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September 1, 1944

Dr. Robert A. Ashworth
National Conference for Christians and Jews
381 - 4th Ave
New York City, N.Y.

Dear Dr. Ashworth:

As you may have heard from other sources, it is not unlikely that the War Department may lift the ban and allow a considerable number of evacuees to return to the West Coast after a few months.

The enclosed sheet (If the Evacuees Return To the West Coast) depicts the general situation at this time. Religious leaders of all denominations, and other influential citizens are undertaking a quiet but intensive campaign during the next three months in order to create a more favorable public attitude on the Coast, and to get as many people as practicable to send offers of jobs to evacuees to the Western Defense Command, also to declare themselves heartily back of the War Department policy whenever the Western Defense Command issues a proclamation declaring that the exclusion order has been rescinded.

I am writing you to ask that you will issue editorial comments and perhaps brief articles on news items from time to time during the next few months.

We wish no publicity however, for the intensive campaign to which I referred. What is needed, is emphasis upon the basic principles involved, along the lines of Dr. Sproal's address.

We have already obtained the cooperation of representatives of religious denominations in writing to editors of their own church papers. I have also written today to Dr. Walter Van Kirk asking him to refer to the matter in some of his broadcasts. We shall certainly appreciate whatever you see fit to do in this matter.

Sincerely yours,

Galen M. Fisher

GME:mj

September 1, 1944

Dr. Edward Laird Mills
3005 Van Buren St.
Alameda, Calif.

Dear Dr. Mills:

The enclosed sheet on *If The Evacuees Return to the West Coast*, will for the most part be familiar to you, but glance over it, and a reading of Dr. Sproul's speech will give you the setting for what I am about to propose.

In view of the possibility, indeed the probability that the War Department will lift the ban allowing a considerable number of the evacuees to return, after a few months, we have enlisted a number of representatives of the various denominations, Protestant, Roman Catholic, and Jewish, in a quiet campaign during this fall to prepare the way. The scope of their action is shown in the enclosed sheet (*Consultation of Religious Executives to Prepare for the Possible Return of Evacuees to the West Coast*); a report of a Consultation of August 25.

Dr. Frank Herron Smith expects to continue using his monthly report to the Advocate as a means of keeping the Methodist public informed of general developments. What we would particularly like you to do is to write one or two articles during the fall, say one for early October, and another for mid November, and another to appear some time after the national action. We shall send you some material from time to time, and your own wide contacts will give you other pertinent material.

I may say that Dr. Smith and Dr. E.E. Kohlstedt, who were both present at the Consultation, feel that one or two articles by you would be particularly effective.

Sincerely yours,

Galen M. Fisher

GMF:mj

EDWARD LAIRD MILLS
MINISTER
Court Street Methodist Church
3005 VAN BUREN STREET
ALAMEDA, CALIFORNIA

Sept. 8, 1944.

Dr. Galen M. Fisher,
2234 Telegraph Ave.,
Berkeley 4, Calif.

My dear Doctor:-

Yours of Sept. 1st is received. I appreciate the confidence shown in the request to prepare some articles on the return of Japanese-Americans to the coast, but I do not feel that I should do this. To familiarize myself with all the available material so as to write easily on the subject would require more time than I am prepared to give.

I left California for Chicago Jan. 1, 1941, and have lived there and in Nevada ever since until a few weeks ago. The psychology of those localities on this and some other matters is quite different from that of California. I am not now a voting resident of this state. Whatever weight my name has would be with the Methodists, and their needs are being excellently cared for by the Frank Herron Smith articles in the Advocate. I find that my new parish will require all my attention for some time to come.

With best wishes,

Cordially always,

Edward Laird Mills.

3005 Van Buren

Alameda

September 1, 1944

Dr. F. Ernest Johnson
Department of Research and Education
Federal Council of Churches
297 4th Ave.
New York, N.Y.

Dear Ernest:

The other day Henry Lieper and I had a fine visit and discussed among other things, the situation touching the possible return of Japanese evacuees to this Coast, and the day before, Buell Gallagher and 25 other religious and social leaders met to discuss how we could prepare the way so that if and when the Western Defense Command issued a proclamation rescinding Exclusion Orders, we should have a much more favorable public attitude on this Coast. I am enclosing material which will show you what we are planning to do, but I would like to emphasize we do not wish publicity regarding the intensive campaign. What we need is emphasis on the basic principles along the lines of Dr. Sproul's speech.

It was Gallagher, I think, who first suggested that it would be very timely and appropriate if you were to devote some issue of the Information Service Bulletin this Fall to bring relocation developments up to date, and also dealing with the basic problems involved if and when some of the evacuees return to the West Coast, and also you might touch upon post war issues (e.g. the repatriation of Japanese (or Japanese Americans) found by judicial process to be disloyal, etc.).

I have written to Walter Van Kirk regarding dealing with this problem on broadcasts, and also the Robert Ashworth and Paul Hutchinson, and the various denominational papers are being handled by representatives on this coast. We have already arranged to cover the New Republic, Nation, Survey, and a few other weeklies, including the Negro press.

Your man Bradford Abernathy is a fine chap, but he's got me into a tough job when he persuaded me to write on of eight monographs on Racism and the World Outreach of Church and Nation. It would not be so bad if one could cough up the material, but libraries seem to be lacking along the particular line he wants covered.

I mention this not to invite commiseration, but to indicate that I have not been idle during the summer months. I am also working on a monograph on Public Affairs and Education for the Y.M.C.A. I won't enlarge on that.

I hope that you managed to wangle a good month's vacation and covered a lot of pleasant reading.

Faithfully yours,

Galen M. Fisher

GMF:mj

September 1, 1944

Mr. Walter W. VanKirk
297 4th Ave.
New York 10, N.Y.

Dear Walter:

If you will glance over the enclosed material you will at once understand why I am writing you. As you will see, we are preparing to carry on a quiet but intensive and coast wide community campaign, calculated to mobilize a growing number of citizens who will offer jobs for returning evacuees, and will help in reference to living quarters and a friendly public reception.

We are anxious to have as many national publications as practicable cooperate by publishing editorials, news items, and articles which will develop strong public opinion in all parts of the country (particularly on the West Coast) in support of a square deal for the evacuees.

As you will understand, we do not wish publicity for the preliminary campaign in the Fall. What we do feel the need of is driving home to the Christian public, especially, the fundamental principles involved, and making them ready to give emphatic support to the rescinding of Exclusion Orders by the Army immediately upon its proclamation. If by any chance the Western Defense Command does not issue a proclamation, but lifts the bars in some other fashion, we must all the more emphatically enlist public support lest there be serious social and economic boycotts, and a hostile press campaign.

