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July 16, 1943

Mr. George E. Rundquist
Editor, Resettlement Bulletin
397 Fourth Ave.
New York 10, New York

Dear Mr. Rundquist:

Will you please send me information regarding the necessary procedure to be followed so that the Pacific Coast Committee on American Principles and Fair Play will be included on the mailing list for the Resettlement Bulletin?

Thank you very much.

Sincerely

Secretary

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July 16, 1943

Mr. Richard Neustadt
785 Market St.
San Francisco, Calif.

Dear Mr. Neustadt:

I am sending under separate cover the
Chandler Hearings.

Mrs. Kingman is counting on their return.

Thank you very much.

Sincerely

Secretary

mj

July 16, 1943

Mr. Upton Close
National Broadcasting Company
Hollywood, Calif.

Dear Mr. Close:

We were much interested in your broadcast of last Sunday, July 11th, as we feel that it is of gravest importance that such emphasis should be made at this time.

Will it be possible for us to have a copy of your broadcast? We would like to have it in our files for reference. It is good to know that some of the material going to the public over the air is based upon information and reflection rather than upon unthinking hysteria.

It would be well if the West Coast could be brought to realize that the solution of the problems confronting the American Japanese must be national in character, rather than sectional. We are trying by all means which we can summon, to raise thinking on this question to a basis of sound principles which will stand examination after the heat of the present excitement of war has passed.

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman

RWK:mj

July 16, 1943

Miss Eleanor Gerard
Topaz
Utah

Dear Eleanor:

I haven't had one minute to thank you for the annual. It was swell. How the youngsters get that out I simply do not know.

Also, thank you for the Antioch article. Tell Ernie we like it, a lot. Incidentally, we're "dickering" with Bob Sibley to get something in the Cal alumni Monthly, by one of our alumni, "appointive" or "resident". We'll let you know.

Love

BRUCE BLIVEN
PRESIDENT
DANIEL MEBANE
TREASURER


The New
REPUBLIC
40 East 49th Street
New York, N. Y.

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July 16, 1943

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Dear Mrs. Kingman:

Thank you for your note of July 9. You say that you are enclosing a statement of the Pacific Coast Committee on American Principles and Fair Play, but I found no such enclosure with your letter. You did however enclose two documents of the Home Front Commandos, and they seem to be perfectly terrible.

Faithfully,

Bruce Bliven

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

BB:R

reply 7/21/43
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WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY

WASHINGTON

July 16, 1943

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

Dear Mrs. Kingman:

Mr. Cozzens has conveyed to us your request for 10,000 copies of the pamphlet entitled "A Voice That Must Be Heard".

While we are extremely glad to learn that you feel you can distribute such a large amount of copies to good advantage, the restrictions on distribution of government publications make it rather inadvisable for us to comply with your request in full. I am, however, sending you 1,000 copies of the publication under separate cover. In addition, I have explored with the Office for Emergency Management the possibility of lending you the multilith plates so that you can have additional copies run off at your own expense. If you would like to do this, there is every possibility that it can be arranged. All that would be required on your part is simply a letter addressed to us requesting the loan of the plates.

Won't you let us know whether this kind of arrangement will meet your needs?

Sincerely yours,

M. M. Tozier

M. M. Tozier
Acting Chief
Office of Reports



July 21, 1943

Mr. M. M. Tozier, Acting Chief
Office of Reports
War Relocation Authority
Barr Building
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Tozier:

It is quite easy to understand the inadvisability of the distribution of 10,000 copies of a government publication through our office. One of the chief reasons we asked for so many was to substantiate our insistence that widespread use of such material is imperative. For over a year we have burdened Mr. Myer with our emphasis upon the desirability of the adoption of some such procedure. In fact, as you may notice in the enclosed pamphlet, 30,000 copies of which we have had printed, we used some of the same material that came out later in "A Voice That Must Be Heard".

We greatly appreciate the possibility of our using your multilith plates. I shall not hesitate to request that your office loan them to us as we need them.

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman

WWK:mj

July 17, 1943

Mr. George C. Hjelte
305 City Hall
Los Angeles, Calif.

Dear Mr. Hjelte:

As Dr. Sproul probably told you when he invited you to join the Advisory Board of our Committee, we promise not to ask our members to attend many meetings. This promise we keep, most scrupulously.

However, from time to time we do ask specific advice, or information from our Board members, and as a question has just come up which I think you can answer, may I turn to you for help?

We have been asked by our Fresno committee, to get any available figures on the following:

1. Juvenile delinquency rate of Japanese Americans.
2. Adult crime rate of Japanese (alien and citizen).
3. Available figures on degree of cooperation in civic affairs such as Community Chest, Red Cross, etc.
4. Any other material which would indicate either presence or lack of qualities of "good citizenship".

We are trying to provide our members and friends with authoritative material with which to combat some of the most flagrant unrepresentative stories being fed to the public. If you should have available any figures which might prove informative, may we have them?

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman

RWK:mj

117 Tamalpais Rd., Berkeley Calif., July 18, 1942

Ans. 8/2

Mr. Galen Fisher
Committee on Fair Play
Orinda California

My dear Mr. Fisher;

I am a friend of Mrs McGifferts and have just been talking to Jo Conard about such statements as that made by Cong. Leland Ford, which seem to get so much space in the newspapers.....

I have met Cong Ford and even 2 years ago he had a phobia about the Japanese hiding behind hummocks in Mexico ready to invade California via tunnels. The fact that his visions are so fantastic seems to take nothing from his ability to cause trouble.!

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asked
Western
Too*

I am wondering if you and your Committee cant get another group of Calif Representatives, lead maybe by Jerry Voorhis to set up a little group of opposed Cong. to take such occasions to tell the facts, and to defend the War Relocation Board so that they wont have "to be on the pan" as it were..

They could also take the opportunity to speak of the implications for the future and speak of the Constitutional guarantees of every American citizen and refer to the Japanese situation and their willing cooperation as "patriotic" and bring the spotlight to bear on the similarities of Ford's proposals to Nazi methods....which we abhor..

I confess that I am writing to Voorhis, but that that if you officially did also, there might be some action ..

We have written the President urging him to take to the radio and assure everyone that altho the situation was an emergency one, calling for unusual measures, there ~~was~~ no intent to ignore the rights of American citizens and not that of destroying the basic purposes of the Constitution...this in the interest of "unity and clarity".....

Of course, mobilization of opposed (to Ford) opinion from civilians is valuable also...Mr Rowell recently expressed himself ~~very~~ as very alarmed over the situation and quoted Sec. Stimson as being very opposed to the whole program also!

Please excuse this messy and hurried note, but I DO think it is all so desperately unfair and ominous....

*Sincerely
Margaret Chayss*

July -19

Dear Mrs. Buck;

For some time, I have been intending to write to you, but due to increasing demands upon the Committee, and the ever present shortage of office personnel it has been impossible.

In a very limited, but most specific way, we are trying to do on the Pacific Coast, what you are lending every effort toward in a larger sphere; namely, to create unity among our people, regardless of race or color. It is not necessary to call to your attention the tremendous wave of hate and hysteria which is being hurled at our Americans of Japanese ancestry, particularly here in California.

Groups which have been organized for over twenty years are pressing for extreme legislation. The same groups are opposing measures to put Chinese immigration on a quota basis. I need not point out to you either their methods or the possible results of their efforts.

Our program is based upon the belief that there are great numbers of fair minded American citizens who can be made vocal on this subject if they are given facts to substantiate a liberal position. We are documenting statements of fact which substantiate such a position. Some of the documentation appears in the enclosed pamphlet. We have published 30,000 of these, and are sending out the last thousands now.

One of the ways we feel could be effective in presenting the attitudes of some of our loyal Americans of Japanese ancestry is through their own words. I am sending you, under separate cover, a series of letters received by Dr. John Bennett, then of the Pacific School of Religion now of Union Theological Seminary, from one of the evacuees, a Christian

minister in the Tulalake Relocation Center. They were written under the stress of days of rioting which accompanied the compulsory registration of all persons over 17 years of age.

I hope that you will find time to read them, for we feel that in them lies something rather fundamental in the attitudes of these people. We have permission of the writer to use them in any way we wish. Can you suggest what best use might be made? It seems to me that there is a far wider appeal there than should be directed solely to Chinese groups.

Church

Hasn't this man something we cannot afford to lose?

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman

RWK:mj

July 19, 1943

Annual Convention of
Christian Churches
San Jose, California

Gentlemen:

With the federal government proceeding with its excellent program of relocating the loyal Americans of Japanese ancestry, it is unfortunate that so many thoughtless and uninformed groups on the Pacific Coast have seen fit to pass resolutions which, if carried to a logical conclusion would legislate grave injustices against thousands of loyal American citizens.

Thus far, most of the resolutions so passed, have been of such an extreme nature, that enactment would call for changes in the United States Constitution. The worst part of these proposals is the publicity attending their adoption, as it indicates a unanimity of feeling among our people which is not based upon fact.

It is increasingly obvious that all possible means must be utilized to combat the effect of such publicity. One means is the adoption of resolutions based upon a sound, sane and more truly American attitude, one which recognizes the fact that "—Americanism is not, and never was, a matter of race or ancestry"

We are sending copies of several such resolutions urging the adoption of any or all by your representatives, and the notification of the press, and Congressional and State legislators of such action.

In these days of high feeling and too little sound thought on this matter, it is imperative that the fine program developed and pursued by our government be given full and vocal support by a fairminded public.

May we ask your consideration of these resolutions?

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman
Executive Secretary.

July 19, 1943

Mr. Miller Freeman
71 Columbia Street
Seattle, Wash.

Dear Mr. Freeman:

Your letter of July 6th awaited my return from a ten day trip.

You inquire about my relations with the "Japanese matter". I am Adviser to the "Far" Region Division of the Institute of Pacific Relations, but most of my activities respecting the evacuated Japanese have no relation to it. As you know, the Institute is a research and educational body, and never engages in political or propaganda activities. In the June 29, 1942 issue of Far Eastern Survey, the American Council of the Institute did publish an article by me, written at the request of the editor, entitled "Japanese Evacuation from the Pacific Coast", a reprint of which is enclosed.

Most of my activity in this matter, however, is connected with the Committee on American Principles and Fair Play, of which Mrs. Ruth Kington is Executive. I enclose the latest folder of that Committee. I am also a member of the Protestant Church Committee for Japanese Service, which has helped maintain religious and cultural activities in the Relocation Centers. Most of the articles that I have written about the evacuation have been published on my personal responsibility. If you have read any of them, I believe you will see that I have no interest except to press for the application of democratic and constitutional principles to the evacuees. The same holds true as to my long-time interest in the Japanese population in this country.

