocooperate.

Very truly,
Edith West
Mrs. George F. West.

March 17, 1943

Mr. Maurice E. Harrison
111 Sutter Street
San Francisco, California

Dear Mr. Harrison:

I am enclosing a copy of the release which has gone to newspapers throughout the nation which tells of the creation of the Committee on American Principles and Fair Play and of the letter to each legislator in Sacramento. These were drafted by the officers including Maurice Harrison and Dr. McGiffert.

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Will you, then, be good enough to invite the following people to be members of the Advisory Board:

Mr. Eugene Tincher, Chairman
Area Board Y.M.C.A.
Security Building
Long Beach, California

Mr. Hugh C. Gruell
Bank of America
660 South Spring Street
Los Angeles, California

(over)

Mr. Robert Heffner
(Water Power Commissioner)
207 South Broadway
Los Angeles, California

Mr. James Beebee
1060 Roanoke Road
San Marino, California

Mr. Manchester Boddy, Editor
Los Angeles Daily News
Los Angeles, California

Mr. Charles P. Skouris, President
Fox West Coast Corporation
Hollywood, California

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Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman

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March 17, 1943

Bishop Karl Morgan Block
1865 Broadway
San Francisco, California

Dear Bishop Block:

We are delighted that you will act on our Advisory Board; and when the next letterheads are printed in a week or two, we shall be proud to add your name to our fast expanding list.

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Bishop Bertrand Stevens
615 South Figeroa Street
Los Angeles, California

(over)

Bishop James C. Baker

135 East Sunset
Los Angeles, California

Rev. Donald Tippett
First Methodist Church
Los Angeles, California

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Rabbi Irving F. Reichert
Arguella and Lake Street
San Francisco, California

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Will you, then, be good enough to invite the following people to be members of the Advisory Board:

Mrs. Curtis Albro, Chairman
Area Board Y.W.C.A.
941 South Figeroa Street
Los Angeles, California

✓ Rabbi Edgar F. Magnin
636 South Hobart Boulevard
Los Angeles, California

(over)

Judge Benjamin Schineman

Judge Holzer

These names were given to me as I left Los Angeles; and I was unable to secure the addresses, but they can be reached through Rabbi Magnin.

Mr. Sol Lesser
Hollywood, California

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University of California at Los Angeles
West Los Angeles, California

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1151 South Broadway
Los Angeles, California

Mr. A. J. Cook
Bank of America
660 South Spring Street
Los Angeles, California

Mr. Harvey Mudd
523 W. Sixth Street
Los Angeles, California

(over)

Mr. Paul Shoup, American Manufacturers' Association
735 South Spring Street
Los Angeles, California

Mr. Norman Chandler
Los Angeles Times
Los Angeles, California

Mr. George Hjelte
4468 Dundee Drive
Los Angeles, California

Mr. Carlton B. Tibbetts, President
Los Angeles Steel Casting Corporation
2444 South Alameda
Los Angeles, California

Mr. Arch Anderson, President
California Bank
625 South Spring Street
Los Angeles, California

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March 17, 1943

Mrs. Robert McWilliams
901 California Street
San Francisco, California

Dear Mrs. McWilliams:

At last we are under way. One of the first things, as usual, is the raising of funds. Mr. Galen Fisher, the Assistant Treasurer, says that you might be able to suggest the names of one or two women in the Bay Area who would be willing to act on the Finance Committee. They should not only be willing, but should be acquainted with the groups of women who might be reached by the challenge of the Policies of the Committee on American Principles and Fair Play.

I am enclosing a few of the Committee letterheads, should you care to use them.

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman

RWK:jns

Enclosure

Same letter sent to:
Mrs. Alfred McLaughlin, 3575 Clay Street, San Francisco, with this insertion:
Mr. Fisher hopes that you will ask Mrs. Robert Newton Lynch as one. Do you agree with him? I have never met her, so have no opinion.

March 17, 1943

Dr. Robert A. Millikan
California Institute of Technology
Pasadena, California

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William B. Munro
California Institute of Technology
Pasadena, California

John McWilliams
1307 South Pasadena Avenue
Pasadena, California

W. L. Blair, Managing Editor
Pasadena Star News and Post
Pasadena, California

(OVER)

Charles B. Voorhis
First Trust Building
Pasadena, California

A. B. Ruddock
1150 Oak Grove Avenue
San Marino, California

Robert Gross, President
Lockheed-Vega Corporation
Burbank, California

H. Dalzell Wilson
1011 Oak Grove Avenue
San Marino, California

Max Mason
California Institute of Technology
Pasadena, California

Harry Bauer
Los Angeles, California

George E. Farrand
215 W. 6th Street
Los Angeles, California

Reese H. Taylor
Los Angeles, California

P. G. Wimett
Bullock, Inc.
Los Angeles, California

To this list, could you add the following names?

Mr. Henry Dougherty, President
Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce
Los Angeles, California

Mr. Frank Rush
Telephone Company
Los Angeles, California

Mr. Paul R. Williams (Negro Architect)
3839 Wilshire Boulevard
Los Angeles, California

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Headquarters: Room 203, 465 California Street, San Francisco

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Executive Secretary
MRS. RUTH W. KINGMAN
Office: 2207 Union St., Berkeley
Telephone: AShberry 6214

March 17, 1943

SUGGESTED LETTER TO BE USED IN INVITING ADDITIONAL MEMBERS OF THE ADVISORY BOARD OF THE COMMITTEE ON AMERICAN PRINCIPLES AND FAIR PLAY.

Dear _____:

I am writing to ask you to become a member of the Advisory Board of the Pacific Coast Committee on American Principles and Fair Play which is being formed to support the principles enunciated in the Constitution of the United States, particularly as they apply to Americans of Japanese ancestry.

The Committee is already functioning through its San Francisco office. I enclose a copy of its initial release to the press. This will acquaint you somewhat with our purposes and principles. The enclosed temporary letterhead will indicate the high calibre of citizen that has already been enlisted in the northern part of the state. A similar support is to be sought in Southern California and in Oregon and Washington.

It is not contemplated that members of the Advisory Committee will be expected to attend many meetings nor are its members accepting any financial obligation. The program will be financed by voluntary contributions from individuals up and down the Pacific Coast, but financial support is not a condition of your acceptance.

It may be that the future of all minorities in this nation will depend somewhat on the success or failure of the work of this Committee. It should play an important function indefending the American way of life, and I sincerely hope that you will consent to accept this invitation to add your name to its roster.

Sincerely yours,

71 COLUMBIA STREET
SEATTLE, WASH.

1220 S. W. MORRISON STREET
PORTLAND, ORE.

124 W. FOURTH STREET
LOS ANGELES, CAL.

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March I8, I943

Mr. A. C. McGiffert, Chairman
Executive Committee on American Principles
and Fair Play,
I57o Hawthorne Terrace,
Berkeley, Cal.,

Dear Mr. McGiffert:

The writer's attention is called to the news article in yesterday's Oakland Tribune announcing your committee has forwarded a letter to the California State Legislature, in which your committee has presented its views and recomendations respecting the treatment of the population of the Japanese in this country.

Will you please forward the writer six copies of this letter. Also it will be appreciated if you will furnish the writer with the names and addresses of the members of your organization to whom it is the writer's desire to send copies of enclosed correspondence on this subjsct.

Respectfully,

Miller Freeman

Miller Freeman

Assembly
California Legislature

Sacramento, California

THOMAS H. WERDEL

THIRTY-NINTH DISTRICT

HOME ADDRESS
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Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman

Room 203-465 Calif. St

San Francisco, California

Dear Mrs, Kingman:

I wish to thank you for your letter of March 15th, and for your offered assistance.