In talking the matter over with Dr. Henry Lieper, he suggested that you could touch upon the matter in your broadcasts and you will doubtless find ways of dealing with it in print (e.g. The Federal Council Bulletin).

I am writing Ernest Johnson and _____ as you will see by the enclosed carbon copies. Perhaps you can encourage them to adopt my suggestions.

We are getting the religious press pretty well covered from this end, and I am writing to Paul Hutchinson and Robert Ashworth and others are writing to Survey, Nation, and New Republic.

Any suggestions you may have for us, or any action you may see fit to take independently to enlist aid from Eastern groups will be more than welcome, but of course we would be glad to know what you may do in that direction.

Sincerely yours,

Galen M. Fisher

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Orion Star
C. G. CONFIDENTIAL
VALLEY PAPER CO.
September 1, 1944

Mr. Paul Hutchinson
Editor, Christian Century
407 So. Dearborn St.
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Paul:

As you doubtless know, it really begins to look as though the Army will lift the ban, and allow the evacuees to return in a few months. Even though no one knows when this will be done, it is none too early to prepare for the eventuality.

The enclosed sheet (If the Evacuees Return To The West Coast) depicts the present situation, and the other sheet entitled "Notes on Consultation of Religious Executives To Prepare for the Possible Return of Evacuees to the West Coast" will give you at a glance the lines to be emphasized during the next three months, especially by the religious groups.

We do not wish any public mention of the fact of the quiet intensive preparatory campaign being carried on, but we do greatly desire the Christian Century and other papers to do all in their power to help develop a sound public opinion, especially for readers on the West Coast.

When I say you last in January, you mentioned you wanted me to keep in mind writing another article some time, and I believe that time will arrive in October. If you want something then, let me know, and I will try to fill the bill. If, on the other hand, you have someone else in mind I shall be glad to know who it is, to supply any direction with material that might be useful.

Sincerely yours,

Galen M. Fisher

GMF:mj
C. G. CONFIDENTIAL
Orion Star

Mrs. Kingman

September 1, 1944

Dr. Robert Gordon Sproul
President
University of California
Berkeley, California

Dear Dr. Sproul:

It is only within the past week that I have had the pleasure of reading the full text of your speech at the California Club in Los Angeles on June 29.

Your talk was a courageous clear-cut statement and should be read by everyone who can read. I am delighted to pay tribute to one in public office who has the courage that you have so ably exercised in the midst of the emotional campaigns that have existed during the war period. It is this kind of courage and clear thinking that will make the difference between orderly reconstruction and chaos during the post-war period. Please accept my warmest congratulations.

Sincerely,

W. S. Meyer

Director

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Isabel - By way of report on trip to Santa Maria & Arroyo Grande
Clarence S. Gillett
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September 4, 1945

Rev. Edwin Krapf
884 Pacific Street
San Luis Obispo, California

Dear Ed:

We did get to Santa Maria and Arroyo Grande, ~~but~~ from different sources we have very favorable reports of the work which you and your Provisional Committee are doing in San Luis and vicinity.

Things at Arroyo Grande seem to be moving along very hopefully with the establishment of the hostel. You may be interested to know that at the Japanese Hostel we met Mr. G. DeLeon (Postal Address - Route 2, Box 266A, San Luis) who is a vegetable packer and shipper. He was at the hostel trying to recruit ten or a dozen Japanese workers to help harvest a tomato crop. He and another Filipino* have a packing shed at Guadalupe and are opening one at Oceano. He is one of the Filipino dealers that the opposition would like to see anywhere else except where he is.

Even the situation in Santa Maria and Guadalupe looks more hopeful. No publicity can be given to it yet but arrangements are nearing completion for somewhere between twenty-five and fifty to come in as soon as they can be recruited.

Well, the long and short of it is that we didn't get up to see you for which I am very sorry. It seemed best for us to come back to Los Angeles Sunday afternoon and events here have fully justified that decision. If there is any way in which we or the Fair Play Committee of which Mrs. Booth is Executive Secretary can help, don't hesitate to call upon us. Of course Mrs. Booth will be glad to hear of developments, particularly if along the line of forming a Council for Civic Unity or Fair Play Committee.

With warm regards as always,

Sincerely yours,

* Mr. Reyes

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as

Clarence S. Gillett
Executive Secretary

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September 4, 1945

Mr. Eric Thompson
Franklin Building
735 State Street
Santa Barbara, California

Dear Eric:

We seemed fated to miss each other after our talk at Santa Barbara. Therefore it may be well to briefly report what we did and how things are developing. We met Jerry Light at Mrs. Barnett's the night we arrived and Saturday morning he and I went to see the barrack apartments which belong to the Japanese Union Church and which Mr. Silva is vacating. Mr. Silva had moved practically all of his things which included everything movable and some immovable such as the clothes line posts, and we arranged to buy two of the gas stoves which were there in the house. All this means that there are what might be called three apartments with toilet and sink for each and the shower in a little building outside available for all. There are three rooms in each apartment or they can all be thrown together by opening the doors between. Also, there is a small storehouse adjoining - - which in a pinch could be used for sleeping. The furniture of one of the evacuee families can be moved from this into the basement of the church and then the cots and mattresses and blankets loaned by the W.R.A. can be stored in this little building and taken out or replaced as needed. Jerry Light and Mr. Oshita talked in terms of 25 cots.

Jerry was primarily responsible for forming a local sponsoring committee. No doubt he will report on that. Mr. Heist and others are, of course, cooperating. In fact, Mr. Oshita was staying with the Heists until this morning when the Silvas would be out.

It seems quite possible that one of the language school buildings may also be made available for emergency housing.

You will note what was said in our letter to Mr. Krapf regarding Mr. DeLeon. Probably you are in touch with him already. We liked him and his wife who is a Japanese woman (Yoshiko) and they have two attractive little children, the older being about three. I stressed with him the importance of not allowing anyone to use the Filipinos against returning Japanese and in his presence stressed with Mr. Oshita the importance of getting returning Japanese to realize that they must

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Mr. Eric Thompson

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stand for fair play and fair treatment for the Filipinos. All in all, I felt that our talk with the De Leons was opportune and useful.