As to your desire that Congress should make a thorough investigation of Japanese activities in this country, I should have supported the idea two years ago, I believe, for at that time, I was one of a group of persons in this region who tried to raise funds from two foundations to pay for an objective study of the Japanese language schools and certain other features of Japanese life on this Coast. Now, however, I doubt the special value of such a study as you advocate, because (1) the Japanese Government will be comparatively impotent after Japan's defeat to carry on such propaganda and subversive activities as Congressman Jackson's speech refers to: Japan will have been reduced to the status of a third-class power; (2) the alien Japanese population will have decreased markedly within a few years, the average age now being about sixty; and their influence will have been weakened by the evacuation and resettlement, which have thrust the nisei to the fore; (3) the condition of the Japanese population will be variable and unstable for several years; (4) if the loyal nisei and the pro-American aliens are justly treated, then attempts by Japan to create disaffection will be innocuous, for the most part.

I find myself in hearty agreement with you as to the Dies Committee. It is a shame to make a political football out of the evacuees.

I respect your integrity of purpose in this matter, and hope we may find many points where we can work together for the principles of our common country as they are involved in the treatment accorded to our minority groups, among whom the Japanese are one of the most exposed at the present time. When it comes to committing subversive acts and hindering the attainment of our basic war aims, I wonder if some of those who would strip the Japanese-Americans of citizenship and treat all the evacuees like prisoners of war should not be branded as chief offenders. They are giving trumps to the Axis propagandists who charge the United States with despising the colored races.

Sincerely yours

Galen M. Fisher

July 19, 1943

Dr. Paul Reagor
First Christian Church,
80 South 5th Street
San Jose, California

Dear Paul: Reagor:

Harry and I were most delighted to see your picture in the Tribune, and to read of your return to your work in Oakland. We hope that your resumption of work indicates a complete recovery, and that you are now able to hit on all twelve again.

In my capacity of Executive Secretary of the Committee on American Principles and Fair Play, I am sending you, at Dr. Muilenberg's suggestion, a copy of the resolutions we are presenting to the various church bodies for consideration.

We feel that something must be done, and most forcibly, to partially counteract the wave of hysteria that is flowing up and down the Coast. I would have sent this earlier had I known of the convention before. However, as Dr. Muilenberg says, you may always be considered to be "on the side of the angels", so I am taking this means of getting the resolutions before the ~~Disciples~~, hoping that you will share our concern.

I am also enclosing the small pamphlet, 30,000 copies of which we will have sent out by the end of the month.

With best personal regards,

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman

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WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY

IN REPLY, PLEASE REFER TO:

July 19, 1943

Dear Mrs. Kingman:

Although my conscience has bothered me somewhat I have so far neglected to answer your plea for suggestions in finding a manager for Everett Clinchy's farm in New Jersey.

I have written to Dr. Clinchy encouraging the proposal and at the same time pointing out a couple of practical problems, namely: that we cannot present an offer unless it has previously been approved by a WRA Field Relocation Office, and secondly that a special Eastern Defense Command is necessary before an evacuee can relocate in that area.*

A third problem which I did not point out to him was the fact that the amount he offered did not compare favorably with some of the domestic and gardeners offers which have come into the office. It is quite possible that an estimate of "a just share in the profits of the farm, which profits would be determined by our combined initiative and energy." ^{would clarify the situation} As a matter of fact if I were a farmer in any sense of the word I would seriously consider such an offer.

Life in the center continues although the process of relocation has somewhat slowed up. As a matter of fact it had come to almost an abrupt halt three or four weeks ago when the cash grant assistance for leaves were suspended.† There are of course several factors which in their cumulative effect have not completely sold relocation for the majority of the relocatees have been single persons, uncumbered with dependents and anxious to get out. There will have to be in the first

* A somewhat prolonged process although there are cases such as Don, Toshi and myself who have received it without request and several months wait.

† Coach fare, \$1 per meal and \$50 subsistence grant per family unit, not person. Resumed a couple of weeks ago.



place greater assistance and assurance together with a program which will meet the cultural and social needs of the isseis. Segregation is another factor while those of draft age are concerned as to their status and possibility of the reinstatement of the Selective Service System.

The recently announced program of segregation will of course affect the relocation program. Segregatees or the so called disloyal element may well be called as per Emil Skerak the unloyal rather than disloyal. This group is not as publicized but rather a heterogeneous one linked by a common bond for Japan or a disaffection for the United States growing out of evacuation and relocation center life. It includes both those who would have returned to Japan in the normal process of life and those whose return was prevented by the attack on Pearl Harbor, the avowed supporters of Japan and hence "potential" saboteurs, and those niseis who under the strain and stress of evacuation and registration answered in the negative the so called loyalty question. There will also be in many cases dependents and families of repatriates and "no - no's" transferring to Tule Lake in order to be together. It is quite probable that the repatriates would generally speaking be happier together (and also work to the advantage of the remaining evacuees, the WRA, and its public relations), but there are also the heart breaking cases of split ups and breaks in family and social ties as a result of the segregation program.

In order that the quota of 450 relocatees between August 1 and September 13th may be met, and to also encourage relocation by maintaining on the payroll only the necessary services there are to be only 2600 evacuees, of which only 10% can be \$19 workers, for the entire project or a cut of 1000 + workers. This of course is in direct contrast to the former policy of offering employment to all who were interested in working and of keeping idle hands busy. The loss of the \$16 and clothing allowances per family only seems to be causing dissatisfaction and hardships on the affected families.

Perhaps you have already heard that as the result of the reorganization of July 1 Mr. Hughes (I get somewhat wearily and belligerent about having to Mr. and

* Total includes all evacuees employed in building the staff housing a project not particularly supported in view of the sharp contrast in dwelling and furnishings and \$16 month men assigned to work with \$10 day carpenters doing the same type of work.

WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY

In reply, please refer to:

Miss every Caucasian here) is the Deputy Project Director with the two Bell's as Assistant Directors. The choice of Roscoe Bell was an admirable one for if any of the administrative staff is loved and respected by the evacuee residents it is he. He and his family are the only regular staff attenders at the center church and very generous contributors to the program. Being the head usher I happen to know that he's good for \$5 each Sunday in addition to his other contributions.

As you may have ^{heard} Emil Sekerak has been transferred from his work at the Coop and assigned the rather thankless task of coordinating the various divisions previously divisions (and their personnel) previously concerned with one phase or another of relocation under one roof. Prior to the creation of the Central Relocation Office the matter of clearance from the project was separate from the problem of jobs and indefinite and seasonal leaves and entailed approximately two days of running around receiving clearance from such offices as Welfare, Ration Books, Transportation, Finance, Warehouse, Evacuee Property, Block Managers and Internal Security, etc.

It looks as if Joe Goodman who together with Victor Goertzel and Eleanor Girard are considered the three most popular teachers by the students will be leaving soon. He was called to Ft. Douglas for his physical examination last Wednesday and in view of his 4-E status will probably be sent to a CPS Camp. In response to my enquiry as to the possibility of his being assigned on detached duty to the High School he told me that Lorne Bell has refused to even consider it and that as a matter of fact had opposed his coming to Topaz from the very first. L. Bell as you may have heard was recently in the East shopping for a more lucrative job than his present \$5700 year one.

I imagine that your work keeps you pretty much on your toes. Toshi was quite tickled to learn that the Santa Barbara friends whom she had counted on had taken an active leadership in the formation of the chapter there. Where is 2207 Union St.? Could that be the YW or is it The Hangar?



Good to read that Bev is the new chairman of the Race Relations Group. Happened to run across her name in the Co-ed tings column of last Sunday's Chronicle.

Sooner or later I succumb to the heat. Enough for this time anyway.

My best regards to all.

As Ever,

Beb -

July 20, 1943

Mr. A. J. McFadden
Santa Ana
California

Dear Mr. McFadden:

It was good of you to agree to try to get together a luncheon meeting for Mr. Dillon S. Myer, director of the War Relocation Authority. When I telephoned to you, it must have been somewhat of a bolt out of the blue, for, due to the tremendous pressure of work here in the office, I had still not been able to welcome you properly onto the Advisory Board of our Committee. We do not ordinarily put our members to work so soon, and we definitely promise not to ask them to attend many meetings.

However, as Mr. Myer is to be in Los Angeles for a limited time, it does seem of prime importance to have him meet as many as possible of the persons who can either help or hinder him in the working out of his excellent program. In the face of almost complete absence of anything like full press coverage of the government's Relocation program, it appears to be of urgent importance that the leaders in Southern California hear the full facts supporting it, and the policies upon which it is based. I can think of no better source than the national director of the War Relocation Authority.

At the suggestion of Mr. Lundberg, I am sending you a list of the persons he feels should be invited to meet with Mr. Myer. This list includes the names you gave me over the telephone. Following your request, I am reminding you of the time and place of the luncheon. It is to be held at the University Club at noon on August 2nd. (All present rise to sing "Happy Birthday".)

It is good to find an increasing number of persons who recognize in this American Japanese problem one of the crucial facets of the national war picture. It is encouraging

to know that there are those who will lend time, energy and financial support to the development of a program dedicated to the preservation of a sound and decent attitude toward a national minority who unfortunately wear a facial likeness to that of our enemies, the Japanese in Japan.

It is heartening to see that the federal government apparently has no intention of being dictated to by the hysterical clamor from the West Coast. One of our primary tasks is to keep our representatives in Congress, as well as the heads of the various government departments involved, informed of the strong support they can count on from those of us who are determined to maintain a national, rather than a sectional point of view in the solution of this challenging problem.

I am wondering if you were able to secure an appointment for Mr. Myer with our genial Governor.

Under separate cover I am sending several copies of our letterhead which you may or may not wish to use. It may be that you will wish to send out the invitations as from the Committee. If so, the letterheads will be convenient. However, please do the inviting just as you wish, and in any capacity you will.

May I express my appreciation for your help, which we hope will prove fruitful in a profitable "meeting of minds" on August 2nd.

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman

RWK:mj

July 20, 1943

Miss Nina Kostukowich
600 Lexington Ave.
New York City, New York

Dear Miss Kostukowich:

In regard to your request for an invoice covering the membership in our Committee of Miss Emma Kaufman, our records indicate that she was sent a receipt for membership on June 14th.

I hope that this may clear up the difficulty.