If, in the future I should feel the need for such assistance I shall feel free to call upon you.

Very truly yours,

Thomas H. Werdel

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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE

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March 18, 1943

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

Dear Mrs. Kingman:

Thank you for your letter of March 10th, in which you urge my support for legislation outlawing discrimination for race, creed, color or national origin.

You may be assured that this program has my sympathetic interest and support and that I will do all in my power to eliminate the practices which now stand in the way of the full utilization of our nation's manpower.

Very truly yours,

Jack Shelley

John F. Shelley

JFS:gk

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California Legislature
Fifty-Fifth Session
Assembly

GEORGE D. COLLINS, JR.
MEMBER OF ASSEMBLY, TWENTY-SECOND DISTRICT

March 18, 1943

Committee on American Principles
and Fair Play,
Room 203, 465 California St.
San Francisco, California

Gentlemen:

Your letter of March 15, 1943, advocating a statesmenlike attitude towards the liberties of law-abiding persons of Oriental ancestry, duly received.

I am in full accord with the statements in your letter, and will act accordingly.

Yours very truly,

George D. Collins, Jr.

GEORGE D. COLLINS, JR.

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March 18, 1943.

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman
2207 Union Street
Berkeley, Cal.

My dear Mrs. Kingman:

I just wanted to express appreciation for the letter which you have sent to the legislators of California. The work that your Committee on American Principles and Fair Play is doing is of very great importance. More power to you in this effort.

Yours sincerely,

Homer L. Morris

HLM:gh

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SANTA BARBARA COUNTY

March 19, 1943

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:

Thank you for your letter of March 15th.

I am sure that my views, more or less, coincide with those of your committee, as I understand from your letter, and I will keep an eye on pending legislation with those thoughts in mind.

Sincerely your friend,

Alfred W. Robertson

AWR:igp

judicious use of any such material. We are constantly approached for information which, if we were to receive only from the public press, would be most limited, as it is increasingly obvious that the California press is not going to give notable support to any favorable publicity that is not marked a "Must Print" as it comes from Washington.

We trust that you will be willing to send us regular releases, and that we may count on you for a full account of the programs of the W.R.A. and Army program with the Japanese Americans. We feel that a wider acceptance and support of those programs should play an important function in defending the American way of life, and are confident that we can, to an increasing degree, bring about that acceptance and support.

A fuller access to material and information is vital to our success.

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman

RWK:jns

March 19, 1943

Mr. Elmer Davis, Director
Office of War Information
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Davis:

Last week this office sent you copies of our letter to the members of the California State Legislature together with the news release which we sent to one hundred and fifty California newspapers and to as many more in the Middle West and East. We have used this means of introducing ourselves and are finding a pleasingly favorable reception.

We have conferred with Mr. Dillon Myer of the War Relocation Authority, both in person and by letter, and feel sure that he is satisfied as to our soundness of intent and method. We are delighted that your office is devoting a portion of its effort to inform the public of the program of the W.R.A. in relocating the American Japanese, and to publicizing the admirable policy of the War Department in the inclusion of the Nesei in the Army.

It is not necessary to tell you of the difficulty of getting such favorable material in the West Coast press (with some few exceptions). One of our major concerns is to urge upon our state editors more of the sort of publicity and releases that would facilitate the programs of the W.R.A. and the Army. Our membership is of sufficient influence throughout the state that we have reason to believe that material going out under our name will be used more widely than that sent to local editors without some such encouraging backing.

Because of this, we are asking you, as well as Mr. Myer of the W.R.A., to send us as much really comprehensive material as you can possibly give out, which, of course, we would not receive through ordinary channels. We feel that our position and background is sufficiently sound and stable that we can be trusted to make only the most

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March 19, 1943

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

Dear Mr. Myer;

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This morning we received a letter from Assemblyman Gardiner Johnson, a copy of which I am sending you. He also sent a copy of the Assembly Minutes where our letter was reproduced by unanimous vote of that body. We feel that we are making sound haste by moving slowly. As we gain momentum, I am sure that we will be able to make increasing progress.

Two days ago Mr. Edward B. Marks, Jr. of the Community Services Department of W.R.A. was here in the Berkeley office. He asked me not only what our objectives are, and how we hoped to attain them, but also what W.R.A. can do to be of assistance. I told him of the conversation held in the Regional Office in San Francisco when you met there with Maurice Harrison, Galen Fisher, and me. You may remember that at that time we told you that one of our chief concerns is upholding the efforts of the War Relocation Authority, and urged that you send us any and all materials which we might use. I urged this again to Mr. Marks, as it becomes increasingly obvious that we must get before the West Coast public authentic information concerning the American Japanese, their present problems, and attitudes, the resettlement program you are pressing, and the relation of present policies to future developments, both domestic and in the complete post-war picture.

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We cannot hope to give you intelligent support without really comprehensive material which you must have access to, and which we would not receive through ordinary contacts. We feel that our position and background is sufficiently sound and stable that we can be trusted to make only the most judicious use of any such material. This does not mean that we do not want the regular releases which W.R.A. might send out, but we feel the need of all additional and pertinent information which might be made available to us. I have asked Mr. Marks to deliver that request to you in person.

While some of the news from the centers is most distressing, it is heartening to know that the new policy is being consistently pressed. You may be sure of our continued and complete copperation.

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman

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Enclosure

HOME ADDRESS
8 CORTE DORADO
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March 20, 1943

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman, Exec. Secy.
Pacific Coast Committee on American
Principles and Fair Play,
465 California St.
San Francisco, Calif.

Dear Madam:

Acknowledging your letter of March 15.

Wish to thank you for the views you have expressed and for some of the proposals your organization stands.

As a representative of the people in the legislature, I have always stood for and supported those things which are for the development of the progress of our state and welfare of our people.

At this time when our country is at war and the people are more or less in hysteria, it is necessary that we give very careful consideration to the regulations which come before us before taking final action.. One cannot be too careful and we must do all in our power to keep our feet squarely on the ground and give deep thought to problems that are confronting us.

I am satisfied your organization and similar organizations can do a lot of good work toward again bringing the conditions of our country back to normal when the present war comes to a close.

Assuring you of my support in any legislature that will be for the good of all concerned, I am,

Very truly yours,

Harry L. Parkman

HLP:ee

VICTORY in '43

Fowler, Calif.
March 20, 43.

National Committeee on Security and Fair Play,
260 Calif. St.
San Francisco, Calif.

Dear Sirs,

The enclosed highly incorrect statements appeared a day or two ago in the Fresno Bee. Could you at the Fair Play Office find time to send letters to the Public Thinks of the Bee, and to the Porterville paper, the name of which I have no means of finding.

I am positive that the statement concerning 60 % of disloyal Japanese is entirely untrue, but I do not have figures for the refutation. I doubt very much whether any such survey was ever taken in any of the camps.

Yours very truly,

Paul C. Kellogg

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY
WASHINGTON, D. C.

March 20, 1943

Dear Mr. Kingman:

The Secretary of War has directed that I reply to your letter of March 12, 1943. The statement which you enclosed with your letter has been read with interest. Information of that type should be widely publicized so that the American public in general may understand that there are loyal American citizens of Japanese ancestry.

A request has been made that Sergeant Yori Wada of Camp Robinson, Arkansas be transferred to the Japanese-American combat team.