We had one experience which I think should be reported but about which I think you probably should not do anything. Saturday ~~morning~~ ^{evening} Mrs. Gillett and I went with Mr. Oshita to the Airport Kitchen. Without going into all the details, the fact was that the waitress at whose table we sat must have refused to serve us. Fortunately, some friends came in and sat at the same table - - people who are regular patrons - - and after a while a waitress, who may have been the person in charge, came and asked us to "move to another table for six people." This brought us into her area and she served us and was entirely friendly in every way.

The whole thing happened so quietly that it might have passed almost unnoticed but of the facts I think there is no question. Several other details might be mentioned that make this certain. Mr. Heist will send them and the other restaurants in Santa Maria copies of our little sheet on state laws and we feel that to make any more of this at the present time might be to aggravate the situation rather than to help it. It is not likely that many Japanese will go to the Airport Kitchen as it is so far on the east side of town. If you yourself should go there with some Japanese this will be background information. The table at which we sat was in about the middle of the room and I judge that from the middle towards the front would be in the zone of the waitress who served us.

Possibly a word should be added about a Sunday morning service in Singer's church. There must have been between fifty and seventy-five of the leading people of Arroyo Grande at the church service including Joe Gibson and his wife. My whole theme was the necessity for greater understanding and cooperation with different racial groups and it was clear that quite a portion of the congregation at least were in cordial agreement. I did not try to see the Assembly of God minister as Jerry reported that the Superintendent of Schools was working on him. At least two Japanese children were attending the Methodist Sunday School but no others except Rev. Mr. Oshita attended the morning service.

Well, this is about it. Congratulations again on the grand work that you and your staff are doing and you know that you can call on us for anything that we can possibly do.

Sincerely yours,

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Clarence S. Gillett
Executive Secretary

September 5, 1944

Dr. Allan A. Hunter
4609 Proppect Ave.
Los Angeles, Calif.

Dear Allan Hunter:

The enclosed material will bring you fairly up to date on plans initiated by the Committee on American Principles and Fair Play in Northern California. A somewhat similar program will probably be followed in Southern California, which will be engineered by Mrs. Katherine Kaplan, Executive Secretary there. Dr. Clarence S. Gillett, who had been giving all his time to the Committee on Japanese Service has been assigned by them to give much of his time during the next few months to cooperating with Mrs. Kaplan and other groups in Southern California.

Last winter Paul Hutchinson asked me to send him articles from time to time about developments in regard to the evacuees, and I have written him that if he desires it in October, I could write it. This, of course, is intended to be supplementary to notes you have been supplying from time to time.

I hope you will take occasion in your next news letter to say something on the subject, but please do not publicize the fact of the intensive campaign. It is better, as you must realize, not to call the attention of the opposition to our plans.

Sincerely yours,

Galen M. Fisher

GMF:mj

September 5, 1944

Miss Priscilla Beattie
421 Sequoia
Pasadena, Calif.

Dear Miss Beattie:

I can't believe we have written you re your letter questioning the order of July for 500 pamphlets to be sent to the Kauai Morale Committee. In checking the original letters we discovered your order to be, as you had intended, for "A Balance Sheet on Japanese Evacuation". Since the error was ours, in sending the "American Fighting Men Speak Out", we have sent the Kauai Morale Committee, as of last week, 500 copies of "Balance Sheet". We, of course have not billed the Committee, for the cost. I have not notified anyone of the Hawaii residents, as I did not know who might be the proper authority.

I hope this will clear up the matter, and assure they will be able to use all the pamphlets to good advantage.

Sincerely yours,

Office secretary

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September 5, 1944

Mr. G.A. Schee
Box 278
Pt. Loma Station
San Diego, Calif.

Dear Mr. Schee:

You may communicate re the Los Angeles Committee, with our Executive Secretary for Southern California, Mrs. Katherine Kaplan, at 1732 Kelton Ave., Los Angeles, Calif.

Sincerely yours,

Office secretary

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September 5, 1944

Bishop Edward L. Parsons
2901 Broderick St.
San Francisco 23, Calif.

Dear Bishop Parsons:

Thank you very much for your letter of August 30. I was sorry to have to miss the August 25th meeting, called by Galen M. Fisher, but I knew that it was in excellent hands.

Your suggestion that Mr. Fisher might be a good member of the A.C.L.U. Committee is excellent. I have never known a more thoroughly courageous or fair minded person. In the field of Japanese American problems, there is no person better qualified to present an informed opinion. His wide understanding of all of the many involved concerns, together with his vigorous, never ceasing defense of civil rights, should make him invaluable. If any question arises as to his age, may I say that he exhibits more vigor and vitality in the pursuit of his many civic and religious interests than I have seen in anyone half his age.

I agree that Ernest must go to New York. This "perpetual bickering" is taking too much time from essentials. It seems to me that Dr. Meiklejohn's analysis is good, including his observation that following a final decision by our Branch to disaffiliate, or to maintain our present status, members opposing the decision should resign.

Personally, I shall welcome a conclusion to the entire matter, and hope that a full discussion on Thursday will clarify the picture.

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman

RWK:mj

September 5, 1944

Dr. Mark A. Dawber
Administrative Committee
Home Missions Council
297 Fourth Ave.
New York, 10, N.Y.

Dear Dr. Dawber:

In order to bring you and the members of the Administrative Committee up to date before you act on our recent request for financial aid, I am sending a copy of "Notes on Consultation of Religious Executives to Prepare for the Possible Return of Evacuees to the West Coast".

About 25 new men and women of influence have been appointed to the Advisory Board of this Committee. Among them are Dr. Chester E. Green (Presbyterian representative in Northern California) and Dr. Sanford Fleming (President of the Berkeley Baptist Divinity School).

At a meeting of the Congregational-Christian Committee on Japanese Service, held immediately after the above mentioned Consultation, it was voted to assign the services of Dr. Clarence S. Gillett to aiding in the specific campaign in Southern California during the next few months. This, of course, is equivalent to a substantial financial appropriation and should be counted in your calculations toward the total amount that may be contributed by the various church boards.

Let me add that even though one or two other part time workers were to be supplied by church or other agencies, it will still be necessary for us to engage one full time field worker in California, and another for Oregon and Washington. Thus far, we do not have funds for either of these two field workers -- for from three to five months.

Sincerely yours,

Galen M. Fisher

GMF:mj

Copies sent to: Secretaries John Thomas, Stanley North, George Wieland, Edward G. Kohlstedt, Jacob Long, Julius Braun and Miss Dale Ellis, and Reverends Royal Fisher, Clarence Gillett, Charles Reifsnider, Carl Nugent, Frank H. Smith, Gordon Chapman, and Dr. Galen Lee Rose.