Sincerely,

Secretary

mj

July 20, 1943

Miss Margaret Anderson
Editor, Common Ground
222 Fourth Ave.
New York City, New York

Dear Miss Anderson:

It was gratifying to get your letter. As you know from your own experience, it is often a bruising thing to work continuously on controversial ground. It was good to hear from a person of good will.

In telling you of the development of our Committee on American Principles and Fair Play, I shall follow your suggestion and simply jot down a few things covering the actual background, as well as policies of our organization.

1. The Committee was formed in February, 1942 following the evacuation of persons of Japanese ancestry from the Western Defense Command. It was felt that while, in the presence of actual threatened invasion, there was some question as to the propriety or wisdom of challenging the evacuation order, vigilance should still be practiced regarding the fundamental rights of this minority.

2. A small group, including President Robert Gordon Sproul of the University of California, Chester Rowell, one of the editors of the San Francisco Chronicle, General David P. Barrows, U.S.A. retired, Galen Fisher, Christian lay leader, Dr. Henry Francis Grady, former Assistant Secretary of State, and several others, drew up a tentative statement of policy upon which such a group might be organized.

3. Additional leadership, drawn almost equally from education, labor, religion and industry was secured, with representation largely from California. As the organization has grown, we have added advisory members from the states of Washington and Oregon.

4. With the financial burden carried entirely by private contribution, an Executive Secretary was employed, an office opened, with headquarters in the Merchants Exchange Building in San Francisco.

5. A plan for branch organization was developed, and such groups were formed in Santa Barbara, Pasadena, Fresno, Palos Verdes, and Sacramento, with such organization developing in Seattle and Portland.

6. A suggested program for sub-committees within the local communities was sent out. (See accompanying sheet.)

7. With our main objective the mobilization and vocalization of the great numbers of fair minded persons on the West Coast, we have drawn together large quantities of documentation for our position.

In doing this we find that documentation of our position leads us to endorse the present government policies which appear to be working toward a sound solution of the Japanese American problem.

Believing as we do, that action effecting any racial group, when that action is based upon a racial basis as the determining factor, can happen to any other such groups, our Committee is making every effort to differentiate between the unquestioned guilt of the Japanese war machine and our own people who have Japanese faces. We wish to make war upon Japan and Germany, not upon our loyal citizens whose ancestors came from Japan and Germany.

We are concerned that what we do in this regard shall not militate against us in the eyes of our non-white allies, either now or in the post war period. We are keenly aware that use is being made through Japanese propaganda in China, of our treatment of one of our own minorities. We deplore this, and are taking all possible means of calling this danger to the attention of our State and Congressional Legislators.

At the present time the announced program of the government, as represented by the War Department, in its inclusion of 10 thousand Americans of Japanese ancestry into our armed forces, and the War Relocation Authority, in its program of rapid resettlement of loyal residents of the Relocation Centers, is presenting a sound and fair minded attitude. The Committee on American Principles and Fair Play is lending every effort to inform the public and its leaders of this program. It seems to us that an alignment with the thinking which maintains a national rather than a sectional

point of view is the only effective means of combatting the local, prejudiced and often hysterical stand of organizations which are taking extreme and racist positions.

As to what success we have had, that will not be known for a long time to come. The success of the present official policy will mean an initial success for us. As the resettlement program progresses, we feel a stronger sense of confidence in the basic principles which drew us together. We shall not be satisfied until the thousands of loyal persons of Japanese ancestry have rejoined their fellow citizens in a normal, constructive, American way of life, where they are recognized and judged on their individual merits, not by the color of their skins, or by the shape of their eyes.

Need I remind you that this will not be achieved in the near future?

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman

RWK:mj

July 30, 1943

Presbyterian Synod
San Jose
California

Gentlemen:

With the federal government proceeding with its excellent program of relocating the loyal Americans of Japanese ancestry, it is unfortunate that so many thoughtless and uninformed groups on the Pacific Coast have seen fit to pass resolutions which, if carried to a logical conclusion would legislate grave injustices against thousands of loyal American citizens.

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Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman
Executive Secretary

RWK:mj

reply
7/29/43
Ruth

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

LAWRENCE E. NORRIS
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

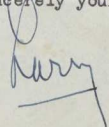
Los Angeles, July 20, 1943

Dear Ruth:

I notice that the newspapers in Southern California are quoting with great glee the pronouncements of John R. Balch of Honolulu, as an authority on the Japanese situation out there. They are not using his name, but saying "a prominent Honolulu business man". But I know of whom they speak, because he has written much on the matter here on the mainland. However, it should be generally known that the people of Hawaii, including the business men, do not consider John R. Balch competent to pass judgment on anything. He is a bitter, harrassed and emotionally unstable disillusioned old man, who retired when his anti-labor, anti-democratic "good old days" world cracked up around him. We should not hesitate to discredit any statement made by John Balch, because he couldn't get a hearing in any Honolulu audience.

Just thought I'd let you know, for you will undoubtedly be hearing him quoted, just as you do Dr. Lucknor and other crackpots. Incidentally, Lucknor is Ed Whitney's brother-in-law, and Ed just about collapses whenever he hears Lucknor referred to as his relative. And, incidentally, Lucknor himself is a German alien, so I understand.

Sincerely yours,



Mrs. Harry L. Kingman,
Stiles Hall
Berkeley, Calif.

SAME sent to: Dr. Harley Gill; The Rev. Alan Pedergraph;
Rev. Gilbert B. Christian; Rev. Wendell Kramer

July 31, 1943

Dr. Galen L. Rose
2400 Bancroft Way
Berkeley, Calif.

Dear Dr. Rose:

At the suggestion of Dr. Gordon Doubleday and Mr. Galen Fisher, I am sending you a letter addressed to any of the many religious conferences your groups are holding throughout the summer. I am also addressing copies of the same to Dr. Harley Gill, Dr. Gilbert Christian, and Dr. Wendell B. Kramer.

*See July 19 -
Church Council*

Many extreme and ill-considered resolutions have been adopted by many hysterically minded groups, legislating against all persons of Japanese ancestry, regardless of loyalty. It seems obvious that men and women of good will must do what they can to go on record as endorsing the finer way, the way by which our federal government is attempting to deal with this complex problem.

May we hope that you will present the enclosed resolution to groups within your denomination?

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman

RTK:mj

July 21, 1943

Secretary
Committee for Work With Japanese American
Evacuees
6501 Wydown Boulevard
St. Louis, Missouri

Sir:

I would like to order 100 copies of
the reprint of the Reader's Digest article
"Our 110,000 New Boarders" by J. P. McEvoy
(a condensation from The Baltimore Sunday Sun).

I have enclosed a check for \$1.50 to cover
any costs that may be entailed. Please notify
us if this amount is incorrect.

We would appreciate a reply at your earliest
convenience. Thank you very much.

Very sincerely

Secretary

mj

July 21, 1943

Mr. Donald Culross Peattie
940 Mission Canyon Rd.
Santa Barbara, Calif.

Dear Mr. Peattie:

We are glad to hear that there is now a Santa Barbara Committee on American Principles and Fair Play. It is particularly gratifying that a Chinese is to be one of the officers.

As you noted in the Sylwys, the setting of a quota follows a conference of the local committee with the headquarters. I have spoken with the chairman of the Budget Committee, who has authorized me to write a reply to your letter. Shall we consider this exchange of letters a "conference"? If so, then by all means use your own judgment on the financial program of the group. You know best how it should be carried on, and we shall gladly abide by your thinking. We shall notify you of any memberships that come in through our office from Santa Barbara.

Are there any other suggestions or questions you have in mind? We are about to send out a suggestion to all our members to take advantage of the Congressional recess, and gain a personal acquaintance with our Congressmen. Letters are excellent, but there is nothing like numerous and personal conversations to make an impression on the mind of an elected Representative.

I am sending you 100 copies of the enclosed pamphlet. It may prove helpful.

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman

RWK:mj

July 21, 1943

Mr. Irvine P. Aten
Helm Building
Fresno, Calif.

Dear Mr. Aten:

I am writing to recognize the receipt of \$128.00 in subscriptions from the Fresno Branch of the Committee on American Principles and Fair Play, together with the names of the subscribers. For the completion of our card files, may we have the addresses of these members, and the amount to be credited to each?

Presumably, you are the treasurer of the organization, and have talked with the chairman, Dr. Hubert Phillips, about the original understanding of the annual quota from Fresno. Our records show that the quota agreed upon was \$300.00, with the understanding that everything above that was to be retained by the local group.

If there is any lack of understanding of the quota assignment, kindly let me know, and I shall get in touch with Dr. Phillips, who I understand is in San Francisco for the summer.

Otherwise, I shall consider the \$128.00 as the first payment in the quota of \$200.00.

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman

RTK:mj

July 21, 1943

Dean Mary C. Baker
Fresno State College
Fresno, Calif.

Dear Molly Baker:

When Dr. Phillips was here in Berkeley several months ago I explained the "quota" system to him and he o.k.ed it. So I have sent a letter (copy enclosed) to Mr. Aten explaining the matter to him.

You might like to talk with him about it. We want to know if there is any misunderstanding that should be cleared up.

With personal regards

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman

RWK:mj

July 22, 1943

Governor Earl Warren
State Building
Los Angeles, California.

Dear Governor Warren:

Last evening we had a well attended meeting of the Executive Committee and Chairman of the Pasadena Chapter of the Pacific Coast Committee on American Principles and Fair Play. Some discussion took place concerning your speeches and attitude in relation to the problems of Japanese-American citizens.

The Pacific Coast Committee was organized with definite principles to guide its policy and you will note these in the folder which I enclose. Our Executive Committee regrets that the position you have taken in regard to present re-settlement plans for evacuees and to their opportunities seems to nullify these principles. When a Military Intelligence officer in Hawaii states "There have been no known acts of sabotage, espionage, or fifth column activities committed by the Japanese in Hawaii either on or subsequent to December 7, 1941" (see folder), we wonder upon what you base your assertions that the only reason we have had no sabotage here was that there has been no invasion.

We believe that if evacuees are now allowed to relocate in mid-Western and Eastern states, they will establish themselves there and some Californians will never choose to return here. If, instead, citizens of Japanese ancestry who have been pronounced loyal and relocated are now returned to the coasts to live an abnormal life for the duration, naturally all former Californians with no roots elsewhere will desire to return here. Representative Costello said twice in the Town Meeting program from Santa Barbara last Thursday that after the war citizens of Japanese ancestry will have full rights of citizens and can live where they choose.