Sincerely yours,

William P. Scobey

WILLIAM P. SCOBEY
Colonel, General Staff
Executive

Mr. Harry L. Kingman, General Secretary
Young Men's Christian Association
2227 Union Street
Berkeley, California

Answered by Gulick
3/29/43

San Francisco
March 22nd 1943

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman
Com. on Americ. Principals & Fair Play
465 California St. Rm.203
San Francisco California

My dear Mrs. Kingman,

In answering your letter of March 17th let me say that my name was not only misspelled but definitely misplaced !

When Mrs. McLaughlin asked me to join the "Executive Com." there was no mention of Vice Presidency, which, of course, I would have turned down immediately. I was stretching a point when I agreed to try and attend meetings as a member of the Executive Com., but was interested enough to at least make the attempt.

I keenly resent the misuse of my name, and I object strenuously to sailing under false colors ! I never would have agreed to act as Vice President - but, even more do I resent "having one put over me".

I am sorry that this "misunderstanding" should have arisen and I beg you to kindly scratch out or cancel my name by stamp on this stationary, if you wish to remain within the bounds of " American Principles and Fair Play".

At the next reprinting we will be able to tell whether I wish to be represented at all. And at that time I definitely wish to be consulted !

Sincerely yours

Mary H. Layman M.D.

Mary H. Layman M.D.

March 22, 1943

Mrs. Nina E. Bancroft
Walnut Creek, California

Dear Mrs. Bancroft:

At last we are under way, and are busy with the first very important part of any project, namely, finances. Mr. Fisher has suggested that you might be willing to assist his, the Finance Committee, in submitting several names of persons you feel might be willing to contribute toward the expenses of the Fair Play Committee.

We are asking all of our Advisory and Executive Committees to submit such a list; then after checking to be sure that no person shall be approached more than once, I am returning the names to the members, together with the finance letter to be sent out over their signature, following the printed names of Mr. Scott and Mr. Fisher.

May we look forward to some such list from you?

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman

RWK:jns

Same letter sent to:

Mrs. Robert McWilliams
901 California Street
San Francisco, California

March 22, 1943

Rev. Edward J. Whelan
Loyola High School
Los Angeles, California

Dear Father:

I am writing to ask you to become a member of the Advisory Board of the Pacific Coast Committee on American Principles and Fair Play which is being formed to support the principles enunciated in the Constitution of the United States, particularly as they apply to Americans of Japanese ancestry.

The Committee is already functioning through its San Francisco office. I enclose a copy of its initial release to the press. This will acquaint you somewhat with our purposes and principles. The enclosed temporary letterhead will indicate the high calibre of citizen that has already been enlisted in the northern part of the state. A similar support is to be sought in Southern California and in Oregon and Washington.

It is not contemplated that members of the Advisory Committee will be expected to attend many meetings nor are its members accepting any financial obligation. The program will be financed by voluntary contributions from individuals up and down the Pacific Coast, but financial support is not a condition of your acceptance.

It may be that the future of all minorities in this nation will depend somewhat on the success or failure of work of this kind. This Committee should play an important function in defending the American way of life, and I sincerely hope that you will consent to accept this invitation to add your name to its roster.

Sincerely yours,

Alfred J. Lundberg.

AJL:MFS
Encls.
cc-Mrs. Kingman

March 33, 1943

Mrs. R. N. Lynch
51 Parker Street
San Francisco, California

Dear Mrs. Lynch:

Knowing of your very real interest in the American Japanese and their problems, I am turning to you for some information which will prove to be of great assistance to us. In talking over our Committee's finance program with Mr. Galen Fisher and Mrs. Alfred McLaughlin, they both suggested that I ask you to join our finance committee, whose main duty is to present lists of potential givers who would have enough interest in the project to give liberally.

Today I heard from Mrs. McLaughlin, and she urged me to write to you with the suggestion that you talk the entire matter over with her. Our lists will be checked so that no one will be approached twice, and the approach will be made in a carefully worded letter from Mr. Fisher and Mr. Harry S. Scott, the Treasurer.

We do hope that you will be able to join us in our efforts, which we feel are gaining strenghh and mOmentum each day and week.

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman

RWK:jns

March 22, 1943

Mr. Donald W. Thornburgh, Vice President
Columbia Broadcasting Company
6121 Sunset Boulevard
Hollywood, California

Dear Mr. Thornburgh:

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cc-Mrs. Kingman ✓

March 22, 1943

Rev. Raymond J. O'Flaherty
The Catholic Welfare Bureau
333 West Second Street
Los Angeles, California

Dear Father:

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Encls.
cc-Mrs. Kingman ✓

March 22, 1943

Mr. C. L. Jularbal
1464 O'Farrell Street
San Francisco, California

Dear Mr. Jularbal:

Your letter of March 14, 1943, addressed to our Committee through Mr. Galen Fisher has just been called to my attention.

The letter with the enclosed copy of H. R. 3011 will be referred for consideration to our Executive Committee at its next meeting, which will be held on March 31.

I shall be happy to inform you of what action is taken at this time.

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman

RWK:jns

Send material after N. meeting Apr 2

YOUNG WOMEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION
UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA AT LOS ANGELES
574 HILGARD AVENUE
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA
ARIZONA 37166

4/6/43
Referred to Reith for Student section.

March 23, 1943 Enc. 3/31/43

Dear Mrs. Kingman:

Marian Reith has been visiting our Association this past week and has been mentioning the 25 bills before our Legislature and/or Congress which your commission is concerned with.

Do you have a digest or some information on these, or the actual copies for distribution? If so, could we have this material, so we may hasten to take the proper action to discourage or to pass the bills.

Also, if you have information describing the Fair Play Commission and membership on it, we should appreciate it too.

If there is some expense connected with this material, kindly let us know.

Yours sincerely,

Lois Crozier

Associate Secretary

COUNCIL FOR DEMOCRACY

11 WEST 42nd STREET · WIsconsin 7-1616 · NEW YORK

March 23, 1943

Dear Mr. Harrison:

I read with deep interest your letter of March 15 and the enclosure stating the purposes and composition of your Committee.

I have had some earlier correspondence with Mr. Henry F. Grady and Mr. Galen M. Fisher. Please accept my congratulations on the statement that you have formulated and every good wish for progressive success. I hope you will keep us in touch with the progress of your work which is of keen continuing interest to us.

Sincerely yours,

Ernest Angell
President

Mr. Maurice E. Harrison, Chairman
Committee on American Principles and
Fair Play
Room 203, 465 California Street
San Francisco, California

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March 23, 1943

Mr. Harry S. Scott
465 California Street
San Francisco, California

Dear Mr. Scott:

Following is a copy of the letter I am sending to members of the Finance Committee and several of the Advisory Board who can give us help on this matter. May I also hope for a reply from you?

-----In talking over the matter of the Committee's finances with Mr. Scott, it was decided that the most practical way to go about getting contributions for the work of the committee over and above membership fees was through letters to go out over the signatures of members of the Finance Committee and of several of the Board Members.

Mr. Fisher has drawn up such a letter, a copy of which I am sending you. We are asking you to submit to the Executive Secretary a list of persons whom you feel might respond to such an appeal. The several lists will be checked so that no person will be approached more than once, and I shall address the letters from the lists and send them back to you for your signature.

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman

RWK:jns

Enclosures

(OVER)

COPY OF LETTER ALSO SENT TO:

Mr. Galen M. Fisher
Mr. Richard R. Perkins
Mr. Philip N. McCombs
Dr. Mary H. Layman
Mr. Will C. James

omitting first paragraph.

March 23, 1943

Rt. Rev. Msgr. Thomas J. O'Dwyer
General Director of Charities
333 West Second Street
Los Angeles, California

Dear Monsignor O'Dwyer:

I am writing to ask you to become a member of the Advisory Board of the Pacific Coast Committee on American Principles and Fair Play which is being formed to support the principles enunciated in the Constitution of the United States, particularly as they apply to Americans of Japanese ancestry.