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Mitsuyuki Kido

September 5, 1944

Mr. Galen M. Fisher
Pacific Coast
Committee on American Principles and Fair Play
465 California Street
San Francisco, California

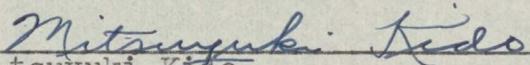
Dear Mr. Fisher:

I am enclosing a copy of a summary of the activities of the Kauai Morale Committee. This island was the only one that has kept a record of its activities since December 7, 1941. With this you will find another enclosure which shows the number of citizens who have left for Japan during the ten years prior to the war.

This completes the information I can give you at present. I hope you have received the information on the participation of the Americans of Japanese ancestry in the armed service, which I mailed to your Orinda address.

Dr. Lind has already mailed you a copy of his findings.

Very sincerely yours,


Mitsuyuki Kido
Executive Secretary
Terr. Emergency Service Committees

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Enclosure 2

September 6, 1944

Mr. Robert Gibson
War Relocation Authority
461 Market St.
San Francisco 5, Calif.

Dear Mr. Gibson:

Enclosed is the list Mrs. Kingman spoke to you about. I believe she was anxious to have the names of leading educators in the various cities and townships listed.

Sincerely yours,

Office Secretary

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National Catholic Weekly
329 West 108th Street
New York City

September 6, 1944

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Dr. Robert G. Sproul, President
University of California
Berkeley, California

Dear Dr. Sproul:

I have heard, rather indirectly, of an organization for the protection of the rights of Japanese-American citizens on the Coast, in which you are very active; and would very much like to know more about it. Would you be so kind as to send me some details and literature?

Very sincerely yours,

Rev. Charles Keenan, S. J.
Managing Editor

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Night Letter

September 7, 1944

Mrs. Katherine Kaplan
1732 Kelton
Los Angeles, Calif.

Plans for coming three months developing well. Fisher and I feel if possible consultation with you desirable in interest of integrated program north and south. Can you plan one or two days here soon. Suggest you try Valley Daylight reservations. Wire Reply.

Ruth Kingman

September 7, 1944

Mrs. Dwight Morrow
Jamesburg Route
Monterey, Calif.

Dear Mrs. Morrow:

I am writing this letter at the suggestion of Mr. Lawrence Hewes, who has told me of your interest in inter-racial problems.

We are trying to locate key persons in each community in California from whom we might expect support for a liberalized policy regarding loyal persons of Japanese ancestry.

Mr. Hewes tells me that you are to be in San Francisco on September 11th. May I hope to be able to talk with you while you are here? If so, may I know where to reach you in San Francisco, or will you call me here in Berkeley at Ashberry 6214?

I shall hope that you will be able to meet with me next week.

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman
Executive Secretary

RWK:mj

Orinda, Calif.
Sept. 8, 1944

President Robert G. Sproul
Honorary Chairman C.A.P.F.P.
University of California
Berkeley, Calif.

Dear Dr. Sproul: Re: Speech by Lieut. Governor Hauser.

This morning I noticed in the September 2nd issue of PACIFIC CITIZEN, page 3, a report of a campaign speech given by him at Alturas, Modoc County. Presumably, it was reported by one of the Press Associations, since the CITIZEN gives extracts in quotes.

In view of his attempt to smear the intention of the War Department to withdraw the Exclusion Order during the war as though it were a "New Deal" defiance of the State of California, I believe it would be proper and timely for you as a well-known Republican as well as Honorary Chairman of this Committee, to send Mr. Hauser a copy of your June 29th speech, and to emphasize the irrefutable principles that you there bring out so forcibly.

It is despicable and downright unpatriotic for a man in his position to cast aspersions on the War Department (headed by a Republican) in reference to a question of national security, and to try to drag a red herring across the road by catering to the anti-New Deal sentiment of many voters.

Sincerely yours

Galen M. Fisher

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381 FOURTH AVENUE, NEW YORK 16, N. Y.

September 8, 1944.

Mr. Galen M. Fisher,
Committee on American Principles and Fair Play
Room 203, 465 California Street,
San Francisco, 4, Calif.

Dear Mr. Fisher:

I have your letter of September 1st. The National Conference is greatly interested in the cause of evacuees. Our Religious News Service has been disseminating to all its clients, and will continue to disseminate, all church action on the subject and all the news that we can obtain that is favorable to the cause. We already have one Japanese young woman in our office and are at the point of securing another who will serve as secretary to the Managing Editor of Religious News Service.

Yours sincerely,

Robert A. Ashworth
Robert A. Ashworth.

TELEGRAM

September 11, 1944

Mrs. Katherine Kaplan
1732 Kelton
Los Angeles, Calif.

Fisher out of town until 21st. Can you change reservation till then; if not, come anyway. Please stay Kingman hotel. Crotty letter excellent.

Ruth W. Kingman

September 11, 1944

Robert Kenny
Attorney General
State of California
State Building
San Francisco, California

Dear Mr. Kenny:

Herewith is the information on the treatment of Nisei in United States Army uniforms by some restaurants in Fresno:

A member of the Fourth Air Force has reported to me that Nisei are being refused service in the Shanghai Low (Chinese) Restaurant and the Manhattan Restaurant in Fresno. Recently several were attacked by Filipinos in the Shanghai Low and because of the fight that ensued, the Shanghai Low has been declared "Out of Bounds" to Nisei. They have also been told that if there is any more trouble in Fresno that all leaves for Nisei will be cancelled.

These Americans are wearing the uniform of the United States Army and will shortly be sent to overseas tasks and danger. It is obvious that if Americans of Japanese ancestry who are wearing uniforms have no protection, that if and when Japanese-Americans are returned to civilian status, even less consideration will be given their constitutional rights.

May this have your consideration on your next trip to Fresno?

Sincerely yours,

Ruth Kingman
American Principles and
Fair Play Committee

BUREAU FOR INTERCULTURAL EDUCATION
1151 South Broadway - Room 329
Los Angeles 15, Calif.

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September 11, 1944

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

My dear Fisher:

I have just opened your letter dated August 28th, and note your full range program dealing with the needs of Japanese-Americans on the Pacific Coast.

I assure you I shall lend every effort I can to strengthen the services of your community. It is gratifying to know that President Sproul of the University of California is taking such a pronounced stand with reference to this delicate situation.

I shall be at International House between November 8 and 12. It may be that we could meet some time during that period and compare notes.