In a war emergency as grave as this, it seems to our Committee that it is a great pity to indulge in any form of racial hatred and thus give to Japanese military propagandists such fine ammunition to spread to the non-white peoples of India, China and the Malay States. We who have been your supporters respectfully urge you to take the lead in working for racial understanding in our own country so that we may be better prepared to guard our American principles in the post war world.

Sincerely yours,

July 22, 1943

Mr. Matthew Gordon
Domestic Branch, O.W.I.
Social Security Building
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Gordon:

I am writing on behalf of this Committee to request that you will make available to us some of the broadcasts by the Japanese Government to East Asian countries, which have charged that the American Government and people were persecuting or discriminating against colored citizens, including Japanese-Americans, and were thereby showing that they looked down upon all colored races, in spite of the professions of fighting for the Four Freedoms for all men.

Our reason for desiring these materials is to convince the public here that such unAmerican and undemocratic proposals as the disfranchisement of Japanese-American evacuees were hindering the war effort by giving trumps to the Axis propaganda. *I enclose a copy of "Slap the Jap" by way of example.*

The character of our Committee is indicated by the Principles appearing on the enclosed folder, as well as by the folder itself, and by the personnel of the Committee and Advisory Board.

I am sending a copy of this letter to Prof. Robert E. Stone, now on leave from the University of California to serve the O.P.A., so that he may throw light on the subject in personal conference with you, in case you may so desire.

We shall be glad to abide by any conditions you may lay down in using such materials.

Sincerely yours

Calvin H. Fisher
for the Committee

July 23, 1943

Mr. Bruce Bliven
The New Republic
40 East 49th St.
New York, New York

Dear Mr. Bliven:

Enclosed you will find six copies
of the statement by our Committee. I
hope this will make some amends for the
over sight in the note of July 9th.

With sincere apologies,

Sincerely

Secretary

mj

NATIONAL JAPANESE AMERICAN STUDENT RELOCATION COUNCIL

1201 CHESTNUT STREET, PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA

RITTENHOUSE 9372

JOHN W. NASON, National Chairman
C. V. HIBBARD, National Director
THOMAS R. BODINE, Field Director

a.m.
Thurs-July 2/2

Dear Ruth -

If my handwriting in this is a bit odd, please blame it on my writing while on a train out to Swarthmore to see John Nason.

I am leaving Philadelphia this afternoon to continue my tour of the ten Relocation Centers. I shall spend all of next week in Heart Mt + arrive Berkeley on August 4 en route to Tule Lake. I'm ^{train} scheduled to reach Berkeley at 10:50 AM 8/4 + will be leaving at 5:05 PM 8/5.

Margaret Cosgrave, who has been working for us here the past few weeks, + I have been wondering if we might get a group together in Berkeley as I go through. We could discuss the WRA's program of segregating the "loyal" + "disloyal" + its effects, + we could see what we think of the Navy's adding a number of new colleges to the list of those "proscribed" for nisei student relocation. It is Margaret's thought that a strong protest from some bigshot college people across the country - protesting the idea of the Govt's dictating the admissions policy of the colleges which share in the War program on a race basis - might get the ruling changed or modified. It is silly not to let nisei women evacuees enter Smith + Holyoke who have no secret research projects, just Waves on their campuses. It is silly to forbid evacuee nisei to attend colleges that non-evacuee nisei may attend. It is silly to forbid nisei students to attend colleges which are permitted to receive

THE COUNCIL

This Council was organized at the request of the War Relocation Authority and with the approval of the War Department. The purpose of the Council is the assistance in the relocation of students who have been evacuated from West Coast war zones and who wish to continue their studies on the college or university level.

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visiting professors + janitors + secretaries!

Would such a meeting be worthwhile at this point? If so, would you want to call it? I would suggest some of the following as attenders:

Monroe Deutsch

Paul Taylor

Joe Conard

Balen Fisher

H L K

Leila Andersson

Dean Stebbins?

Catherine Greene?

Virginia Scandigli

Vernice Chamberlain

Dean Voorheis?

Wilma Wight (from Fresno State)

Dr. Bellquist

Alban Blaisdell

Walter Homan

and perhaps some of the outoftown college people who served on Student Relocation's West Coast Committee:

Dean Mary Baker - Fresno State

Dean James DeVoss - San Jose State

Dr. Ralph Eckert - Stockton JC

Dr. Henry T. Tyler - Sacramento State

Ray Hyman Wilcox??

If you think it's worth having a meeting (don't do it if you think it wiser not to for any reason! - I shall just have lunch with a few of you in that event), and you find a good many of the above can come, then Margaret Cosgrave thinks she + Dean Hoyt will postpone their departure for Carmel + stay up for it.

The afternoon of August 4 (at 4?) might be a possible time, but any time will suit me - except that I'm afraid I can't stay over the evening of the 5th into the 6th as reservations to Tule aren't easy to get + I ought to stick by my schedule! It will be good to see you!

The Membership of the Council appears on the reverse of this sheet.

Tom Bodine

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Director

VIERLING KERSEY
Superintendent of Schools

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman
465 California St.
San Francisco, Calif.

Dear Mrs. Kingman:

Some weeks ago I sought the advice of Mr. *Fisher* on the question of service with the U.S. Navy and it was his opinion that there were many things in favor of some practical experience in the military field. Monday morning the Procurement Office here called me in from San Fernando Valley at 9.30 A.M. and told me to get my affairs in shape to leave for Columbia University on July 24.

Quite naturally there has been considerable activity in attempting to catch up all the tag ends before entering upon what amounts to almost a totally different way of life.

Although the commission which I have accepted is a "Line" office in the technical sense the work will in all probability be non-combat in nature. After a year of preliminary training at Columbia University, those of us in this particular service, will be used in setting up some form of administration for the areas occupied in the Pacific Region.

I have been, and still am, extremely sorry because of circumstances which have somehow prevented me from doing effective work for the "Committee". Rarely have I seen such an irregular assemblage of "breaks" in all my experience. Lose a job, negotiate for another, get it, and then be called by the government all in the space of one month.

Mrs. Malbone Graham will not be of any value. Her time is completely taken up with work for the Navy. We called and spent the entire evening on the matter and she is booked tight. Both Mrs. Graham and the Doctor see the picture in proper perspective but I was able to correct one or two errors in their minds relative to the stand of the "Committee".

Mr. Carr sent me some additional names which I am taking the liberty of sending on to you. They may be of value at some future date.

It will please you to know that the Lawyers Club, after weeks of violent debate has passed a set of resolutions which, in my opinion, no one could take serious exception to. Their present position is far removed from the original stand and perhaps this represents a complete, and almost single-handed victory for Dr. Winfield Scott.

"I-We emphatically oppose the wartime return of any civilian Japanese, as well as any other enemy alien evacuated from the military zone.

Los Angeles City Junior College District



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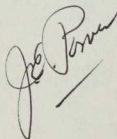
"2- We approve the acquiring by the State of California under the power of eminent domain of Japanese-owned farm impliments, tools and other articles useable during this period and now stored at government expense.

"3- We urge that the war be conducted to the unconditional surrender of the military regime now in supreme control of the government of Japan.

L.A.T. July 22, '43

Give my best to Mr. Fisher and tell him that I will write from New York. Say hello to Mrs. Bellquist and accept the highest regards of the Power family. Keep up the good work- and I hope to see you again- soon

My best



July 23, 1943

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

Dear Mr. Ward:

We are pleased to note that Mr. Dillon S. Myer, director of the War Relocation Authority, is to be luncheon speaker at the Commonwealth Club Luncheon on August 6th. It will be good to have an authoritative statement from a responsible source.

I am enclosing a copy of the latest release sent out by the Committee on American Principles and Fair Play, many of whose Advisory Board are in the roster of the Commonwealth Club.

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman

RWK:mj

July 23, 1943

Dr. Henry Francis Grady
The Biltmore Hotel
Los Angeles, Calif.

Dear Harry:

As a result of almost a year of prodding on our part, and a realization that California insists upon "shooting off" on the Japanese, and a resulting conviction that perhaps a few judicious authoritative statements from the Director of the War Relocation Authority might act as oil (however thin) upon the troubled waters, Dillon S. Myer is finally coming to town!

Whew -- what a sentence.

At any rate, we are arranging for several meetings for him here on the coast. We feel that the facts supporting the present government policies should be heard here, and if they can't get in the press any other way, we'll have them presented to some key persons directly.

We are hoping that you will be able to attend one of the four luncheons. In Los Angeles, Mr. A.J. McFadden (State Chamber of Commerce), one of our new Board members, is arranging a meeting at the University Club on August 2nd, at noon. The state officers of the C. of C. are invited, as are the Mayor and Harry Chandler, plus one or two others. If you can, will you be there? Mr. McFadden is sending out the invitations at my suggestion, and I shall drop him a note that I have added your name.

If you cannot be there, we are having three luncheons in the Whitcomb, August 3rd, 4th and 5th

On August third, several representatives of the press, radio and our board will be present. On August fourth representatives of Labor, plus more of our people, and on August fifth, several of the San Francisco Board of Supervisors, real estate and employer representatives. Mr. Harrison and Mr. Lundberg will be there, and I think Mr. Kwong. We would naturally like to have you attend any one of these three -- probably the last would suit you best. Dick Neustadt, among others of the Board, is going to sit in with the Labor group.

In addition to these meetings, we've arranged to have Mr. Myer speak at the Commonwealth Club Luncheon on the August Sixth, and Dr. Scroul is having him here on campus at the first University Meeting of the year.

How'm I doin'?

Personal regards to you and my dearest love to Lucretia,

COPY: SENT TO: David P. Barrows, Benjamin W. Black, Allen C. Blaisdell, Karl M. Block, Josephine W. Duveneck, Ralph T. Fisher, Frank S. Gaines, Gerald H. Hagar, Will C. James, K.L. Kwong, Robert A. Leet, Vere V. Loper, Philip N. McCombs, Mrs. Alfred McLaughlin, Mrs. Robert McWilliams, Mr. Joseph P. Mulkern, Mr. Joseph A. Murphy, Mr. Richard Neustadt, Aurelia Reinhardt, Chester Rowell, Joseph S. Thompson, Ray L. Wilbur, Mr. C.C. Young

July 24, 1943

Mr. Maurice E. Harrison
111 Sutter St.
San Francisco, Calif.

Dear Mr. Harrison:

At the last meeting of the Executive Committee of the Committee on American Principles and Fair Play it was decided to invite members of the Advisory Board to meet with us from time to time, to keep them in touch with our program.