The Committee is already functioning through its San Francisco office. I enclose a copy of its initial release to the press. This will acquaint you somewhat with our purposes and principles. The enclosed temporary letterhead will indicate the high calibre of citizen that has already been enlisted in the northern part of the state. A similar support is to be sought in Southern California and in Oregon and Washington.

It is not contemplated that members of the Advisory Committee will be expected to attend many meetings nor are its members accepting any financial obligation. The program will be financed by voluntary contributions from individuals up and down the Pacific Coast, but financial support is not a condition of your acceptance.

It may be that the future of all minorities in this nation will depend somewhat on the success or failure of work of this kind. This Committee should play an important function in defending the American way of life, and I sincerely hope that you will consent to accept this invitation to add your name to its roster.

Sincerely yours,

Alfred J. Lundberg.

AJL:MFS
Encls.

cc-Mrs. Kingman

American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born

512 FIFTH AVENUE

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PEnnsylvania 6-8508

HUGH DELACY, *Chairman*

ABNER GREEN, *Secretary*

Reply 4/7/43 enclosed release etc

March 24, 1943

Pacific Coast Committee on
American Principles and Fair Play
Room 203, 465 California Street
San Francisco, California

Gentlemen:

We would appreciate any information that is available concerning your organization and your work.

Sincerely yours,

Abner Green

Abner Green
Secretary

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Rec'd 4/5/43

Heart Mountain, Wyoming

March 24, 1943

Mrs. Ruth Kingman; Exec. Sec'y
American Principles and Fair Play Committee,
University of California Y.M.C.A.
Berkeley, California.

Dear Mrs. Kingman:

One of the many college problems in this camp concerns those who have been in professional schools on the West coast. The position they are in is certainly aggravating in terms of their evacuation. Already with a loss of a year of schooling, they are finding it difficult to enter school of similar standing in the midwest or the east. With acceptance they are faced with the problem of beginning their advanced courses over again forcing them to lose two to three years or more.

A permit system would solve their problem if they could be returned to their former schools for the completion of their training. The present manpower conservation makes it necessary for the best use of these students when the nation can ill afford to lose professional trained personnel.

Perhaps the Western Colleges can make a request in behalf of these students to the War Department.

Appreciating any assistance you can render,

Yours sincerely,

Lincoln Kanai

Lincoln Kanai

P.S.

It's good to hear that you are on the American Principles and Fair Play Committee. In a day or two, I am proceeding East to Chicago and Milwaukee where I expect to be for a while. I shall be at 5757 University Avenue, Chicago, Ill. for the next two weeks and letters will be forwarded to me beyond that date.

April 5, 1943

Mr. Lincoln Kanai
5757 University Avenue
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Mr. Kanai:

I have your letter in which you tell of the difficulties of the students in the professional schools. We are aware of this problem and wish that we could be more effective in its solution. However, at this time we feel that the program of the War Relocation Authority is so definitely aimed in the right direction that if we were to urge the immediate return of the graduate students to their former schools for the completion of their training, we would embarrass a really splendid program.

Simply because we do not feel that the time is right for our Committee to make a special request of the War Department at this time does not mean that we do not favor such a move. However, it seems best that the Committee follow along the rapidly developing program of WRA rather than run the risk of deterring the fine progress which they are making.

I hope that you have a happy time in Chicago and in Milwaukee while you are there. Please write to us from time to time and let us know how resettlement goes in the Middlewest.

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman

RWK:jns

March 24, 1943

Mrs. Philip Bancroft
Walnut Creek, California

Dear Mrs. Bancroft:

Forgive this hurried note, but I am just off to Sacramento.

Enclosed you will find a copy of the release sent out to two hundred and fifty publications and a copy of the letter it covers as well as the reaction the letter promoted. I am also sending a suggested form for organization and program for the committee. It has not yet been adopted officially but will be the basis for their consideration.

I hope this is what you want for we are very eager to have the people out in the Valley organized.

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman

RWK:jns

Enclosures

COPY

March 24, 1943

Miss Mildred Bartholomew
Young Women's Christian Association
SW Broadway and Taylor Streets
Portland, Oregon

Dear Miss Bartholomew

As you have doubtless heard from Mr. Galen Fisher and others, the Committee on American Principles and Fair Play desires that it shall have affiliated groups all up and down the Pacific Coast. Certainly the legislation pending in the various state Legislatures would indicate that some concerted action on the part of interested people is rather essential. We have completed the first step of reorganization, and now are finding ourselves ready to expand furthur.

In visiting the southern part of California, I spoke with several leaders who are eager to have the Fair Play movement started there and they were unanimous as to the method which should be used toward that end. I am writing to you and to several others in Seattle and in Portland, asking your opinion in the matter, as to whether you approve that proceedure or if you have some other way to propose, in organizing a Fair Play Committee in your State.

In Los Angeles and in Pasadena, I secured the names of prominent and influential persons in the communities whose sponsorship of a profect would be reassuring to the city as a whole, and most specifically to the persons who might be a bit timid without that reassurance, but who would probably be valuable to the Committee. That is to say, leaders in business, professions, church, labor, education, C.C.D and Chamber of Commerce. From the fifteen or so persons approached to present such names there was a real unanimity of opinion as to which names might be helpful, and those persons have been asked, by Dr Sproul, General Barrows or another of our Board members, to join the Advisory Board of the Southern Committee. As soon as these are secured, we feel confident that a strong Committee can be set up with cooperation from many sources from which we could ordinarily hope for ## little assistance.

We would like to proceed in the North by this same method if you feel that it would be wise. Can you suggest some names which would bear significance throughout the State, as small local groups will look for support to the larger organization?

We realize that there are organizations already existing win the Northwest which have been doing yoemen's work for the American Japanese. It is possible that over-organization can be avoided by consultation among these various groups. If you feel that the job can and would be done apart from our Committee, we hope that you will say so frankly, for we have no desire to take on ang job that is already well in hand.

We shall æ very glad to receive any names you wish to suggest along with suggestions of persons who should be consulted in the organization of the Fair Play Committees in the Northwest. If it seems desirable, I shall probably be able to go north to meet with such a planning group.

Very sincerely yo urs :

Mrs. Ruth W Kingman

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Write following to:

Same letter sent to:

Miss Mildred Bartholemew
Y.W.C.A.
S.W. Broadway + Taylor Streets
Portland, Oregon.

✓ Dean Robert O'Brien
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Seattle, Washington.

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1118 Fifth Avenue
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A MEMBER OF THE YOUNG WOMEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Answered 4/9/43

Young Women's Christian Association
PORTLAND - OREGON
BROADWAY AT TAYLOR

April 6, 1943

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

Dear Mrs. Kingman:

Thank you for your letter about the committee on American Principles and Fair Play. I have a communication from Teiko Ishida, Secretary of the Japanese American Citizen's League also. They write me of it with great appreciation of the move that is on foot to help their people.

Portland and Oregon will be greatly benefited by a Northwest committee I am sure, because we have had no organization of influential citizens to turn to, when such utterances as the Thomas Mahoney agitation in the State Senate broke in the daily papers. I inclose a copy of his memorial which passed the Oregon Senate 16-14 but died in the Resolutions Committee in the House. Church groups were very vocal against it but the number of letters which I understand reached Mr. Mahoney from all over the state approving his action is certainly disturbing.