Cordially,

Stewart G. Cole

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SGC/t

September 12, 1944

Cpl. Yori Wada #39010526
8th AAF Radio Sqan. Mble.
Camp Pinedale
Fresno, Calif.

Dear Yori:

Even 40 year old prim and prudish spinsters
who type letters in the Fair Play Office are very
very happy they don't have to walk a mile for a
CAMEL.

Your communication (3"x 11" x 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ ") received with
great glee, enthusiasm, and GRATITUDE.

THANK YOU V-E-R-Y MUCH !!!

As unworthy reciprocation, am sending under separate
cover the pamphlets you left cluttering up 535 San Luis Rd.

Yank deserves congratulations.

Say Hi to Jim.

GOOD LUCK!!!

Sincerely yours,

Office Secretary
(only 23,....see?)

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September 13, 1944

Mr. K. Yamashita
6-3-E
Topaz, Utah

Dear Mr. Yamashita:

It is always good to hear from Topaz, particularly from Berkeley people whom I know.

I phoned Mrs. Fletcher, who told me that your friend hadn't picked up your trunk, so she is awaiting further notice from you before calling the Express Company. When the trunk is sent, I shall make note of it in the church records.

I often wonder how you and your family are getting along. I had hoped that you would be resettled by this time, as life in Topaz must be unsatisfactory, to say the least.

Our Committee is urging our Nisei friends to settle outside the Pacific Coast area, if practicable, as we feel that even when the exclusion order is lifted, the community acceptance will not be as good as that in the Middle West and East.

However, for those who return, we are willing and eager to roll up our sleeves and work unceasingly in their behalf.

I shall be glad to know of any plans you are making. I hear that Kay has been ill -- I hope not seriously.

My very best regards to all of you.

Cordially yours,

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman

RWK:mj

Sept. 13, 1944

Dr. Clarence S. Gillette
521 East Cook Street
Santa Maria
California

Dear Dr. Gillette :

At Galen Fisher's suggestion, I am writing you a quick note to ask for your cooperation in a case which has come up in Ventura.

A young Nisei boy has returned to his foster parents there, and the local Superintendent of Schools has refused to allow him to enter school there, giving as his reason the fact that the local feeling is too strong against the Japanese.

We feel sure that there must be persons in Ventura who can quickly get a strong representation to present a protest to the School Department-- privately if possible, publicly if necessary.

Mr. Fisher suggests that you get in touch immediately with the church group in Orange, where a somewhat similar incident has been well handled by the church leaders. Their technique seems to have been most effective, and might well be utilized.

The facts are as follows; the boy, Richard Honda, eighty years old, foster son of Mr and Mrs. Standrio, of Port Hueneme, Ventura, has been in the Manzanar school. He has been given (July, 1944) a certificate of exemption by General Bonesteel, giving him permission to rejoin his foster parents, with whom he has always made his home, (prior to evacuation).

He wishes to enter the public school, and has been refused admission, the Superintendent of schools pointing out, as the reason, the strong feeling against Japanese in the community.

Will you see what you can do on this? I shall try to locate some other interested persons, and if I am successful, I shall let you know who they are, so that you can get together on any action.

At any rate, will you let me know what you can find about the case as soon as you possibly can?

Very sincerely yours,

(Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman)

466 East California Street
Pasadena, 5, California
September 14, 1944

Dr. John W. Harbison
Pasadena Junior College
Pasadena, California

Dear Dr. Harbison:

It was with gratification I read of the coming of Esther Takei to Pasadena and the Junior College and of the warm reception she had there. These young Americans of Japanese ancestry need to be returned to normal civil life as soon as possible and I am proud that Pasadena is taking the lead in this. It is very encouraging that the military authorities recognize that the time has come when selected evacuees may have permission to return.

I have no fear that the students of Junior College will not warmly receive Miss Takei for there is more tolerance and understanding among that age group, I believe, than among the older people. To you who have fostered such fine feeling on the part of your students through many years, I offer my congratulations.

If there is anything I, personally, or our Committee can do in helping in this or other cases, we shall be glad to do so. In the meantime we send you our warm appreciation.

Cordially yours,

Maynard Force Thayer, Chairman

September 18, 1944

Mr. Lawrence Hewes:
988 Market St.
San Francisco, Calif.

Dear Larry Hewes:

I am sorry that the last batch of stuff I sent over didn't arrive -- I hope that I have better luck this time.

It is difficult to say, just now, how often there should be a release of any kind. I should think, however, that the usual spot news with occasional editorials countent is best.

Will you please check over this stuff, and let me know if it is what you have in mind, and we can send you duplicates of like material or anything else you suggest which we might get together.

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman

RWK:mj

September 15, 1944

Mrs. Mary Farquharson
2226 East Forty-seventh St.
Seattle 5, Wash.

Dear Mary F:

Can you find two of these things for me?
If the 50¢ enclosed isn't enough to cover the
cost, please let me know.

Thanks a lot.

Cordially yours,

Ruth W. Kingman (Mrs.)

RWK:mj

Winifred Frances Draper
2020 Evans Avenue
Ventura, California

September 15, 1944

My dear Mrs. Kingman -

My sister Marion has given me your name as executive secretary of the Fair Play Committee in Berkeley, and I wish to ask a favor of you -

I have received a letter from Dr. Smith asking me to help with an "escheat" suit in Ornaid - 10 miles from here. I have been trying to find a lawyer in Ornaid or Ventura to take the part of the defendant but have failed to find a suitable lawyer yet. I have been referred to the Fair Play Committee in Santa Barbara and would like to ask their help -

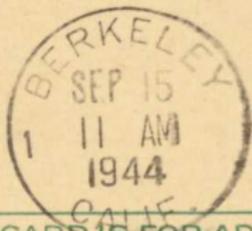
Will you please send me the names ^{addresses} of the members in Santa Barbara so that I can get in touch with them - Please specify if there is a lawyer among them.

Thanking you, I am

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Yours sincerely
Winifred F. Draper

P.S. If there are no members in Santa
Barbara who can help, I would appreci-
ate having the list of members in Los
Angeles also. I am sorry to trouble
you so much. W.D.



THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

Mrs. Harry Kingman,

Berkeley, Calif.