The next meeting is to be held on Friday, July 30th, at four o'clock in Room 203, at 465 California Street, San Francisco.

As we feel that this is to be a particularly interesting meeting, may we hope that you can attend?

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman

RMK:mj

July 25, 1943

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

Dear Mr. Scott:

Following our telephone conversation of last week, I purchased my ticket for Washington, D.C. and return. The office (S.P.) here in Berkeley would give me no assurance of being able to go by the middle of September if I waited any longer to get it. I have still not purchased the return Pullman ticket, which will be around \$30.00. (I am routed by Camp Shelby, where the American Japanese Unit is stationed)

I am assured that if any change is made in my plans, the ticket can be turned in.

May I have the enclosed envelope back, as it is not only my receipt, but identification of my ticket as well.

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman

July 23, 1943

Mr. A. J. McFadden
Santa Ana
California

Dear Mr. McFadden:

I have just heard that Dr. Henry Francis Grady is to be in Los Angeles on August 2nd, and feel that it would be profitable if he could attend the luncheon for Dillon S. Myer. I have written a note to him, at the Biltmore, telling him of the meeting, and urging him to attend. I also told him that I am writing this note to you, should you care to call him there.

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman

RWK:mj

July 24, 1943

Mrs. E. M. Kendall
1008 Merced
Berkeley, Calif.

Dear Mrs. Kendall:

In reply to your request, I am sending a copy of the "Slap a Jap" material referred to in our telephone conversation. Along with it, I am enclosing our own pamphlet, which we feel is a constructive "argument" in the right direction.

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman

RWZ:mj

July 24, 1943

Mr. Joseph Power
1318 Maltman Ave.
Los Angeles, Calif.

Dear Jo Power:

Distance certainly leads confusion, doesn't it? I quite agree with you that the situation in Los Angeles merits a top flight person in charge. Just how that can be brought about, I do not know. We cannot, at this time, give a full month's residence in the South, for precisely the same situation holds in the Northwest. However, our Columbia Foundation grant has now gone through, and we are contemplating an immediate appointment of half time executive secretaries in the South and Northwest.

Just how the person will be located I do not know. We will wish to consult with several people in the South. I am writing to Helen Gabagan and Larry Worrie (Y.M.C.A.) and to Miss Edith Stanton, of the Personnel Department of the Los Angeles Community Chest and, if you give me the green light, to Mrs. Malbone Graham. Did you ever get to her?

As soon as I hear from these persons, and perhaps get some suggestions from you, I shall go south to get the thing set up, and we should "roll".

It appears that the job will have to be held by a woman, as men can't take on half time work. We shall expect to pay \$100.00 per month.

Do you have any suggestions, yourself? I hope to hear from one of you very soon, as we must not let this thing slide any longer.

Have you seen the J.A.C.L. amicus curiae Brief on the Hirabayashi case? If not, you should--you can get one, I think from the J.A.C.L. headquarters in Salt Lake City.

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ruth T. Kingman

RKK:mj

July 24, 1943

Mr. Richard Perkins
City Hall
Berkeley, Calif.

Dear Richard Perkins:

It is good to know that your invitation to Mr. Dillon Myer to speak at the Commonwealth Club has been accepted.

We have tried for a long time to have him come out here, where he can answer, authoritatively, some of the many questions which are never properly covered by the press.

As he is to be here three or four days, it has been thought a good idea to have him meet as many people as possible, particularly those who need a bit of "educating".

To meet this need, we are suggesting that several persons meet with him at three different luncheons, for very informal question and answer sessions. On Tuesday, August third, there will be representatives of the several local press and radio outlets. On Wednesday, August fourth, he will meet with some labor leaders, and on Thursday, August fifth, with some of the members of the San Francisco Board of Supervisors and other political and business leaders there.

At each of these, we are asking some of our Board members to sit in. Will it be possible for you to attend any of the three? If so please phone in here at my office, as I should know the approximate number attending each luncheon several days ahead.

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman

RWK:mj

July 24, 1943

Mrs. Cora R. Conklin
Palos Verdes Estates
California

Dear Mrs. Conklin:

In clearing our files, we have come across several members that might be credited to the Palos Verdes branch of the Committee on American Principles and Fair Play. However, we do not have any information at hand regarding the cities and towns nearby which you plan to include in the activities of your group.

On receipt of such a list, we will be able to notify you of members in that area.

Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

Secretary

mj

7/29/43
MRS. FRANK H. PARTRIDGE

486 SOUTH HUDSON AVENUE, PASADENA, CALIF.

Very dear Ruth

A friend of mine came to see me recently to hat my hand at the finish of an attack of influenza. She regaled me with the information that I am not always have been un-American. She hat in fact never heard me make a commendatory statement about my government - my Country she felt it. This was largely because the talk of the Japanese Evacuees and she heartily disapproved my point of view -

Will you be kind enough to box
up my Point of View with a letter
of your new material - Sent it to

Mrs. William E. Lamoreaux
2165 Ashbourne Drive
San Marcos California —

~~These~~ Perhaps you will duplicate these
materials and sent me envelope to me also
and let me know the total
cost —

My warm regards to you all
Don't you ever come down to
Japanese Mission anymore.

Love Dorothy

July - 24 - 1943

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July 24, 1943

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

My dear Mrs. Kingman:

We are all covered with confusion to discover that no letter has been sent to you regarding the action of the Social Planning Committee in the matter of the Pacific Coast Committee on American Principles and Fair Play.

The literature was distributed to the members and at a regular meeting of the Committee June 29 the matter was discussed and after consideration of the purpose as discussed in the publications it was agreed that, although the members of the Committee were interested and sympathetic with the work of the Pacific Coast Committee and recognized the need for an educational program, it is not within the policy of the Social Planning Committee to endorse the program. I was instructed, as the secretary of the Social Planning Committee, to convey this information to you.

With all good wishes for the success of the Committee,
I am

Yours very sincerely,

EVA HANCE, Director
Social Planning Department

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July 28, 1943

Mr. A. J. McFadden
Santa Ana
California

Dear Mr. McFadden:

I shall try not to bother you again -- at least, not in the immediate future. We received a telegraphic request from Mr. Cozzens, Regional assistant to Mr. Dillon Myer, from their conference in Denver, asking that we include Mr. John R. Richards among those invited to the August 2nd luncheon in Los Angeles. I am not acquainted with Mr. Richards, but the WRA office in San Francisco describes him as the present Chairman of the United States Treasury Bond Sales Program in Los Angeles.

Mr. Cozzens also asked me to tell you that he and Mr. Myer will arrive in Los Angeles on Saturday afternoon, July 31. He will call you either that afternoon or evening. They will be staying at the Hotel Clark, should you wish to reach them.

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman

July 25, 1943

Mr. Dillon S. Myer
Midland Savings Building
444-17th Street
Denver, Colorado

Dear Mr. Myer:

I need not say that we are delighted to know that you are coming out to California. We hope that your schedule will not prove too strenuous.

As I suggested, it might be of some interest to you to see copies of letters written by Mr. Alfred Lundberg of our Committee and by Governor Warren, in reply. As we often do, several members will "pool" their thinking before drawing up a follow up letter to the Governor. I am sending you a copy of the notes Mr. Kingman will send to Mr. Lundberg, and in a day or two the notes and comments of Professor Paul Taylor. They will doubtless be incorporated in a letter from Mr. Lundberg, and addressed to Governor Warren.

I hope that Mr. McFadden has arranged an appointment for you in the Governor's offices, and that the luncheon meeting in Los Angeles will be profitable. I am quite confident that the groups here in San Francisco will present a lot of good questions, and am sure that we can get as much publicity for them as you wish. I am awaiting your arrival to do anything in that direction, for I presume that such decisions will come directly from you.

With personal regards,

Very sincerely yours,

July 26, 1943

Dr. Henry T. Tyler
Rt. 5, Box 8205
Sacramento, Calif.

Dear Dr. Tyler:

You are right. I did try to get you on the phone before I left Sacramento, but alas--these country lines! My conversation with Miss McClatchy was most interesting. We had a good hour and a half together, and ended up very good friends, albeit she was a bit taken aback, I think, to have pointed out to her the public knowledge of the tie up, financial and otherwise, between her Joint-Immigration Committee and some "extreme and racist" groups such as the Commandos. Naturally, no names were mentioned. At least, they now know that their activities are noted. That difference it may or may not make, awaits to be seen.

There have been a few memberships come in from Sacramento. At the end of the month, we shall compile a list and send it to you.

We shall continue our efforts to get a statement from Mr. Biddle on the attitude of local law enforcement groups. As I told Mr. Tonnes, we are working on a statement to send out to members of Congress as they are at home between sessions. We shall also urge all of our members and their friends to make personal calls, whenever possible, on their own representatives before they return to Washington.

As to this church thing, we feel that while we should make every effort to get in touch with group leadership, we can hardly attempt to get to the individual church membership. I have already written to the executive heads of the various denomination with suggestions, and enclosing resolutions to be presented to forthcoming conferences and convocations.

Apropos of your suggestion of Life and Times we are getting together a series of "hate" headlines to send to Stanley High, asking him to do an article on the Hate Program on the West Coast or something of the kind for the Saturday Evening Post or Reader's Digest. For that, can you get any more papers from the Commandos, Headlines from the Bee, posters, stickers, etc? We want to get them off immediately.

How is the Sacramento thing coming?

Dr. Tonness seemed to doubt if there should be a local organization. I will certainly take the thinking of your group, but am I not right in feeling that Dr. Tonness perhaps reflected his own feeling rather than that of the entire group?

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Pech W. Kingman

DNV:mj

July 26, 1943

Mr. Lawrence E. Norrie
Y.M.C.A.
Los Angeles, Calif.

Dear Larrie:

That stuff ~~by~~ Balch, I am given to understand, is making no headway outside the Hearst and McClatchy press. We wish that the same could be said of Dr. Lechnor, who seems to be able to get over a lot of his ideas via our august California Congressional Committee. Are you sure that he's an alien? I really want to know.

We have just received a financial grant which puts into our immediate future the securing of a half-time secretary for the South and one for the Northwest. It will probably have to be a woman, and should be one with good contacts, personality and reputation for sound common sense and no pacifist leanings. (Gosh! what a woman!) Do you have anyone to suggest? I am asking Helen Kahagan, Mrs. Miss Edith Stanton, Mrs. Malbone Graham and one or two others for suggestions. I shall probably have to go South for interviews, and hope to have the thing done soon.