The Public Affairs Committee of the Portland Y.W.C.A. talked over your letter very carefully and wish to suggest for your consideration for Oregon's Committee the following people:

Mr. Charles A. Sprague, recently retired Governor of Oregon. Under pressure and misinformation from sugar growers, Mr. Sprague made one public statement which was bitter against the non-cooperation of the Japanese laborers, but we worked with him constantly during evacuation and we found him not only sensitive to the suffering of the Japanese but very honestly and seriously concerned about their future status in America. He is now editor of the "Oregon Statesman", Salem Oregon, which I presume is the best newspaper in the state outside of the city of Portland.

A MEMBER OF THE PORTLAND COMMUNITY CHEST

Mr. E. B. McNaughton, President, U. S. National Bank, Portland, Oregon. Mr. McNaughton has just been appointed by Governor Snell to the State Committee on Post War Readjustment and Development. He is president of the Portland Library Association and is a very influential person. While some of Mr. McNaughton's activities would not lead one to expect cooperation with such enterprises as this, he had done some very broad-gauge things and if he gives his word, he will give the matter his support--and publicly.

Dr. Thompson L. Shannon, Minister of the First Christian Church of Portland. Dr. Shannon is a young clergyman in one of the influential churches in the city. He has been outspoken against racial discrimination and is a man of effective organizing ability.

Mrs. Maurice Hodge, 3725 N. E. 63rd Avenue, Portland, Ore. She is a woman of marked ability. Her interest in and work with the Japanese ante-dates evacuation by a good many years.

Dr. Donald Erb, President of the University of Oregon, Eugene, Oregon, Dr. Erb's contribution would be not only his conviction but also the contacts he has the length of the coast. He is a man of vision and is definitely practical.

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Miss Jane Chase, from the Portland Diocesan Office of the Episcopal church, Morgan Building, Portland, Oregon. Miss Chase has done some very effective things this last year. I commend her to you for her astute judgement and ability to follow through on matters that involve many people and many organizations. By way of illustration I inclose a carbon she dropped in the mail for me after seeing the movie, "Air Force." It is charactistic of the sort of thing she has been doing constantly.

Dr. Frank A. Magruder, Professor of Political Science, Oregon State College, Corvallis, Oregon. Dr. Magruder is the author of the high school text on civil government used in many states. He is known in Washington D. C. His knowledge and sympathies are genuine and he works quietly to accomplish the result desired. He is a most tenacious person. He speaks a great deal throughout the state.

I think it may be important to have a member from our State College, and from the University on such a board. I do not know what other people you have consulted to secure nominations for the Oregon Committee. This list may miss some of the best but the Y.W.C.A. was very closely related to the Japanese from Pearl Harbor days and we know these people to have been clear cut and outspoken in their position.

Our closest friend and wisest counsellor during evacuation was Dean Ramsey of Saint Stephen's Episcopal Church. He died in October. None other has taken his place so we welcome the incentive to form such an organization as the suggestions in your letter bring to us. When you have built a committee I hope you can come north to help it get to functioning. It will be stimulating to feel the impact of the work already going on in California.

Please call on me for any help that I may give.

Sincerely yours,

Mildred Bartholomew

Mildred Bartholomew
Secretary Public Affaris Committee
Portland, Y.W.C.A.

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April 9, 1943

April 9, 1943

Miss Mildred Bartholemew
Youn Women's Christian Association
Portlandd, Oregon
Miss Mildred Bartholomew
Secretary Puplic Affairs

Dear Miss Bortholomew:

It was most kind of you to give me such a fine fund of information concerning persons who might prove helpful in the development of the Committee on American Principles and Fair Play in Portland. The people whose names you have suggested will be approached by members of our Advisory in the near future, with hopes of an early organization.

Particularly welcome was the enclosure of the copy of MissChase's letter stating her opinion of "Air Force". The picture has only this week come to the Bay Area, but already there have been reactions pro and con, coming to our offece. While I was reading the carbon, a student from the Pacific School of Religion came in, asking for the specific statement intthe Tolan Report which might be used to refute some of the impressions given in the picture It was fine , having Miss Chase's article for reference. We shall make much use of it. I am writing to her this morning, in congratulation, and in gratitude.

You will be hearing from us again very soon. Meantime, thank you very much for the names, which I fe el confident will prove most helpful.

Very sincerely yours,

(Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman)

535 San Luis Road,
Berkeley, California.
March 24, 1943.

Mrs Y Kaibe,
28-5-B
Cantral Utah Relocation Project,
Topaz, Utah.

My dear Mrs. Kaibe:

When Mrs. Valentine received your request asking that she have certain of your property taken from her home to the Government Warehouse in Oakland she asked me just how it should be done, as she was uncertain as to what preceedure to follow. I suggested that she Call Mr. Harrington, of the Harrington Express Company, as he has been and is very friendly and kindly toward the Japanese and American Japanese of the city. I understand that he took your things to the warehouse and that the bill was sent to you, as is customary.

A few days ago Mr. Harrington phoned me and asked if I had heard from you, or if Mrs. Valentine had, as he had not received payment. I explained that in all probability, you were awaiting delivery of the goods, not realizing that it may be a matter of months before the government warehouse sends that particular shipment on. I told him that your receipt of the bill from him, together with his receipt from the government warehouse should be sufficient evidence of his having carried out his part of the transaction, and I assured him that when that was pointed out to you, that I was sure that you would send hem the payment for his services.

Mr. Harrington has been most cooperative in all of his work with the transportation of Japanese property, and I am sure that he is not worried about the bill, but naturally he would like to receive payment as soon as it is possible for you to make it.

Very sincerely yours,

(Mrs Ruth W. Kingman, former Chairman of
Evacuee Property Committee of the
Berkeley Fair Play Committee.)

March 24, 1943

Mr. George Wilson
150 Golden Gate Avenue
San Francisco, California

Dear Mr. Wilson:

This morning Professor Paul Taylor came into the office and made a suggestion which I am carrying out. I tried to reach you by phone, but you were busy. Dr. Taylor called my attention to the fact that Senator Murray of Montana is a member of the Senate Committee, under Senator Chandler, which is investigating the War Relocation Centers where the evacuated Japanese, citizen and alien alike, are located.

Some of the statements which are appearing in the press and credited to these Senators seem to be a bit over strong. We were wondering if it would not be a wise move if you could ask the Montana C.I.O., whosponsored Senator Murray, to inform him of the feeling of the Pacific Coast C.I.O. on the subject. He might well be urged to study toward a sensible settlement of the problem of relocation and resettlement of these American Japanese.

He certainly should be informed of the C.I.O. feeling.

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman

RWK:jns

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ALBERT C. WOLLENBERG
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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE

March 25, 1943

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

My dear Mrs. Kingman:

Your letter containing statement of your organization concerning American principles received.

I do, as every other legislator must of necessity, adopt and approve this statement as a true statement of American principles and fair play. I appreciate your letter and feel that the work of your committee in calling the attention of the legislature to your excellent statement is to be highly commended.

As you undoubtedly have been informed, your letter has been printed in the Assembly Journal in order that it may be before the members of the Assembly during the entire session.

Yours very truly,

Albert C. Wollenberg
ALBERT C. WOLLENBERG.

ACW:v

INTERNATIONAL HOUSE
AT THE
UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA
BERKELEY

PIEDMONT AVENUE
AND
BANCROFT WAY

March 15.

Dear Ruth:

Congratulations on everything. The print release was excellent. Just one suggestion regarding letter for solicitation. I don't think it wise to use the word "reactionaries". It is a meaningless label. Implication - you don't agree with us - thus you are a reactionary. We want to attract upon many conservative resources. This is not liberalism or conservatism - just fair play which is both liberal + conservative - indeed reactionary. Get my pt.? - maybe not - but here it is.