2234 Telegraph Ave.

While NISEI soldiers brave and true
Were shedding blood for me and you
A real gang of little men
Were plotting to disfranchise them!
Misobile dictu: It happened in
the commonwealth of California

Henry Strauffer

September 16, 1944

Governor Thomas E. Dewey
Republican Headquarters
Portland, Oregon

Dear Governor Dewey:

We are taking the liberty of asking you most urgently to consider the question of the attitude which should be taken towards loyal American citizens of Japanese ancestry. We believe it to be a question of commanding importance, because it involves the issue whether the natural and constitutional rights of American citizens should be swept away, on the basis of color and ancestry as the result of an artificial stimulus to mass racial hatred. This is a strong statement, but we believe it to be justified. Because of our firm convictions on the subject, we have done what we could to assert the rights of these citizens as members of our Committee on American Principles and Fair Play. We think that you will agree, on looking over our letterhead, that it includes many representative Californians.

The attitude of the Committee is stated in a leaflet issued by it in June, 1943, and is amplified in an address by Dr. Robert G. Sproul, President of the University of California. We are sending you copies of both of these. You will see that the Committee raises no question of the propriety of the action of the War Department in evacuating from their homes on the Pacific Coast all American citizens of Japanese ancestry. It does, however, insist that when the War Department no longer considers continuance of evacuation to be necessary in the interest of national security, constitutional rights be restored to all evacuees whose loyalty is established.

The reason for this letter and for the urgency of my request that you give the subject your consideration is this: some newspapers, particularly on the west coast, have advocated the deportation or the exclusion from the Pacific Coast states, of all persons of Japanese ancestry, whether loyal or disloyal and whether citizens or aliens. Some organizations have, without adequate consideration, endorsed this proposal. The impression has thereby been created that it represents the considered wish of the people of California and neighboring states. We do not believe that it does; and in any event we are sure that it is unjust, unwise and in violation of fundamental principles and ideals.

In view of your visit to the Pacific Coast and the fact that you may be urged to make some statement on this question, we hope that you will be able to give full consideration to your views upon the subject. You have frequently expressed your opposition to the corrupting influence of racial prejudice and we have no doubt that if you are adequately informed, your view of this particular question will be the sound one. The only danger is that you might speak on it without realizing the issues which are involved. These are so fundamental that we feel justified in calling the matter to your attention even at so busy a time as the present.

Very sincerely yours,

Arthur Cushman McGiffert, Jr.
Chairman Executive Committee

cc: John Foster Dulles

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Berkeley, Calif.
September 16, 1944

Miss Gertrude Apel
312 Old Time Building
Seattle, Wash.

Dear Miss Apel:

The enclosed sheets will give you the general plan on which the No. California churches are working in preparation for possible return of numbers of evacuees. The So. California Council will probably follow similar lines. While the initiative has been taken by this Committee, and it will continue to give all possible help to the churches, still other agencies are also giving attention to the same type of activity, among them, the American Friends Service Committee and the Friends of the American Way. The main thing is to adopt the wisest general strategy and techniques.

Judging by what I heard Mr. Schmoce say a few weeks ago in San Francisco, you-all are planning along these lines, and may already have adopted your precise procedure. If not, and you find the enclosed plan of value, we shall be glad to give you all possible co-operation. Doubtless, you will agree that publicity as to the campaign itself is not desirable.

If you wish copies of any of the mimeographed material or of Dr. Sproul's speech, we shall be happy to supply them. The form letter marked "A" is intended to be used by the No. and Southern California Councils of Churches in writing to each of the pastors of lay leaders who have selected as sure-fire collaborators. Only pastors in communities to which evacuees are likely to return are being thus specially enlisted. An addressed reply card will be sent them asking them to state that they will do what is asked of them.

Form letter A will also be mimeographed after being approved by the Councils Executives. Please let us have your own suggestions as early as convenient.

Sincerely yours

Galen M. Fisher



16 Sept 1944

Dear Mary,
Just a bit what
Jim & I picked up
and send gladly for
the perpetuation
of the Telegraph Co.
Bank & They Satisfy
Society.

In a rush these days
and this poorly
talented P. D. cannot
summarize his artistic
as ever

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LMS

Yours

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September 18, 1944

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Miss Ruth W. Kingman
2234 Telegraph Avenue
Berkeley 4, California

Dear Miss Kingman:

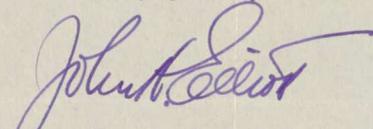
Dr. Everett Clinchy has sent over to me the suggestion you so kindly made concerning the manuscript "Christian Social Action and Japanese-Americans" which I had written.

I think your comments and additions are very much worth while, and I want to thank you for your help and interest.

Back here, we are trying to do what we can to organize sentiment which will make it possible for the thousands of Japanese-Americans from the resettlement camps to find not only jobs and homes, but acceptance into the community.

Thanking you again for your courtesy, I am,

Sincerely yours,



John H. Elliott, Director

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TELEGRAM

September 19, 1944

Miss Winifred F. Draper
2020 Evans Ave.
Ventura, Calif.

Have no information re Santa Barbara lawyer. Suggest ~~you~~ Los Angeles
Chairman, Homer Crotty, or Santa Barbara Secretary Donald Peattie.

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman

September 20, 1944

Central Distributing Department
First Floor, Presbyterian Bldg.
156 Fifth Ave.
New York, N.Y.

Attention Miss Mabel M. Sheibley

Dear Miss Sheibley:

The itemized bill for your order (P 4582)
which was sent to you today is as follows:

125 American Fighting Men Speak Out	\$7.25
150 A Balance Sheet on Japanese Evacuation	<u>9.00</u>
TOTAL	\$ 16.25

Please make the check for the total payable to
the Fair Play Committee.

Sincerely yours,

Office secretary

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NIGHT LETTER

September 20, 1944

May we have Los Angeles letterhead printer here on same job as Berkeley one. Only change being addition of our Executive Committee with heading Executive Committee of Los Angeles.

Mrs. Katherine Kaplan

sent to:

Homer D. Crotty
634 So. Spring St.
Los Angeles, Calif.

CLARENCE S. GILLETT
521 E. COOK ST.
SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA

Congregational Conference
1052 West 6th Street
Los Angeles 14, Calif.
September 21, 1944.

RWK
9/23/44

Mrs. R. W. Kingman
Fair Play Committee
2234 Telegraph Avenue
Berkeley 4, Calif.

Dear Mrs. Kingman:

Mr. Justin Dees did not call me back but as I found later he had spoken to some of the people concerned. Tuesday I called Rev. T.C. Henderson, the Presbyterian minister. Mr. Henderson said that he had seen Mr. Dees Sunday but that the latter had said nothing to him about Richard Honda.