I know that you are busy with all of this conference stuff in the office. But do stop for 30 seconds and see if you can suggest anyone, and drop me a card.

Love to Thelma.

*reply 4/3
8/2/43 P.W.K.*

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 - 14

Los Angeles, July 27, 1943

Mrs. Harry L. Kingman,
Stiles Hall,
Berkeley, California.

Dear Ruth:

I am glad John Balch is getting nowhere in the news, although I have seen him quoted in several places. He is, however, always quoted without giving his name, which is significant.

I have just made a very careful check on Dr. Leckner and haven't got too much information, but do find that he is an American citizen and the son of a naturalized German. His chief support comes from contributions to the Americanism Educational League, of which he is the only beneficiary as far as I can find out. Such men as Oland Wilburn, James Warren and others are prominent among his supporters. He is closely tied in with the American Legion through their Educational Committee, and it seems that he got his start by organizing an anti-Red campaign, and it was at that time that James Warren offered his support to him. He has a large number of prominent Jewish supporters, most of whom made their generous contributions to his work on the anti-Nazi campaign. He very quickly shifted that campaign, however, to this other thing and, I guess, is riding on some of the money. I am sorry that I misled you, but since I had been told that by his brother-in-law, I thought it was safe. His brother-in-law now confirms the fact that his father was born in Germany, not Leckner himself.

As for a person to carry on your Southern California work, I can think of no one that has quite the inside contacts, as well as the rare ability to put it across, as Marion Rowe. I am not sure that you can get her, but she has given up her kindergarten work and might possibly be interested in this other thing. They are quite closely associated, as you know, with several of the radio people, as well as some who are in the movies. My guess is that she would be interested.

I hope your old man is going to take you to Tahoe with him.

Sincerely yours,
L. E. Norrie
Lawrence E. Norrie

LEN:d

August 2, 1943

Mr. Lawrence E. Norrie
715 South Hope St.
Los Angeles 14, Calif.

Dear Larry:

That idea of Marian Rowe is certainly a "natural". I am going to be in Los Angeles from August 17 - 21, and shall surely talk to her about it. I shall probably be seeing three or four persons.

My only question as to Marion is her possible concern (and a rightful one) lest such a position might endanger Tom's future congressional ambitions. I shall ask her about it.

Thank you very much.

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman

RWK:mj

July 26, 1943

Dean Robert O'Brien
University of Washington
Seattle, Washington

Dear Bob:

At last we have the wherewithal to secure a half-time secretary for the Northwest. It seems almost impossible to really get going without someone constantly on the job, and what with our own Congressional Committee and your Mr. Wallgren, something really should be put under way immediately.

We shall probably have to get a woman on the job. I hope that there will be a good one available. I shall have to ask your advice, and will also write to Mary Farquarson for suggestions. Of course, it can't be one of her group, but she understands the situation, and will probably have someone good to offer. We can pay about \$100.00 for half-time, and will have to have the rest of the expenses of the office carried by funds raised in the area--that as a result of the quota system within the organization.

It may be that such an office will be opened in Portland rather than in Seattle. We have some excellent potential leadership there, and it may prove advisable to appoint a Portland person. I shall ask their advice before making any definite move. At any rate, we are "moving" and I hope to hear from you, and Mary Farquarson, and Portland as soon as you can possibly give me a reply, so that either I or another Committee person can go north to conclude the arrangement.

May I hear from you, very soon?

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman

RWK:mj

July 26, 1943

Senator Mary Farquarson
Seattle
Washington

Dear Mary Farquarson:

I wonder if I will ever be able to think of you without the word "schizophrenia"? At any rate I'm sure that you realize that the laugh most definitely is not in your direction.

Often, during the deliberation of the Supreme Court, I thought of you and the hard work you and your friends in Seattle have done for Gordon. Last night I read through the amicus curiae brief of the J.A.C.L. as presented to the court, and it is hard to see how it could have been of so little effect. However, the decision was anything but disheartening. It will be interesting to see how long the court avoids handing down a decision on the constitutionality or unconstitutionality of evacuation.

Distances have been so great, and personnel so limited, that the Fair Play Committee has had to let things slide in the Northwest. However, we are now in a position, both as to finances and personnel to expand a bit. To do this most profitably, we have decided to engage a half time executive secretary for the Northwest, and one in Southern California, in addition to our present setup. We have not decided whether the office in the Northwest should be in Seattle or in Portland. While I favor Seattle in most ways, Portland has the strongest local support at this time.

I am looking to you for a suggestion as to a possible person--most probably a woman--who could handle this assignment in Seattle. As you may remember from our conversations, she should be free from any strong religious or other pacifist groups, and should have good contacts in the community and experience in meeting with such persons as might be effective in our organization. We can pay \$100.00 per month for half time.

and feel that while that is not "war-time wages" it should be right for the person who would have the ~~dangerous~~ ~~work~~ ~~with~~ ~~convicted~~ ~~the~~ ~~right~~ ~~the~~ job.

As we need to move rather quickly on this, may I hope for an early reply?

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman

REK:mj

July 28, 1943

Miss Mildred Bartholomew
Young Women's Christian Association
Portland, Oregon

Dear Miss Bartholomew:

Hold everything! We are about to roll! We have finally got to the point, financially, when we are able to establish a half time office in the Northwest, and one in Los Angeles. It has become obvious that ~~with~~ ^{until} such offices are established, the work in those areas cannot possibly go ahead as it should. With travel so difficult it has been impossible for me to go about as I should like, and now I am looking forward eagerly to assistants in north and south.

There is some indecision in my mind as to whether the Northwest office should be located in Seattle or in Portland. A very obvious reason for its being in Seattle is the size of the place, and the surrounding cities. However, personally, I am inclined to want it under the eyes of you and ~~Mr. McNamara~~ Mr. McNamara. May I ask your advice on that? We shall probably have to employ a woman, it being a half time job, and see our way clear to pay her \$100.00 per month, with the rest of the office expense being carried within the set quotas arranged in the organizational plans.

As you can well understand, she should not be associated in the public eye with pacifist or too deeply religious groups. I'm sure that you know what I mean. Experience in organization, Community Chest, C.O.D., Ration Boards, Etc., will be a good qualification. "Savvy" would certainly help. You know exactly what I'm talking about and that is why I favor someone in Portland!

The Committee as a whole is getting stronger apace. I am still most unhappy over Dr. Webster's experience in Portland. Since that time I have met him frequently, and see what you mean. Sorry----after this, I take no one's word as to speaking ability of persons I wish to recommend!

Next month we are looking forward to an interesting time. Dillon S. Myer, director of WRA is to be here, and we are arranging five luncheons for him ~~and~~ one in Los Angeles, with State Chamber of Commerce officers, one in San Francisco with the Commonwealth Club, one with the press, one with labor and one with San Francisco Supervisors and employers. He is also to address the faculty and studentbody of the University of California. He is going up to Seattle on the seventh of August for two days. If we had been able to get a good organization going before this time, we could have set up his schedule there too. He is an excellent speaker (I know this time) and a thoroughly persuasive, convincing person. We expect a good time.

May I hope to hear from you very soon as to your thinking on this Northwest setup? We wish to move on it, as soon as possible.

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman

WTK:mj

July 26, 1943

Miss Helen Gahagan
Democratic State Headquarters
Los Angeles, Calif.

Dear Miss Gahagan:

At your suggestion, I called upon Miss Eleanor McClatchy and had a fine hour with her. Naturally she did not change her mind, in the least, as to the position of the McClatchy papers on the American Japanese question. I didn't expect her to. But she is probably wondering how it has become known that her interests are receiving much of the same support as do the vigilante minded Commandos, etc. That seemed to take her aback, somewhat. How far will await to be seen!

We find that it will be necessary to open a Southern California office, in order to be anything like as effective as we would like to be. Just now, we contemplate the employment of a half time executive secretary. I am asking two or three other persons for suggestions. Can you suggest someone (probably a woman) who might do an organizing job-- and would do it for \$100.00--per month for half time, and whose affiliations will not damn her with the city fathers and their in-laws?

I hope that you have some such good person in your file who is interested in this race thing. The \$100.00 isn't really enough, of course, but should be adequate to free the right person from too many home obligations. The drive will have to be from within, not for the salary.

We are most eager to get this thing going, and very soon. May I hope for a very early reply?

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman

RWK:mj

July 26, 1943

Miss Edith Stanton
1360 Ontario Ave.
Pasadena, Calif.

Dear Miss Stanton:

At the suggestion of my very good friend, Alice Hoyt, I am writing to you for some advice. As a member of our Pasadena branch, you are presumably acquainted with our organization and program. While we feel that we have progressed somewhat slowly, up to the present time, we nevertheless feel that the progress has been sound. The time has finally arrived, when we find that we can accelerate a bit.

Our financial basis having been considerably strengthened, we are now able to look forward to opening a half time executive office in Los Angeles, and one in Seattle. We hope to secure a suitable person, probably a woman, as half time executive secretary, for the Los Angeles area. It is here that I turn to you for help. Can you suggest any such person? We feel that she should have some organizing experience, and that her background, for very understandable reasons, should be quite clear from the pacifist---or reformist---associations often suspected as the dynamic of persons interested in our work.

We are prepared to pay \$100.00 per month and feel that while this might not be considered "war wages" it should be ample for any person who has the emotional drive on this thing to make the position attractive.

I am also writing to Mr. Larric Morrie, Helen Gahagan and one or two others for suggestions.

As we are eager to act quickly, may I hope for an early reply?

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman

RWK:mj

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8/24/43
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July 26, 1943

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman
Com. on American Principles & Fair Play
535 San Luis Road
Berkeley, California

Dear Mrs. Kingman:

We thought you would be interested in the JACL brief filed as "amicus curiae" in the cases of Gordon K. Hirabayashi and Minoru Yasui concerning the constitutionality of the evacuation orders as applied to all persons of Japanese ancestry from the Pacific Coast area. As you know, the unfavorable decision of the Supreme Court has already been made; however, you will find our brief a good source of reference material regarding the background - economic and sociological - of the Japanese Americans. Hence, a copy has been forwarded to you under separate cover with the compliments of our staff, including Mike Masaoka, now in training at Camp Shelby as a member of the voluntary Japanese American combat team and who is on leave of absence from his post as national secretary of the JACL.

Incidentally, if you should have occasion to contact Private Masaoka, his new address is -

Service Company
442nd Infantry
Camp Shelby, Miss.