A careful study should be made of officers + students to be approached. Lists might be amplified by approaching members of organizations + members

of their Boards. - of Y.M.C.A. - (Oakland, S.F. + Berk.) of Y.W.C.A. (same). Jud. Institutes (S.F., Fresno, Oakland, Los Angeles). Jewish social work agencies, I think you know the same people as do I. - add. Mr. Leslie Irving, East Bay Municipal Institut, Oakland; Miss Frank Schuman, The Uplands, Berkeley. Will be sending other names from time to time.

Attached find $ check. Ask Harry to add the $3 he owes us - then making our contribution $7. Will surely give more later but go Gosh! nurses, income tax and maybe no job! But it will be a fruit six months to come.

Ella.

The four - makes both Jo + me members.

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March 25, 1943

Mr. Galen Fisher
Community American Principle of Fair Play
2207 Union Street
Berkeley, California

Dear Mr. Fisher:

We have been informed that you have the late Major Kobayashi's Japanese books, and we wonder if you will be willing to send us books for circulation in our Library for the Japanese reading people in this Center.

We would appreciate it if you will inform us whether you will be able to lend us these books for circulation, and shall be awaiting your reply.

Thank you very much for your kindness.

Yours truly,

THIRD CHRISTIAN CHURCH OF POSTON

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Confirmed, —

but send it F.H.S. only [illegible] K
take care / it as last a loan.

MANZANAR WAR RELOCATION AREA
Manzanar, California

March 25, 1943

Mrs. Ruth Kingman
Executive Secretary
Committee on American Principles
and Fair Play
2207 Union Street
Berkeley, California

Dear Mrs. Kingman:

Remember me! We met at the Adult Education conference at the Whitcomb Hotel in San Francisco. Just today your apparently new organization and its press release outlining principles was brought to my attention. It, of course, interested me tremendously. Could you forward me several copies of the press release and any other information or material issued by the Committee. I should like to be put on the mailing list. If there is anything that can be done from this end please let me know; and if you should happen to see Allan Blaisdell, would you convey my regards.

Please let me hear from you.

Sincerely,

Charles K. Ferguson

Charles K. Ferguson
Director of Adult Education

WILLIAM C. JAMES
670 SAN LUIS ROAD
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March 26, 1943

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

Dear Mrs. Kingman:

Your letter of March 23, 1943 with the two enclosures is very encouraging.

The fine letter to our State Legislature and their response is particularly gratifying.

This early action of Galen Fisher and others of the committee was very timely. I hasten to enclose my check of $10 for membership.

I shall endeavor to get a list of names sent you soon of some of those whom I think "might respond to such an appeal."

Sincerely,

Will C. James

WCJ:vb
encls. (check)

UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON Y.M.C.A.

1417 EAST 42nd STREET SEATTLE WASHINGTON

March 26, 1943

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

Dear Mrs. Kingman:

This is to acknowledge your letter of March 24, requesting Mr. Woodbury to send you names of persons who should be consulted in the organization of Fair Play Committees in the Northwest.

Mr. Woodbury is representing the Pacific Northwest at the national conference of Y.M.C.A. secretaries in Chicago at the present time and will return to Seattle about April 5. At that time he will, I am sure, be glad to cooperate with you in this vital matter.

Sincerely yours,

M. Lamping

M. Lamping
Office Manager

Community Fund *Heart of Seattle*

OFFICE OF WAR INFORMATION

WASHINGTON

March 26, 1943

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

Dear Mrs. Kingman:

Mr. Davis has turned over to me your letter of March 19, which we have read with interest. We are communicating with the War Relocation Authority on your request, and will supply you with such materials as you may be able to use.

Sincerely yours,

Leo C. Rosten

Leo C. Rosten
Deputy Director

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LOS ANGELES, CALIF. OFFICE
715 South Hope Street

March 26, 1943

Mrs. Ruth Kingman
American Practices and Fair Play Committee
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Berkeley, California

Dear Ruth:

Sorry to be so late in sending these lists, but the office has been jammed. I presume you know something about that, too! I've gone through our Student Relocation Committee list in Southern California and am sending these for what they are worth. I was impressed by the number of people on the list whom I thought would be very interested in becoming a member of your committee whether they took active leadership locally or not. These are listed for a potential mailing list for you out of that office if you are drumming up members in that way.

I have marked some of these with "L" indicating that they would be good leaders for active committees in Southern California. On the mailing list, I have also included some scattered throughout the country whom I feel would be only too glad to become members and receive your mailing. I do feel that while this is located particularly on the West Coast, with West Coast interest, it must become the distributing center for facts and information to those people on the East Coast who are so circumscribed in their knowledge about how to act and what the facts really are.

Feel sure the membership received from this group will more than pay for the postage.

We are eagerly awaiting the list of state assemblymen and senators so we can urge action by our students, also any publicity which will make it a little easier to increase student interest in it at present.

Keep us posted at this end of the line when you know our heart and soul is with you in this great undertaking. My best to Harry.

As ever,

Marian.

Mrs. Marian Brown Reith

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March 26, 1943

909 FOURTH AVENUE
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Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman
Room 203, 465 California St.
San Francisco, California

Dear Mrs. Kingman:

This will acknowledge your letter of March 24th, just received, addressed to Mr. Rennie.

Mr. Rennie is away from the office for perhaps another week. I am sure he will give your letter prompt attention when he returns. I hope this will not be too late for your purposes.

Sincerely yours,

(Mrs.) A. Hillson

Secretary to Mr. Rennie

March 26, 1943

Fresno

Dear Mr. Phelps

We hope that you will, if you have not yet done so, organize a Stockton Committee on American Principles and Fair Play which will become affiliated with the Pacific Coast Committee. A long, hard struggle lies ahead if the constitutional rights of our Americans of Japanese ancestry are to be preserved. The efforts of Fair Play groups up and down the Coast will need, it would seem, to be reasonably well unified. A favorable start has been made, as you will note from the enclosed.

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(3) Being alert to anti-Oriental activities arising within local

community, acting to offset such activities, keeping Fair Play Committee headquarters informed.

It is suggested that so far as possible work be done through existing groups which have previously displayed interest, i.e., churches, clubs, study groups, Leagues of Women Voters, A.A.U.W., etc.

General memberships are $2, Sustaining Memberships $10 and up, Student Memberships $1. The Finance Committee of the Pacific Coast Committee will solicit individuals by mail, but any contribution which came in from your city would be credited towards your quota.

We hope that your group in Stockton will accept a quota of $_____. In case this amount does not seem acceptable to you kindly let us know what you propose. Any funds you need for the expenses of your local committee should be raised in addition to this suggested quota. I believe that there is so genuine a desire on the part of many to deal fairly by our Japanese Americans that you will find that financial aid is readily forthcoming.

I enclose a copy of a tentative constitution and a sample membership card. If you wish some of these cards, please let me know the number desired.

Sincerely yours,

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March 26, 1943

Mr. William C. Carr
1360 West Colorado Street
Pasadena, California

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Sincerely yours,

Mfs Ruth W. Kingman

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To Ruth

March 27, 1943

Ans. 4 29.

Mr. Galen Fisher, Asst. Treas.
Committee on American Principles and Fair Play
Orinda, California

Dear Galen:

Have just read in Harry's Y's Bear for March 18th of the activity already undertaken in connection with present session legislature on the very important matter of civil liberties for Japanese Americans.