Mr. Henderson talked with Mr. Ausga Larsen, Superintendent of the Port Hueneme Elementary School and with Mr. Dean Triggs, County Superintendent of County Schools at Ventura. Perhaps he talked with others, including the Presbyterian pastor, Rev. John Garretson, at Hueneme. Then in the evening he reported to me that he learned that Richard Honda had returned to the home of his foster parents in July and that he had played with children near where he lived without incident.

When application was made for entrance into school, I think by his foster mother, Mrs. Standrio, she had been told that the School Board would have to act and that they had acted approving his entrance. In accordance with that action the boy had registered and ~~he~~ it was thought that he had attended school which had only begun the day before.

Mr. Henderson reported that Mr. Larsen and Mr. Triggs were irritated by the fact that I had called someone else instead of getting in touch with them directly. (Evidently Mr. Dees had talked with them, too.) Therefore I'm writing to each of them commending them for their stand and apologizing for not getting in touch with them first. Also I'm writing the Presbyterian pastor at Hueneme asking him to check as to how Richard is getting along at school - that is, really to make sure that he is attending school without difficulty.

Here's hoping that all is going as smoothly as this report indicates!

Sincerely yours,

Clarence Gillett

P.S. Wonder when that school board met? How sure are you of the information that came to you?

cc to Galen Fisher

County Social worker to Social Security

Hope this works
out! - Clarence G.

September 17, 1944.

Mr. Galen Fisher
c/o Dr. Harley Gill
1164 Phelan Building
San Francisco 2, Calif.

Dear Mr. Fisher:

In line with your suggestions it has been possible to have two talks with Mrs. Kaplan and one with Mr. Crotty. I expect to write more in detail about various things later but the one thing of special interest now is that last night I telephoned to Mr. Justin Dees in Ventura regarding the school case of Richard Honda.

Mr. Dees is an oil man, the brother-in-law of Mr. Crotty and has been two years in Nagasaki as a teacher. He is a Presbyterian and attendant of the church of which Rev. T.C. Henderson is pastor. Mr. Henderson is actively interested in these problems. Also Mr. Dees knows Marion and Winifred Draper who are living with their father, Dr. Wm. Draper in Ventura.

I am not at all sure this was the best move but I could hardly go and I am hoping that this plan will work out better than if I had gone! Mr. Dees has many connections in Ventura and promised that Monday morning he would call the supervisor of schools, have a talk with him, and then call me back. This seemed better than to rush into an uncertain situation on Saturday. Sunday he promised to talk with Mr. Henderson about the case.

As you know, Fort Hueneme where the boy lives, is a large naval center.

One other thing. As Mrs. Kaplan and I talked one of the things we believe would greatly help, would be to know to what communities Japanese or Japanese Americans are likely to go - or have gone. Then we could do some intensive checking and cultivation in those particular places or districts. Do you think that there may be any way this could be done either through co-operation with the WRA or some contacts with the Western Defense Command? I believe that Mrs. Kaplan will see you Thursday and no doubt will discuss this with you.

I'm hoping that sending this to Dr. Gill will make sure that it reaches you without delay. Of course further suggestions regarding the school case or other matters are more than welcome. Sorry I couldn't get to San Francisco for the meeting today.

Sincerely yours,

✓ cc to Mrs. Kingman

Clarence Gillett

September 23, 1944

Dr. Clarence S. Gillett
1052 W. 6th St.
Los Angeles 14, Calif.

Dear Dr. Gillett:

Thank you very much for the trouble you took to follow up the Honda boy's case.

If the action has been unnecessary, I'm sorry. I was called by Mr. Cozzens of WRA who knows that we are ready to make such inquiries. I have just telephoned his assistant (Mr. Cozzens is out of town), who told me that his source of information was a County Social Worker in Ventura County, who was appealing to Social Security for assistance in the case.

I do hope that you have not been bothered too much over what seems, if Richard is back in school, to be a tempest in a teapot.

If we hear any further on the matter, I shall let you know. You certainly did a good, quick, and comprehensive piece of work there, using a very good method, it seems to me, in approaching people you knew personally.

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman

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Dr. Galen Fisher

MANZANAR WAR RELOCATION CENTER
Manzanar, California

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September 21, 1944

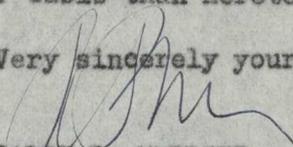
Rev. Gordon K. Chapman
Protestant Church Commission for Japanese Service
228 McAllister Street
San Francisco 2, California

Dear Gordon Chapman:

In response to your letter of September 15th I can only say that much confusion has arisen out of the circulation of some documents which I have not seen that were prepared under the direction of Mr. Anderson which were designed to assist in the relocation of Japanese. Apparently the point that was heavily stressed and which attracted most attention was the proposal that money should be invested in the growing of guayule. Since the production and extraction of guayule is still in the experimental stage I am, of course, unable to approve of the use of the name of Manzanar or to agree to the soliciting of any finances on the ground that the guayule work at Manzanar justifies financial investment.

During the last week Mr. Harvey W. House, representing the same group, was here at Manzanar and at that time presented to me a revised statement of the Agricultural Communities Foundation. A copy of this is herewith enclosed. As you will note, the emphasis is entirely changed and guayule is spoken of solely as being in the experimental stage. The project becomes one of relocation on a subsistence farming program. While I am not in a position to endorse this program I certainly in no way disagree with any of the statements made by Mr. House under date of September 15th. If the Foundation adopts such a program it will be on a much stronger basis than heretofore.

Very sincerely yours,


RALPH P. MERRITT
Project Director

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cc: Mr. Cozzens
Dr. Galen Fisher
Dr. Emerson

Dr. Fisher: This is also for the information of Mrs. Kingman

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September 15, 1944

Statement of Policy with respect to Agricultural Communities Foundation.

The primary purpose of the Foundation is to aid individuals by creating community life upon a self-sufficient basis.

An important element in this pattern is the ownership or lease by individual families of their own land, for the primary purpose of providing directly their own food and as many other necessities as possible.

Cooperative efforts would be limited to those fields in which families or larger groups might wish to work together to supplement their individual effort.

Families would be free also to develop their own sources of cash income through agricultural crops on their own land or through such industries or crafts as they might originate.

A major concern of the Foundation will also be to develop such other cash-producing enterprises as the community may require, in this way supplementing the results of individual efforts.

Policy of the Foundation will be to place a family or worker in the project only when there is clear evidence of sufficient individual or Foundation resources to carry such family or worker until his own home and productivity, supplemented by incidental cash income, will make him self-sufficient.

Guayule is regarded as a promising possibility as a source of cash income for the community. Entrance into this field is to be upon an initially experimental basis under conditions which favor commercial development if results warrant. Other sources of cash income are being studied, and it is regarded as essential that before actual settlement takes place, several other probable sources of cash income be also planned for and initially undertaken.

Our experimental policy will be to develop our own program on the basis of whatever information can be had from all sources. We would consider it to our interest that the guayule work at Manzanar continue. While we cannot avoid mentioning the promising guayule work already done at Manzanar, we would give any such reference an inconspicuous place in any of our publicity, except as at some future time a conspicuous recognition might be expedient and welcome to the WRA.

It is, moreover, our private opinion that the small, "decentralized" plant, such as favors the kind of economy to which we are dedicated, will be found practicable, and we would favor collaboration with any other agency which would seek to develop such a plant for general use.

(signed) Harvey W. House

September 22, 1944

Mrs. Kingman,

I sent this letter last night
& here is the copy you asked
to see.

Roger Lund

2908 Channing Way
Berkeley 4, California
September 22, 1944

Mr. Thomas Bodine
1201 Chestnut Street
Philadelphia 7, Pennsylvania

Mr. Bodine;

It is through my work with the Y.M.C.A. here at the University that I have come in contact with Mrs. Kingman of the Fair Play Committee. We at Stiles Hall are very anxious to pave the way for the return of Japanese-American students to the University. Mrs. Kingman told me you had the names of students who are desirous of coming here to study and it is for this reason that I am writing to ask your help and advice.

Dean Voorhies has been interviewed and is very much in favor of the return of the Japanese-American students. He said scholarships are available for those that qualify and there is a student loan from which those returning will be able to draw money. Dean Deutsch agrees that a means of solving the housing and employment problems if for those that desire, to work and live in a private home in the vicinity of the University. Other suggestions for living have been the Wesley Foundation, Westminster House, International House, and the Cooperatives. At the present time I am in the process of securing a written statement from the Cooperatives to the effect that they will house the returning students.

In the latest issue of the "Pacific Citizen" I read of the work of the Friends of the American Way in Pasadena, and how they were instrumental in the return of a Japanese-American girl to Pasadena Junior College. I see no reason why we at Stiles Hall with the cooperation of the Race Relations group of the Y.W.C.A. cannot take some definite action along this line.

The new semester begins on the thirtieth of October and I realize it is impossible for any Japanese-American student to be here by then, but I sincerely hope that soon after that we will be able to give an opportunity for education to one of our fellow Americans. I am anxious how many students want to come to this University to study, and if these students will be for the greater part men or women, new or graduate students. Perhaps you would also be kind enough to inform me just who to contact for the efficient and rapid return of the students.

I sincerely appreciate your consideration of my requests. Mrs. Kingman told me you plan to be in Berkeley in the near future and I am looking forward to meeting you at that time. I am in hopes that by the time you arrive we will be well on our campaign of giving a helping hand to those that have had few helping hands in these last few years.

Yours very truly,

Fair Play Representative,
U.C.Y.M.C.A. Cabinet

September 22, 1944

T.Sgt. Tsueno Tajima 19077424
USAFFE (xy)
APO 501
Care of Postmaster
San Francisco, Calif.

Dear Sergeant Tajima:

It is most encouraging to get letters from you from time to time. Your continued contributions and interest are most gratefully accepted.

Mrs. Aingman has suggested that perhaps our Honorary Chairman, President Robert Gordon Sproul, University of California, Berkeley, would also be very interested to hear from you, if you found it convenient.

Sincerely yours,

Office secretary

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September 22, 1944

Miss Margaret Cosgrave
1644 Van Ness Ave.
Fresno, Calif.

Dear Margaret:

Of course, just getting married isn't so very important, so I don't at all mind breaking in on your very leisurely days with a last request (as of Fresno -- no promise re the future).

Seriously, I was delighted to hear of your plans, and to know that you will soon be living in my very favorite part of California (exclusive of Berkeley). Alice and Leila report that you seem to be quite pleased with the whole thing, and so are we all.

This last request. On Thursday, October 5, Dillon Myer and Robert Cozzens will be in Fresno. They do not wish to address any meetings, but will wish to talk with any (4 or 5 more or less) persons you feel they should see. They are driving up to San Francisco from Manzanar, and will reach Fresno sometime in the middle of the day (Thursday) and will be in town until the same time the following day (Friday, October 6).

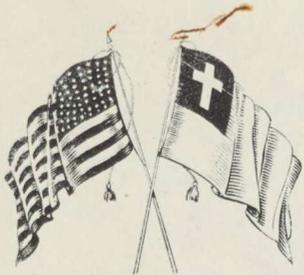
I do not know where they will be staying, but I have promised Mr. Myer that you will speak to anyone you feel should see him (or who needs a bit of bolstering -- use your judgment), and will write to Mr. Robert Cozzens, Care of War Relocation Authority Rm #955, 1031 S. Broadway, Los Angeles (duplicate to Mr. Mr. Victor Futh, WRA, 461 Market St., San Francisco) with names and times when they can see Mr. Myer, who will be free on the afternoon of the 5th, and the morning of the 6th. You can set the hour, or hours, if individual conferences are advisable. He will in turn, let you know where they will be, etc. I suggested Dr. Phillips' name, but left the rest to you. I

If this is not clear and satisfactory, please let me know, by phone, Monday morning, September 25th.

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman

RWK:mj



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September 22, 1944

Dr. Galen M. Fisher
Pacific Coast Committee on
American Principles and Fair Play
Room 203, 465 California Street
San Francisco 4, California

Dear Dr. Fisher:

Miss Dale Ellis has handed to me your letter of August 16 with the request that I make reply since our Committee on War Services is now responsible for all of our emergency programs for Japanese and Japanese-Americans in the United States.

I doubt if it will be possible for our Committee to give a favorable response to your request. I say this for two reasons. In the first place, the Committee has set an over-all figure of \$10,000.00 as being the maximum it can stand on Japanese-American item and at the present time we have this entire sum committed for other work. In the second place, we doubt very much if the program which your organization is carrying forward comes within the sphere of work for which our funds were raised. I am sure the donors of our emergency fund had in mind that the money would be spent on definite projects in behalf of Japanese and Japanese-Americans. I realize the necessity of creating good will and understanding but this hardly seems to be the direct function of our Committee.

Sincerely yours,

Willard M. Wickizer

Executive Secretary

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