Sincerely yours,

Teiko Ishida

Teiko Ishida, Secretary

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August 2, 1943

Mr. Teiko Ishida
189 West Madison St., Rm. 1008
Chicago, 2, Illinois

Dear Teiko Ishida:

We are most interested in the "amicus curiae" brief you sent us. I have already written the Salt Lake City headquarters, thanking them for the document, which will prove tremendously useful. We have already used it several times as a splendid source of reference.

May I thank the Chicago office, too.

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman

RWK:mj

July 27, 1943

Japanese American Citizens League
413 15 Season Building
25 East Second South St.
Salt Lake City, Utah

Gentlemen:

May I thank you for the copy of the J.A.C.L.
Amicus Curiae Brief of the Hirabayashi case.
Naturally, I found it most impressive, and shall
tell Mr. Wirin so when I see him tomorrow.

Will you kindly express my appreciation to
Mr. Saburo Kido, who doubtless provided much of the
documentation, all of which I shall find most
helpful in my work with the Committee on American
Principles and Fair Play.

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman

RTK:mj

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July 27, 1943

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

Dear Mrs. Kingman:

Thank you for your letter of July 21st enclosing the suggestions for resolutions on the Japanese. We will not have occasion to use them in the near future, but I shall keep them available and pass them on to any groups which I know to be considering our relationship with the Japanese.

I am heartily in accord with the thought expressed in them and am passing the material on to our Department of Christian Education and Evangelism.

Yours very sincerely,

Gilbert B. Christian
Acting Executive Secretary 7.

GBC:af

reply
8/2/43
RWK

Fowler, Calif.
July 28, 1943.

Dear Mrs. Kingman.

I am constantly hearing a great deal of emphasis placed on the matter of Japanese "dual citizenship". I have based any remarks I might have to make on the following points. Will you please find out for me if I am misinformed on any of them.

1. Legally, there is no such thing as dual citizenship. It should rather be called a "reserved choice of citizenship." That is, when the individual ceases to be a minor, he may choose.
2. Do not Americans born of parents residing abroad, as for example the children of missionaries and travellers have this same "choice of citizenship"? Is it necessary for the parents to register the child with the American consular service?
3. Do not Germany and Italy both claim the same choice of citizenship for children of their nationals born outside Germany and Italy? Is there any limit on this claim, or do they also require the registration?
4. Is it not true that Japan, since 1924, has not recognized Japanese citizenship for those born here, unless they were registered with the Japanese consul by the parents within fourteen days after birth?
5. Is it not true that only about 7 and a fraction percent of Japanese children born in this country since 1924 have been so registered?
6. Is it not true that many of those born here before 1924 have failed to repudiate their Japanese citizenship, solely because of neglect, procrastination, or because the United States had never made an issue of it, neither in their case nor in that of any other country, since such duality was not recognized by our law?

Thank you for checking this over, and for any information you may give me. If I am right on all points just return the letter with a notation to that effect-- it will save your having to write.

Yours very truly,

Pearl Kellogg

(Mrs. Frank Kellogg)

P.S. Do you know of any recent magazines articles, etc., which cover this subject?

August 2, 1943

Mrs. Frank Kellogg
Fowler
California

Dear Mrs. Kellogg:

I am sending you a lot of informative material which has just arrived from W.R.A. I shall soon send copies of "A Voice That Must Be Heard" to all of our members.

The memo on dual citizenship was drawn up for us, and I think answers most of your questions.

You ask if it is true that only about 7 plus percent of Japanese children living here since 1924 have been registered as Japanese citizens. So far as we can ascertain there is no record of dual citizenship here, as all records in Japanese Consulates were either sent to Japan or destroyed after December 7, 1941. The United States keeps no such records. Therefore, no one can say how many persons there are in the United States holding nationality in both the United States and Japan.

You are right in saying that many persons over here before 1924 have simply neglected to cancel their Japanese citizenship. How many, we will probably never know.

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman

RWK:mj

July 29, 1943

Miss Eleanor Gerard
Topaz
Utah

Dear Eleanor:

Not a letter--just a note. A gal, Bess Kerwin by name, Graduate of U.C., been teaching at Tulalake for a year, depressed by that setup, wants to stay with "Japs", now on leave without pay from July 15th, to August 15th, wants to teach at Topaz. Looks good, has sans angles. Teaches, preferably, your stuff,-- U.S. History--also can do American Literature, English, Social Problems; is now doing, here in summer school, a guidance program designed for use at Tulalake, also something on vocational guidance. About 35 or so, attractive, church background, somewhat pacifist, but not "tell gently" so.

I told her I'd ask you about Topaz, and what chance, etc., procedures, etc.

She can be addressed at International House, Berkeley, where she is now living as advisor to one of the living groups.

Hastily,

July 29, 1943

Mr. Frank B. Duveneck
Hidden Villa Ranch
Los Altos, Calif.

Dear Mr. Duveneck:

If I had not been out of my office, I must have written sooner to thank you for your very generous check for \$200, to be used in furthering our program.

It is most heartening to know that we have not only the moral, but financial backing of an increasing number of persons of good will. You may be sure that every additional dollar means an expanding of our influence. The next step, on which we are now working, is the opening of half time offices in Los Angeles and Seattle.

We will keep you informed as the organization grows and the program enlarges.

We are most grateful for your generous support.

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman

RWK:mj

July 29, 1943

Mr. William Carr
1360 W. Colorado St.
Pasadena, Calif.

Dear Mr. Carr:

That Commando stuff is certainly amazing, isn't it? At your suggestion, I have written to all sources we know of to get copies of stickers, headlines, cartoons, etc., indicative of the Hate Campaign that is sweeping the West Coast. When we have sufficiently supplemented our original supply, I shall send them along to one of the editors of the Readers' Digest who frequently contributes to the Saturday Evening Post, Mr. Stanley High.

I have known Mr. High for many years, and feel that he will be useful as well as willing to cooperate in our efforts to reproduce the hate stuff for public appraisal.

As to the "stuff" offered by the young lady from Sacramento, we keep it carefully in mind, but as to any specific follow up to all of the information, it is hardly in line with our general policy, and while we feel that it certainly would be of interest to know more about the inside workings of such groups, we cannot spare time, personnel or money to make any such investigation.

I presume that you have received our lists by this time. Congratulations again on your fine work. We point with pride to Pasadena!

Very sincerely yours

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingean

RWK:mj

Copy sent to: Chester R. MacPhee

July 29, 1943

Mr. Adolph Uhl
City Supervisors Office
City Hall
San Francisco, Calif.

Dear Mr. Uhl:

On Friday, August sixth, Mr. Dillon S. Myer, national director of the War Relocation Authority, which controls the federal program concerning the Japanese evacuated from the Pacific Coast, is to speak at the Commonwealth Club. On Thursday, there is to be a small luncheon in the Hotel Whitecomb, where we have asked several members of the Board of Supervisors, together with three or four others from the Bar Association and Chamber of Commerce, to meet with Mr. Myer. He has expressed great willingness to answer any questions concerning the government's program and the policies underlying the program.

We hope that you will be able to attend the luncheon. Mr. Coleman, Mr. Shannon, and Mr. Lead have accepted. We are also asking Mr. MacPhee.

The luncheon is to be in the White and Gold Room of the Hotel Whitecomb at 12 o'clock on Thursday, August fifth. May we hope for a reply as soon as possible, as we must make complete reservations well in advance.

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman

RWK:mj

July 29, 1943

Mr. Morioka
Tulelake Project
Newell, Calif.

Dear Mr. Morioka:

We are greatly pleased to receive your invitation to visit Tulelake. I have often wished that I could spend some time on the project, but the press of work here in the office seems to have prevented it.

However, either I or one of my co-workers, will probably be going to Portland within the next month. If the new station in Tulelake, due to the Segregation Program, does not make it less feasible, a stop over at the project can doubtless be arranged.

I shall write to you as soon as our travel date is set, for I look forward to a conference with the residents of Tulelake.

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman

RWK:mj

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WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY

TULE LAKE PROJECT
NEWELL, CALIFORNIA

August 18, 1943

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

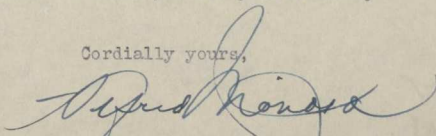
Dear Mrs. Kingman:

In acknowledgement to the letter which I received several weeks ago, I was looking forward with anxiety for the possibility of having you visit our Project. When Reverend Bernard Watson visited our Project, he informed me that you will not be able to come, and also conveyed your regards to me. He informed me of the splendid work you are doing for a good cause, and what a grand personality you are. I am very glad to learn of this.

Since the segregation program is now being carried out, it has a great tendency to cause much chaos in the mind of the people living in the Project and elsewhere. Soon, many will be exchanging camps and, I, too, will be doing the same. Therefore, I feel that I will not be able to meet you here, but I hope that in the future, if it is possible for you to visit this and other Projects, to carry to us a message of your splendid work. I am sure you will be welcomed.

I also wish that I will be able to meet you personally wherever it may be. I will always be looking forward for the occasion. I thank you for your friendly considerations.

Cordially yours,



Alfred Morioka, Forensics Dir.,
COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES SECTION

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EDITH NICHOLSON STANTON
1360 ONTARIO AVENUE
PASADENA, CALIFORNIA

July 29

My dear Mrs. Kingman

I have your letter of the 26th & have been working on it. I had in mind a person in Los Angeles who is just freed from a job which would be excellent but cannot persuade her to be a candidate! So she is out - I think she may need a full time position. I have talked with Mrs. Thayer, another Pasadena member, who is thinking about it to day since let me know.

You doubtless know Mr. Emory Borgardus (of N.S.C.) who has been interesting himself in the Japanese Census & the whole question. He & his wife are friends of mine - so I tried him. He is going to work on it & will phone me if he can make a suggestion. I have also tried

The Pres. of the S.A. J. W. - who is thinking. So
if I get any suggestion - I shall write you at
once.

I have been doing a temporary job for the S.A.
Marchant - as Executive of a Volunteer Corps, &
so have been in L.A. daily - but am going it
up to - tomorrow - so I'm tried to urge these L.A.
people to contact me by Friday evening. It
should be a L.A. person & not a Pasadena for
it's too long a journey for half-time work & hard
to get extra gasoline - so if I don't get some
response to - tomorrow, I fear I may not be able
to help you, much as I would like to -

Remember me to Alice Hoyt & tell her
she'd better get down here for a visit - "her room"
is waiting for her!

His best wishes -

P.S. I have also called
Oliver Newton, Ex. of the
Int. Institute & who is
thinking!

Very Sincerely yours -
Edith R. Stanton

August 3, 1943

Miss Edith N. Stanton
1360 Ontario Ave.
Pasadena, Calif.

Dear Miss Stanton:

It was good of you to reply so promptly. I am getting several good "hunches" on the Executive Secretary appointment, and have just written to Mrs. Thayer to arrange a conference with her later in the month.

Thank you so much for all of your trouble. I shall probably call you while I am in the South, or perhaps I shall see you at a meeting of the Fair Play Committee in Pasadena.

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman

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8/3/43*

WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY

San Francisco Field Office
San Francisco (3) California

In reply, please refer to:

JUL 29 1943

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

Dear Mrs. Kingman:

You will recall that we told you that our Washington office was sending additional information to us in mimeograph form. We have now received this information and are sending you several sets of it under separate cover.

After you have had a chance to review it, if you are interested in any particular reports let us know and we will see if we can supply additional copies.

Very truly yours,

Philip J. Webster

Philip J. Webster
Acting Field Assistant Director



August 3, 1943

Mr. Philip J. Webster
War Relocation Authority
San Francisco Field Office
San Francisco (5) Calif.

Dear Mr. Webster:

May I thank you for the several sets of copies of the mimeographed forms. All of this is to the good, and we sincerely hope that the War Relocation Authority will continue to release such information.

If it is convenient, may we have as many copies as you can release to us of

- 1) Text of White House Statement on Treatment of Persons of Japanese Ancestry.
- 2) Attitude of the War Department on the question of taking over the operation of the War Relocation Authority Centers.
- 3) Question of loyalty of Japanese.
- 4) Letter from Assistant Secretary of War, John J. McCloy to William G. Merchant, President of the Downtown Association of San Francisco.
- 5) Constitutional Principles Involved in the Relocation Program.
- 6) Evidences of Americanism among Japanese-Americans.

We will greatly appreciate these sheets.

I am enclosing a copy of the release our Pasadena Committee is just sending out -- 10,000 copies

Would you like a few more?

Very sincerely yours,

RWK:mj

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman

SAME TO: Frank Clavoe, Edwards, W W. Chapin, McGiffert,
Gen. Barrows, Art Linkletter, Bartley Crum,
Mrs. Helen Knowland, Scott Newhall, Allen Blaisdell,
~~Barnes~~ Mary Ogg.

AUG. 4: Richard Lynden, Louis Goldblatt, Mervyn Rathbone
Paul Schnur, Mack Wagner, George Silverthorn,
Roland Davis, Paul Heide, Edward Vandeleur, ~~Bartley~~
~~Crum~~, Carl Brandt, Vic Swanson, Galen Fisher, Paul
Taylor, Richard Neustadt, *Mrs Heide*

AUG. 5: M. Harrison, D. Mead, Jesse Coleman, A. Lundberg, Dr. Wilbur
R. Fisher, Mr. Shannon, Mrs. McWilliams
July 30, 1943

Miss Mary Ellen Leary
San Francisco News
812 Mission St.
San Francisco, Calif.

Dear Miss Leary:

May I remind you of the luncheon on
Tuesday, August third at 12 o'clock at the
Hotel Whitcomb, 1231 Market Street, San Francisco?
It is to be held in the White and Gold Room, and
Mr. Dillon S. Myer, Director of the War Relocation
Authority will be there to talk very informally and
to answer questions.

We are glad that there is to be a representative
group to meet Mr Myer, who will bring to San Francisco
some first hand, authoritative information on the
government policies supporting the present federal
program of Resettlement of Japanese Evacuees. If we do not
hear from you to the contrary, we will expect to see you on
Tuesday, August third.

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman

RWK:mj

July 30, 1943.

Mrs. Ruth Kingman
Committee on American Principles and Fair Play
San Francisco, California.

Dear Mrs. Kingman:

Please do not feel that I have neglected you. Ever since your letter of May (!!) 25 came, life has taken a hectic turn -- I was rejected for the combat team on physical grounds, have relocated since, and at last have found a job --; consequently, your letter has been unanswered. Forgive me. I hope to stay put in the present place for at least a little while and enjoy the feeling of permanency again. Thank you for the clippings about Mr. Joseph Grew, Baltimore Sun, and the San Francisco Chronicle.

I have studied your plan for a Public Relations program and find it excellent. Later events bear out that its essence has been carried out in some form. For instance, the "Pacific Citizen" carries a column on Camp Shelby. Mary Oyama (Molly Mittwer of 2935 W. 14th Ave, Denver -- writer in Common Ground) is to have an article "My Only Crime is my Face" in the Aug. 14th Liberty Magazine. Taro Yoshima will have published by Henry Holt and Co. "The New Sun", a story of the childhood, adolescence, and maturity of an anti-fascist artist in Japan. Dr. S.I. Hayakawa of Illinois Tech. of book-of-the-month fame (Language in Action) has an article "Race and Words" in the July "Common Sense"

Related to this the official sanction given by the Government on the resettlement phase of the WRA program, a fortunate result of the Dies Committee fracas. These were notably by War Mobilization Director James F. Byrnes, Sec'y. of Interior Ickes, WRA Director Dillon Myer, and Congress which approved the full WRA budget. The Nisei problem has been brought dramatically before the public mind in a recent nation-wide hook-up program, "Town Meeting of the Air".

Here are a few suggestions just off-hand on a public relations program of this kind. In doing so, I am aware that we must be ever-cautious on the steps to be taken. Trends indicate an all-out war against Japan once the European theater of war is closed, and present events indicate an early completion of that phase of the fighting front. The question comes to mind whether aside from making defence stand against vagrant infringement of our civil rights, it would be wise in the long run to push ambitiously and prematurely, thus favoring its more unsuccessful than successful outcome. After having relocated for a few months on the "outside", I am now inclined to feel in the same vein of thought as Mr. Galen Fisher. But we should never swerve from this objective: to lay patiently the groundwork for eventualities of post-war reconditioning.

Among some things to be noted are the unstable situation in the Relocation Centers with regard to leadership (a large number of the capable community leaders have either volunteered for the army or have relocated on the outside. Changes in plans of individuals in the centers may hinder any permanent writing program at present);

impermanant set-up of newly-resettled evacuees in their initial stages and with manpower shortage the greater possibility of working longer hours, thus less leisure to work up publication materials. One avenue furnishing possibilities is the personell at Camp Shelby as certainly by this time the enlisted men will have passed through their initial periods at the Induction Station and Reception Centers and are now assembled at Camp Shelby for basic training work. The volunteers accepted in the army may be contacted by communication through the immediate members of the family or through the local Project Directors.

Persons who can be counted upon as good material, are recommended as follows:

1. John Kitasako- 23-7-F, Heart Mountain, Wyo; Reports and Documents Division. Writes "Heart Mountain Breezes" column in Powell, Wyo, paper. Occasionally contributes to Palo Alto papers.
2. Bill Hosokawa -- Reports and Documents Office. Editor of Heart Mountain Sentinel.
3. Robert Yoshio Kiyama -- 24-2-A, Heart Mountain, Wyo. Chairman of Committee on Relocation of Heart Mountain Center.
4. Joe Koide -- 29-13-C. Heart Mountain, Wyo. Chairman of the Block Administrative Officials. Well-read and well-informed
5. Mary Sakimura -- 21-2-F. Heart Mountain, Wyo.
6. Emi Kimura -- Social Welfare Service, Heart Mountain, Wyo.
7. Rev. Donald Toriumi -- 30-9-F, Heart Mountain, Wyo. Progressive, energetic, social-conscious.
8. Mrs. Sophie Toriumi.
9. Dick Fujioka -- 22-14-C & D, Heart Mountain, Wyo. Coordinator of Boys and Girls Club Activities; "Y" Secretary for Heart Mountain Center; original promoter of Student Christian Assn. in Heart Mountain.
10. Fred Yamamoto -- formerly at 24-18-C&D, now in training at Camp Shelby, Mississippi. Former writer of Heart Mountain Sentinel. Secy. of Volunteers' Group. Conscientious, social-conscious.
11. Nobu Kawai -- 22-14-C, Heart Mountain, Wyo. Former pres. of Pasadena Chapter of the JACL. Probably now at Camp Shelby, Mississippi. Has various contacts, shrewd, capable.
12. Mrs. Hanna Kozasa -- 15 W. Erie St, Chicago 10, Illinois. Very well-informed, social-conscious, genuine liberal.
13. Mrs. Yone U. Stafford- (Mrs. Bradley E.), 73 Avon Place, Springfield, Mass. A tireless worker. A good liberal.
14. Mrs. Mary Mittler -- 2935 W. 14th. Ave, Denver, Colorado. Writes under pen name of Mary Oyama in various publications. Former Heart Mountain resident.
15. Miss Janet Fukushima, Japanese American Committee for Democracy, 72 West 52nd St, New York City. Material on immigration and naturalization of Orientals.
16. Miss Sumiko Oura, 2601 Sixteenth St, NW, Washington, D.C. An Eastern-born nisei working on Civil Service.
17. Mr. Lincoln Kanai-- % Norris Foundation, Mukwanago, Wisconsin Comes to Chicago once a month.

Enclosed is a list of individuals, organizations, and publications among which public relations work has been carried out by the Heart Mountain Volunteers.

Checks with red pencil indicate those in which a response was received. As suggested in your letter of May 25th, I shall contact Drs. Haynes and Cavert of the Federal Council of Churches at the earliest opportunity.

Sincerely,

Abe Oyamada

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% Children's Memorial Hosp.

707 Fullerton St.

Chicago 14, Illinois.

TELEGRAM

July 31, 1943

Miss Mildred Bartholomew
Portland, Oregon

Myer scheduled speak University of California and
San Francisco Commonwealth Club August 6. Change impos-
sible as Commonwealth ~~speech~~ speech object of West Coast
visit. Suggest McNaughton wire him today Hotel Clark
Los Angeles for possible date following week.

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A large, stylized handwritten signature, possibly reading 'L. S.', is written in the center of the page. It consists of a large loop at the top and a series of smaller loops and strokes below it.

August 2, 1943

Mr. William O. Burton
989 So. El Molino Ave.
Pasadena, Calif.

Dear Mr. Burton:

Thank you very much for your prompt reply concerning membership cards and finances. Your explanation has enabled us to complete our records.

The confusion was due to lack of office personnel at the time of your first contribution early in June, but everything is now well in hand.

Thank you again.

Sincerely,

Secretary

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