Enclosed is my check for $2.00 to add a mite to this good work. Sent to Scott

Mrs. Kingman was in town yesterday afternoon and I was invited to meet with some other people about this question, but unfortunately I had a dead-on conflict with a USO Program committee of which I am chairman.

As we have opportunity locally we will lend our efforts to this good cause. I have two directors who are very much interested in this problem as far as our SCA are concerned, and another young attorney on our Board who is very keen on civil liberties.

With kind personal regards and best wishes I am,

Sincerely and cordially,

REGINALD WEST
General Secretary

Encl

4/10, Recd from Elmer E. Nichols Assn. Trust Co. Bldg., Berkeley, 3/30 + Sent to Scott, F.

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March 27, 1943

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman, Exec. Secy.
Committee on American Principles
and Fair Play
2207 Union Street
Berkeley, California

Dear Mrs. Kingman:

I am heartily in accord with the suggestion of Dr. Paul Taylor of attempting to enlist the support of the Montana CIO behind our program for fair treatment for Japanese, citizens and aliens.

I regret that I have not seen any of the statements made by Senator Chandler, chairman of the committee investigating War Relocation Centers. If any of this material is in the possession of our Committee I would appreciate having you forward it to me so I can be better informed on the subject.

I am acquainted with Senator Murray, and will be glad to write personally on behalf of the San Francisco CIO Council.

Sincerely,

George Wilson
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GEORGE WILSON
President

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Mrs. K. please reply fully. J.

Mrs RALPH P. DE VAULT
1114 El Sur Avenue
Telephone Monrovia 7671
ARCADIA, CALIFORNIA
(E. of Pasadena)

Ans. 3/5/43

March 27 - 1943

Ack. " 29.

Mr Galen M Fisher
Arcadia - Calif.

Dear Mr Fisher:

I was very much interested in your letter to the Editor which I saw in the Heart Mountain Sentinel. I am very anxious to get the views of the committee on American Principles and Fair Play.

It is possible that these ideas in print and with the backing of honored men will have more weight than anything I might say. There is a great need for remembering the principles on which our country was founded - in this community.

So if you can sent me literature or tell me where I may get it. I should appreciate it very much.

Furthermore - do you know how we may give our support to the bill now before Congress - to enable all Orientals to become naturalized citizens?

Gratefully yours.

Ruth C DeVault

Mrs. McLaughlin: please note & send to Mrs. Kingman F.

(Duplicate)

GALEN M. FISHER
11 EL SUENO
ORINDA, CALIFORNIA

27 Mar. 1943

My dear Dr Laymans. The "jinx" certainly got into things in connection w. the Fair Play Com! Only an apology & explanation by me can set it right. First, as to the misspelling of your name on the letterhead. It caught my eye the moment I saw the letterhead. If I had not been confined to bed at that time from a vertebral injury (as I still am - but improving) I should probably have viséd the proof with Mrs. Kingman & caught the mistake. But Mrs. Kingman says she has already written you about it.

Second, as to your being included as a Vice-chairman. Only today did I learn that you had not consented to serve as one. It happened this way: Mrs. McLaughlin was elected to the Executive Committee and as a Vice-chairman, but temporarily, until she could secure a substitute, preferably yourself. She, however, understood you were to be asked to serve only as a member of the Committee. With my understanding that you were to be her successor in both capacities, when she phoned me, early in March, that you had consented to serve, I so interpreted her statement. I take all the blame for not checking carefully. Today she tells me that she said simply that you had consented to serve on the Executive Committee. I recall that she emphasized the fact that you could spare little time for it, and would accept, subject to the right to withdraw, if other duties so required.

Since I had wrongly, but unwittingly, inferred that you would be a Vice-chairman, I told Mrs. Kingman your name should appear as such on the letterhead. Of course, it should be removed on the revised letterhead.

Pray, pardon me for this unintentional blunder, the first of the kind I have ever been guilty of.

We can all take hope from the promising start made by the new Committee. We are certainly fortunate in having such a capable Executive Secy, and so many Advisors and Committee members who believe deeply in the Committee's objectives.

Very sincerely yrs
Galen M. Fisher

Dr. Mary H. Rayman
2156 Pacific Av.
S. F.

March 27, 1943

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

Dear Mr. Myer:

As we have anticipated, the antagonistic California Press is making the most of the unfavorable publicity which has made its own interpretation of the statements of Senator Albert B. Chandler, following his investigation of the Relocation Centers. In accordance with our expressed desire to back up the War Relocation Authority in its policies, we are most eager to refute as many of the inaccuracies as there are answers to.

Each of the past few days has found in our mail queries from localities widely spread throughout the state, asking for such answers, and as we hesitate to try to make any reply which cannot be substantiated by facts based upon figures, I am asking again, and this time specifically, for information from you.

Do you have any figures which can answer charges that "from 40% to 50% of American born Japanese men of draft age in the country's ten relocation centers have certified themselves as not loyal to the United States".?

We cannot urge too strongly that you give this matter your immediate attention, as the pressures out here on the Coast are on the increase.With the Presidential election in the not too far distant future, this issue is bound to be used to the fullest extent, and if groups which might well be of real assistance to the government

at this time and in the future, are not encouraged, when from all over the state they are asking to be allowed to help, one of the strongest forces for effective, as well as temperate and fair minded action will have been overlooked.

We shall appreciate the information which we urge that you send us as soon as possible.

Very sincerely yours,

(Mrs. Ruth W. Kingmann)

March 27, 1943

Mr. Charles K. Ferguson
Director of Adult Education
Manzanar Relocation Area
Manzanar, California

Dear Mr. Ferguson:

Indeed I do remember you, and discussing the problems of the world at large and of W.R.A in particular with you in a post mortem session after the Hotel Whitcomb Conference. Incidentally, I had a wonderful time in Topaz, where I spent three weeks at Christmas time , producing the Christmas Pageant for the Community. What a lot of things have happened on the projects since those relatively idyllic days!

I am happy to send you the copies of the releases you ask for, and shall put youm name on the mailing list for the stuff we will be sending out in the future.

Right now , I'm trying to get Dillon Myer to give us some dope with which to refute some of the wild statements we see, daily in our state press. Wish us luck, as we feel that we most certainly will need it if we are to do more than swing at windmills!

Very sincerely yours,

(Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman)

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641 N. Regent
Stockton, California
March 29, 1943

Mrs. Ruth Kingman, Executive Secretary
Fair Play Committee
University of California
Berkeley, California

My dear Mrs. Kingman:

After you left last Thursday afternoon, Rev. Mr. Arthur Foote, Dr. George Colliver, and I remained for a brief consultation which resulted in the following decision with regard to the organization of a Fair Play Committee in Stockton.

Feeling that a committee of representative leading citizens including the publisher of the local newspaper should be the ones to consider the institution of a Fair Play Committee in Stockton, we are asking President Tully Knoles to personally invite such a group to meet with him in the near future to consider the matter. We should like to recommend that you communicate with President Knoles offering to him a speaker from your central committee who could meet with the aforementioned group and present to them the nature and purpose of the Fair Play Committee.

Thank you very much for your very interesting and challenging presentation of last Thursday.

Very cordially yours,

Paul G. Trueblood

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Paul Graham Trueblood

Encl. 4/7/43

WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY

WASHINGTON

MAR 29 1943

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman
Committee on American Principles and Fair Play
2207 Union Street
Berkeley, California

Dear Mrs. Kingman:

I want to acknowledge your letter of March 19. First of all, let me say I am delighted to know that your letter to the members of the California State Legislature received such a cordial reception.

I am enclosing a considerable amount of information which we have issued concerning the general program of the War Relocation Authority, and we shall see to it that you receive any other publications and pieces of literature issued in the future.

We are asking the Director of each relocation center to see that you receive a copy of each relocation center newspaper. I feel that these papers will be helpful to you in keeping in touch with events at the relocation centers and with the attitudes of the evacuees.

Sincerely yours,

D. S. Myer

Director

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March 29, 1943

Copy

Miss Pearl C Kellogg
Fowler, California

Dear Miss Kel ogg:

Your letter accompanying the clippings from the Fresno Bee have just come to my attention. I have sent to the War Relocation Authority in Washington for the true figures which might refute the ones quoted in the clipping refferring to the purported disloyalty of a large proportion of the Nisei in the R Relocation Centers.

As soon as I have the figures, I shall be glad to send them on to you, and to our members in Fresno, who will probably be happy to see that they are printed in the Fresno Bee.
A s for the letter from Mr Mc Clatchey, written for the Joint Immigration Committee, there is not much use in answereing that, as far as I can see, for it is based on the use of a technique which invariably leads to nothing much but bickering. Our policy is to stick pritty closely to the pressing of principles, and to avoid that type of controversial argument.

Thank you very much for your interest, and may we hope that you will continue to "catch" such clippings and to send them on to us, as we are eager to have just th t type of information, and will try our best to get the answers out as soon as authentic material is at hand.

Very sin cerely yours,

March 29, 1943

President Tully C. Knoles
College of the Pacific
Stockton, California

Dear Mr. Knoles:

The Committee on American Principles and Fair Play is having some new letterheads printed. As a result of my conversation with you last week in Stockton, I am wondering whether you really desire to have your name included on our Advisory Committee. I judge that you are not entirely in agreement with the beliefs on which the Committee is founded and I am wondering whether you feel that you will be able to give us the needed support if and when it is needed.

Admittedly the Fair Play Committee is working in a controversial field. It may be that the Committee will come under the attack of those who, for one reason or another, wish to take American citizenship from those of Japanese ancestry or to ban the return of the evacuees to the Pacific Coast after the war. It would seem imporbtant that when things get hot, if they do, the Committee can count on its Advisory Committee members to support it fully.

This does not mean, of course, that they should not discriminate between Japanese Americans who are loyal and those who are not. That this must be done is a foregone conclusion in view of our support of the position of the Department of Justice in these matters.

My visit to Pacific's campus was most delightful. It was generous of you to invite me to speak to the student body, the members of which I was more than pleased to find so responsive. Thank you for the privilege of being there. It was fun.

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman

RWK:jns

March 29, 1943

Reverend K. Imai
310 - 7 - D
Poston, Arizona

Dear Mr. Imai:

Mr. Galen Fisher has asked that I reply to your letter, in which you have requested that he send the late Major Kobayashi's Japanese books to your library. He says that he himself, unfortunately, does not have them but that he is writing immediately to Dr. Frank Heron Smith asking him to take care of it as best he can.

As you probably know, Mr. Smith has access to more of the Japanese libraries than have any of the rest of us.

I hope that he will find the books that you want.

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman

RWK:jns

March 29, 1943

President Robert Gordon Sproul
University of California
Berkeley, California

Dear Dr. Sproul:

When your office asked me this morning if any letters had gone out from this office over your signature, I was quite surprised. You may be assured that the Committee would never take the liberty of sending out a letter over any signature which had not previously been approved. I hope that the misunderstanding has been entirely cleared up.

It would be most desirable if, at your earliest convenience, I could have a few minutes with you to talk over one or two points in our program with which you can be most helpful, and in which I feel that you will be most interested.

Is it possible for you to name a time at which I may come to your office for such an appointment, which will, I assure you, be very brief?

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman

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War Relocation Authority,
Washington, D. C.

Titles are given for identification only and in no way commit the institution to which the committee member belongs.

March 31st, 1943

Mrs. Harry Kingman
Young Men's Christian Association
Union at Austin Way
Berkeley, California

Dear Mrs. Kingman:

Student Relocation is at last settled in its new home here in Philadelphia. I don't know whether you and Mr. Kingman would recognize the setup, except for a few familiar faces. We are much more dignified back east and look quite like a formal office. We do miss the west. You were all very good to us in San Francisco.

Denny Wilcher was not able to come east with us, so I am taking over the financial aid work. I was just looking through Ed Iino's folder and discovered a note from Tom, saying that you were going to try to get Ed admitted at the Eastman School of Music in Rochester. I am wondering if you have done this, or if you have felt that perhaps he was not interested in going on to college. We received a wonderful letter from Ed on October 7th, saying that he felt it his duty to stay on the project. I remember ~~hear~~ from your talk to the Friends Service about "Christmas at Topaz" what a wonderful job he has been doing. However, it does seem a shame that he cannot go on with his musical education.

Since you know Ed so well, would you advise us as to whether we should suggest again his going out to college. We have some scholarship funds from a friend who is interested in helping a musical student. I can think of few students who would deserve this aid more than Ed.

I look forward to hearing from you in the near future. Trudy, Tom, Woody and Bill Stevenson all send you their best. Please remember us to Mr. Kingman.

Sincerely yours,

Betty Emlen

Betty Emlen

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March 31, 1943

Mr. William C. Carr
1360 West Colorado Street
Pasadena, California

Dear Mr. Carr:

When your letter came yesterday, I had already written the letter I am enclosing with this, so I am sending it along as it was originally written, as I feel that it pretty well answers all of your questions.

We are glad that you are striving for a popular membership, as this gives a much stronger backing for the program undertaken. However, I am sure that you should have no difficulty in Pasadena, in enrolling enough sustaining members who will be glad to give $50 or even $100 to make up the quota suggested.

We shall be very happy to hear from you as soon as you have had your next meetings.

The enclosed membership and organization plan will be acted upon at the Executive meeting on Friday of this week. Until then final action cannot be considered as having been taken. However, as I am sure that the organization will go through as outlined, I am sending it to you as it is. Immediately upon action at the Executive meeting on Friday, I shall wire you confirmation so that you will have it offically

Very sincerely yours,
Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman

RWK:jns

Enclosures

March 31, 1943

Father Edward J. Whelan, President
Loyola University
West 80th Street and Loyola Boulevard
Los Angeles, California

Dear Father Whelan:

We are delighted to receive word of your willingness to be placed on the Advisory Board of the Committee on American Principles and Fair Play.

The membership of such men as you and Mr. Lundberg, through whose personal invitation you were invited to join our group, will be of high value to us in our efforts to obtain a wide consideration of our policies.

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman

RWK:jns

Same letter sent to:

Mr. Joseph A. Murphy
Latham Square Building
Oakland, California

April 1, 1943

Mr. R. B. Cozzens
Field Assistant Director
War Relocation Authority,
Hotel Whitcomb
San Francisco.

Dear Mr. Cozzens:

It was good of you to give me so much time yesterday in a discussion of the problems facing the residents in the Relocation Centers, and some of the plans the War Relocation Authority is making for them.

The work of our Committee will be done on a much more comprehensive basis as a result of the information you so generously shared with me. I can assure you that it will be retained in strictest confidence.

Need I say that the outlined Plan C seems to be exactly what we would wish for, and that as far as I can see, we would ask for nothing more in the way of liberal , statesmanlike interpretation of the rightful position of the loyal persons of Japanese ancestry in the United States.

I am sending the names of the members of the Assembly Legislative Committee on Judiciary who voted against Joint Assembly Resolution #29 in Committee on March 25, 1943, when it was defeated and sent back to the files. I also enclose a quotation from the Espionage Act which might be applicable to persons whose activities militate against enlistment.

Very sincerely yours,

(Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman)