

5:5

CORRESPONDENCE

INCOMING/OUTGOING

JUNE 1945

C-A

171

June 21, 1945

Mr. G. Raymond Booth
215 West Seventh Street
Room 329
Council for Civic Unity
Los Angeles 14, California

Dear Mr. Booth:

Enclosed you will find the Schedule and Agenda of the Conference of Councils of Civic Unity and similar community organizations, to be held in Sacramento, June 25.

We look forward to seeing you at the Conference.

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman
Executive Secretary

RWK:och

June 21, 1945

Mr. Clyde S. Cook
c/o Crocker Union Lithograph Co.
735 Harrison St.
San Francisco 7, California

Dear Mr. Cook:

Enclosed you will find the Schedule and Agenda of the Conference of Councils of Civic Unity and similar community organizations, to be held in Sacramento, June 25.

We look forward to seeing you at the Conference.

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman
Executive Secretary

HEADQUARTERS WESTERN DEFENSE COMMAND
PRESIDIO OF SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA
OFFICE OF THE COMMANDING GENERAL

21 June 1945

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman, Executive Secretary
Committee on American Principles and Fair Play
465 California Street
San Francisco 4, California

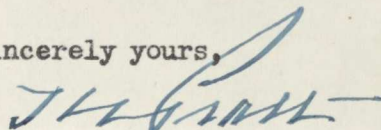
Dear Mrs. Kingman:

I am pleased to acknowledge receipt of your letter of June 19th in which you invite me to be present at the conference of representatives of California's Councils of Civic Unity to be held at Sacramento on Monday, June 25th.

I will not be able to attend myself but I am willing to send a representative. Unless other matters should interfere, Colonel Watson will be the officer selected. He will attend as an observer and will not be prepared to enter into the discussion.

Please accept my best wishes for a successful conference.

Sincerely yours,



H. C. PRATT
Major General, U. S. Army
Commanding



State of California
Department of Education

LOS ANGELES OFFICE
311 STATE BUILDING, CIVIC CENTER

June 21, 1945
Zone 12

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman
Executive Secretary, Pacific Coast
Committee on American Principles and Fair Play
465 California Street
San Francisco 4, California

Dear Mrs. Kingman:

I am sorrier than words can say that it is not possible for me to be in Sacramento on Monday, June 25, to do my part in opening the conference for you. It so happens that after I had told Mr. Booth that I thought I should be free to go to Sacramento on that day that I discovered that I had an engagement here in Los Angeles which I had to keep. I called Mr. Booth immediately on discovering it last Saturday, the 16th. For some reason I seemed to think that he would let you know this change in my plans. It is quite my own fault for not wiring you immediately on Saturday. I am particularly sorry because this sort of thing is very difficult to explain. I think you know my interest is deep and my participation continues in the activities of the councils.

I want you to know also that I have just taken the vice presidency of the Council for Civic Unity in this area and shall be increasingly active from now on. This will tie together our other activities which are the Church Federation of Los Angeles and the National Board of the Y.W.C.A. as well as my public education responsibilities for all people.

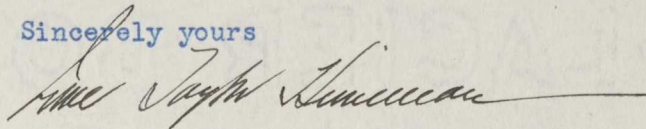
This item of activity of the National Board of the Y.W.C.A. may be of interest to you: there has been assigned to California a young Japanese woman who, during the interim of the evacuation, has taken her master's degree at Fisk University. She is to be in the Los Angeles area for four months and I am sure will be a great force for proper interpretation. I am very delighted with her and her approach. Every bit of that kind of interpretation helps.

Page Two
Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman
June 21, 1945

In the Council for Civic Unity in this area we feel greatly inspired in having gained Raymond Booth as executive secretary.

With deep regret that I cannot be with you on Monday, and promising continued interest and support, I am

Sincerely yours

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "L. Taylor Simmons", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Assistant Superintendent
of Public Instruction

June 22, 1945

Mr. Ed. Heasey
Latham Square Building
Oakland, California

Dear Mr. Heasey:

At the suggestion of Dr. Robert Inglis, I am sending you a copy of the agenda of the Conference of Councils of Civic Unity planned for Monday, June 25.

Due to the closing ceremonies of UNCIO, which, as you know, have been delayed; it will be necessary for us to postpone the Conference. Attorney General Kenny will naturally have to be in San Francisco to greet President Truman, and we feel that our Conference should not be held without him.

The new date, set tentatively, is July 6. We will inform you as soon as it is made definite, as we are most eager that the Oakland Mayor's Committee be represented.

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman
Executive Secretary

RWK:cch
Enclosure

Straight Wire:

6/22/44

SACRAMENTO CONFERENCE POSTPONED DUE KENNY RECEIVING TRUMAN
SAN FRANCISCO. PLEASE NOTIFY YOUR REPRESENTATIVES.

Ruth W. Kingman

June 22, 1945

Dear Mr. Osgood:

I have examined Major M. J. Hopkin's letter with a good deal of interest. The Major obviously is both intelligent and sincere. But his views with respect to Japanese-Americans are definitely not based on fact and, in my estimation, they are colored by fallacious pre-conceived ideas.

An example of the non-factual basis of Major Hopkin's reasoning is his statement of the War Department's view with respect to the return of

Japanese-Americans to the West Coast. The Major affirms his belief in "group responsibility," states that all Japanese-Americans are to be blamed for not denouncing pre-war Japanese propaganda, and ~~he~~ asserts that ~~the~~ evacuees now returning to the West Coast are not loyal "in the true sense." He writes, "Our Army said so and thinks so today."

Nothing could be further from the actual truth. In the various public statements made by military officials during the course of the evacuation, it was emphasized that Japanese-Americans were removed en masse only because military authorities deemed it impossible to screen the loyal from the disloyal in the short time available for the movements. Officers in charge of the evacuation on many occasions (as, for example, the speech of Colonel Karl Bendetsen on May 20, 1942) specifically ~~rejected~~ ^(rejected) any theory of "group responsibility" and stated their belief in the intrinsic loyalty of large numbers of evacuees. Every act of the War Department subsequent to the evacuation has corroborated this stand.

Thus, in January, 1942, the War Department accepted Japanese-Americans as volunteers in the armed forces. In ^{March} ~~January~~, 1943, Selective Service procedures were again made applicable to Japanese-Americans. Even more to the point, the War Department (as well as the Navy Department and the Department of Justice) has participated in the procedures which have cleared Japanese-Americans for resettlement throughout the United States from the very beginning of the resettlement program in the fall of 1942. The intelligence agencies of the military forces initially approved the principle of the preliminary program when it was first introduced by

check
date
mf

the War Relocation Authority. Those agencies subsequently took an active part in clearing persons for relocation ~~and~~ through the machinery of the special Japanese-American Joint Board, attached to the Office of the Provost Marshal General. This Board examined the records of every male adult American-Japanese.

Finally and most importantly, it was a decision of the War Department that revoked the mass exclusion order in December, 1944. The announcement that Japanese-Americans were to be allowed to return to their former homes on the West Coast was made simultaneously by the Commanding General of the Western Defense Command and the Secretary of War. At that time, the former stated:

The people of the states situated within the Western Defense Command are assured that the records of all persons of Japanese ancestry have been carefully examined and only those persons who have been cleared by military authorities have been permitted to return. They should be accorded the same treatment and allowed to enjoy the same privileges accorded other law-abiding American citizens or residents.

Secretary Stimson in his statement also emphasized that only loyal Japanese were being allowed to return to the West Coast. The group, he said, had been investigated "probably more thoroughly than any other segment of our population." He pointed out that the "outstanding record" of Japanese-American soldiers in all parts of the world had "shown conclusively that it is possible to make sound judgments as to their loyalty." He asked the people of the Western States to "accord returning persons of Japanese ancestry all the considerations to which they are entitled as loyal citizens and law-abiding residents."

In sum, it is a misstatement of fact to say that the War Department believes Japanese-Americans are not "loyal in the true sense." It never believed this for any except a minority of the entire group. It has, by its acceptance of Japanese-Americans in the armed forces and the employment of Japanese-Americans at army bases, demonstrated its belief in the basic loyalty of Japanese-Americans. Above all, it has demonstrated this belief - and disavowed Major Hopkins' standard of "group responsibility" - by making it possible for the vast majority of the evacuated persons to return to the West Coast. Rather than believing that the majority of American-Japanese are not loyal, the War Department by its very action

has shown its conviction in the basic allegiance of the majority of the group.

It seems clear that if Major Hopkins is seriously impressed with the necessity for accepting military judgment in respect to the determination of loyalty, he would cease to oppose the return of Japanese-Americans to the West Coast because of a single situation: Every returning person has been carefully examined by the War Department officials, found loyal by War Department tests, and given freedom to come to the West Coast by War Department orders.

I cite only one of several examples of Major Hopkins' tendencies to generalize on the basis of unfavorable pre-conceived ideas. This is his lengthy reasoning leading to the conclusion that the fact that Japanese-Americans "are fighting bravely for us doesn't mean that they are patriotic." No more twisted an appraisal seems possible. If willingness to serve on the battlefield (and it must be remembered that a large proportion of American-Japanese in the Army are volunteers) is not an incontrovertible test of one's allegiance, then certainly no test exists. If Major Hopkins impugns the loyalty of those Japanese-American soldiers who have fought and died and who have received the nation's highest military awards, both individually and in group, then whose loyalty can he accept without question? An extension of Major Hopkins' reasoning would cast doubt on the loyalty of every American in or out of the military services. His logic twists every law of evidence and every canon of justice.

Throughout his entire letter, Major Hopkins emphasizes the pre-war attempt of the Japanese Government to ~~subvert~~ ^(shake) the loyalty of Americans of Japanese ancestry. Believing in group responsibility, he states that all American-Japanese "have grave responsibilities against them" for failing to denounce Japanese spies. By inference he makes clear that he believes Japanese agents were at least partially successful in their attempts "to subvert and obtain the services of every single Japanese-American along the coast."

That Japan made serious effort to spread propaganda among the resident Japanese population cannot be doubted. So did Germany and Italy among their respective groups in the United States, and to a far more extensive degree. But the mere existence of a propaganda effort is no evidence of its success. The culpability of those at whom the propaganda is directed cannot be measured by their efforts in opposing it. The task of combating subversive agents is ^{primarily} for the government, not for the individual. Though the record is clear that many American-Japanese did actively aid our federal intelligence services, the true measure of Japanese-American loyalties can only be found in their reactions to the propaganda. Events of the first months of the war alone amply prove how unsuccessful the efforts of Japanese agents were. During those months before the evacuation not a single Japanese in America or Hawaii, alien or citizen, was convicted of espionage or sabotage activities. Despite Major Hopkins' disclaimer that Japan "could hardly expect white men to act as Quisslings (sic) for them," the only persons convicted during the entire course of the war ^{for} acting as agents of Japan (with one minor exception) have been not Japanese, but Caucasian.

As for Major Hopkins' general adherence to the theory of "group responsibility," I can think of no doctrine more alien to American practices and American ideals. However the mass condemnation of minority groups (for alleged wrongs of individual members) may be prized as a tool of the totalitarian countries, it has never, and can never, be a device of democracy. As I have pointed out above, it is a doctrine repudiated by our federal government. The democratic way is to hold the individual responsible for himself. His crimes are not those of his family, his neighborhood, or his nationality group. Curiously enough, Major Hopkins is willing to condemn the entire Japanese group for ^{its} ~~their~~ alleged failure to combat pro-Japanese propaganda. Without laboring the petty nature of the charge, it is strange that he is not willing to look in ^{the} ~~the~~ other direction and give credit to the group for the many acts of valor performed by Japanese-Americans on the battlefield.

The basic documents cited by Major Hopkins as supporting his stand deserve more lengthy comment than I can give at this time. He refers to (1) General DeWitt's Final Report; Japanese Evacuation From The West Coast, 1942 and (2) The Report of the Dies Committee entitled Report on Japanese Activities (Appendix VI of the publications of the Special House Committee on UnAmerican Activities). Like many Dies Committee reports, the latter of these two works has been proved to be almost a random collection of hearsay, previously published scare articles, the testimony of partial witnesses, and miscellaneous other materials of a similar nature. In March, 1942, Congressman Thomas Eliot of Massachusetts and Congressman Vito Marcantonio of New York effectively demonstrated before the House of Representatives the spurious nature of many of the sources for the Japanese report. The last section of the report was actually written by a member of the California Joint Immigration Committee. The Committee, of course, is one of the leading anti-oriental groups in the United States. Whatever its patriotic motives, its inability to present unbiased evidence is certainly clear.

General DeWitt's Final Report, too, contains many doubtful statements of fact and even more doubtful conclusion drawn from those facts. Studies to be published after the war will demonstrate this. Already serious doubt has been cast on the report by another agency of the federal government: In the government's brief filed by the Department of Justice before the Supreme Court in the case of Korematsu v. U. S. a statement specifically repudiates any reliance on charges made in the DeWitt report. Further, General DeWitt's own dependence on (a dogma not accepted by the War Department, itself) racial dogma has been amply demonstrated. In his recommendation in favor of evacuation, the General wrote: "The Japanese race is an enemy race and while many second and third generation Japanese have become 'Americanized' the racial strains are undiluted." No more unscientific statement as to the attributes of race could be made.

In thus refuting Major Hopkins' letter, I hope my own position in the matter is clearly understood. I stand simply for giving Americans of Japanese ancestry the same rights and privileges granted to other Americans.

In the current situation, I believe that residents of the Pacific Coast should abide by the decision of the War Department and the Federal Government to allow Japanese-Americans to return to their former homes. This is their moral and their legal right. I believe that efforts made to impede the orderly resettlement of Japanese-Americans are not only unjust to members of that group, but also a positive factor in fostering general minority unrest in this country and an aid in furthering the propaganda of our Japanese enemy.

To confuse Japanese-Americans with the Japanese enemy is an intellectual error. It is also an admission that American education and American ways of living have failed to produce Americans. Yet this admission is completely unwarranted -- and proof is in the war record of Japanese-Americans numbered in the tens of thousands who have served the country in all theatres of battle and in many civilian capacities. As President Roosevelt said, "Americanism is not, and never was, a matter of race or ancestry." For the ^{American J. J. Amos} Japanese, the slant of their eyes is unimportant; it is the slant of their hearts which has counted.

Draft by Morton Grodzins
June 20, 1945

Extend to other members of Advisory & Exec. boards

June 22, 1945.

Mrs. Josephine Duveneck,
1830 Sutter Street,
San Francisco 15, California.

My dear Mrs. Duveneck:

The Pacific Coast Committee on American Principles and Fair Play has been active for three years. It now appears desirable that a careful evaluation of our work be made, and a decision reached as to whether it should continue as it now operates, or under some modified plan, or terminated.

Will it be possible for you to attend a meeting at the Merchants Exchange Building, 465 California Street, Assembly Room 237, at 4 o'clock on Monday, July 2, for a careful consideration of this question?

Mrs. Kingman and Mr. Fisher both feel that the time has come when some definite decision must be made, particularly inasmuch as the greater part of our financial support terminates on September 1.

Will you please telephone your reply to Mrs. Kingman (AShberry 6214) as soon as possible as we wish to be sure of a full attendance.

Very sincerely yours,

Maurice E. Harrison

MEH:MC

June 22, 1945.

Mr. Allen C. Blaisdell,
International House,
Berkeley, California.

My dear Mr. Blaisdell:

The Pacific Coast Committee on American Principles and Fair Play has been active for three years. It now appears desirable that a careful evaluation of our work be made, and a decision reached as to whether it should continue as it now operates, or under some modified plan, or terminated.

Will it be possible for you to attend a meeting at the Merchants Exchange Building, 465 California Street, Assembly Room 237, at 4 o'clock on Monday, July 2, for a careful consideration of this question?

Mrs. Kingman and Mr. Fisher both feel that the time has come when some definite decision must be made, particularly inasmuch as the greater part of our financial support terminates on September 1.

Will you please telephone your reply to Mrs. Kingman (ASHberry 6214) as soon as possible as we wish to be sure of a full attendance.

Very truly yours,

Maurice E. Harrison

MEH:MC



ARMY SERVICE FORCES

OFFICE OF THE COMMANDING GENERAL, NINTH SERVICE COMMAND
FORT DOUGLAS, UTAH

22 June 1945

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman
Executive Secretary
Committee on American Principles and Fair Play
465 California Street
San Francisco 4, California

Dear Mrs. Kingman:

Your kind invitation to me to attend the Conference of the California Councils of Civic Unity is deeply appreciated, but the press of urgent military duties will make it impossible for me to attend. However, I am designating a member of my staff, Colonel Gerald L. Church, to attend. Colonel Church will attend only in the capacity of an observer. He will not participate in any discussion.

Very sincerely yours,

WM. E. SHEDD
Major General, U. S. Army
Commanding

THE COUNCIL OF STATE GOVERNMENTS

1313 EAST SIXTIETH STREET, CHICAGO 37, ILLINOIS

June 22, 1945

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman, Executive Secretary
Pacific Coast Committee on American
Principles and Fair Play
2287 Telegraph Avenue
Berkeley 4, California

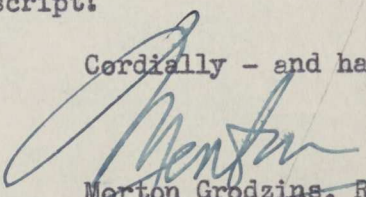
Dear Mrs. Kingman:

Dorothy will tell you that I am one of the few serious deadline-makers in the academic world. Therefore, I am chagrined at being so late in getting this material to you. To account for the delay, I offer the following: (1) daughter Mike almost broke her nose (but didn't); (2) your letter with Major Hopkins' letter arrived late as the result of insufficient postage; (3) the mover dropped my typewriter down two flights of stairs; and (4) I have had a pressing assignment for my new Boss.

What I have finally produced is both lengthy and sloppily written. But I hope that some of it, at least, will be useful to President Sproul. If it isn't, let me know and I will try again. I have tried to curb my inclinations to sneer at the Major's "scientific" questions, e.g., "what evidence have you as to what was behind the minds of those Nisei....?" My greatest difficulty was having no idea of the slant President Sproul wanted to take or has taken in the past. If I had had a copy of his recent address, I feel I would have been able to turn out a more satisfactory job.

If President Sproul is really interested in learning about the pre-evacuation period (and thereby getting a more complete reputation of the Major's letter), you might tell him there are copies of my thesis in the Graduate Dean's office and on the third floor of Giannini Hall. I would like him to know of its existence. Maybe Dorothy would have no objection to allowing the President to read the manuscript!

Cordially - and hastily,


Merton Grodzins, Research Director
Committee on State-Local Relations

MG:EF

June 25, 1945

PERSONAL

Mr. Vic Rotnem
Civil Liberties Division
Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Rotnem:

Enclosed you will find a copy of our letter from Mr. Clark. We were rather surprised to hear from him, as we had really expected no reply to our note calling the President's attention to the editorials referred to (see enclosures).

What does interest me in Mr. Clark's letter is the last sentence, particularly in relation to what you pointed out to me when I was in Washington last April.

I believe that you suggested that I might call your attention to any public officials who might be said to be stepping out of line on the Japanese-American deal.

How far can a presiding judge legally base his decision on court room discussions which he himself conducts prior to rendering the decision?

You are doubtless familiar with the case in Parlier, California, where Judge Crosby so conferred with his friends and neighbors in the case of Iwasaki vs. Multanen.

Just how does that stack up, legally? We really want to know.

Cordially yours,

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman
Executive Secretary

ADDRESS REPLY TO
"THE ATTORNEY GENERAL"
AND REFER TO
INITIALS AND NUMBER

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

JMM:EB:JBT

July 3, 1945.

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman,
Executive Secretary, Committee on
American Principles and Fair Play,
465 California Street, Room 203,
San Francisco 4, California.

Dear Mrs. Kingman:

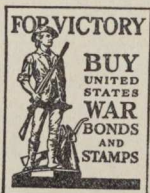
This will acknowledge receipt of your letter
of June 25, 1945, addressed to Mr. Victor W. Rotnem.

It is only in cases of very deliberate and
willful denial of the right of due process that the Federal
government would have any jurisdiction over the activities
of a judge functioning in his own courtroom. You will find
the most authoritative statement of the jurisdiction of the
Federal government in the case of Screws v. United States,
decided by the Supreme Court on May 7, 1945.

Respectfully,

For the Attorney General,

James M. McInerney
JAMES M. McINERNEY,
Acting Head, Criminal Division.



Mrs. Kingman

COPY

June 26, 1945

Mrs. Beatrice H. Rupner
Ledger Gazette
1107 Sierra Highway
Lancaster, California

Dear Mrs. Rupner:

I was very happy to hear of the formation of your committee on American Principles and Fair Play.

My husband, Mr. Booth, formerly of WRA and I have visited Lancaster Japanese Americans several times early in the year and have felt strongly the need of such an organized group to assist them.

I will investigate immediately the possibility of finding a returned Japanese American soldier and American Marine to attend your Kiwanis club meeting. However, I would need to know the date at least approximately of the meeting to which you would want them to come. We have on several occasions secured a Japanese American soldier from the Birmingham General Hospital at Van Nuys to appear on programs. I shall contact Mr. Foote of your Kiwanis club later on if you think best after I have inquired as to the availability of such persons.

In another package we are sending you some literature and a list of all material available through this office. Please let me know if I can be of any further assistance.

Sincerely,

GDB
rnr

Mrs. Gracia D. Booth
Executive Secretary

39 E 10 St
NYC 3
6/25/45

Dear Mrs. Kingman:

Just a note to thank you for the mass of information I received from you a long, long time ago. I hope to be able to use it. Thus far, I haven't been able to do much, partly because of the time situation -- having only a certain amount since it isn't too flexible, and also because of laziness of which I seem to have an unusually high portion.

Now the hot weather has come along to add to one's pleasures. However, that shouldn't stop anyone. I do hope to get a particular type of information soon so that I can write something about relocation.

I heard somewhere that Mr. Kingman was working with the regional FEPC in S F. Is he on pins and needles now? Of course, one doesn't have to be working with the agency to feel that way, but I can imagine the insecurity one would feel in going about his work -- not being able to plan far ahead, etc. There's still a slim hope for something, though it isn't much. I've got my fingers crossed.

It was nice of you to ask when I was coming "home" to California, but as things look now, NY may very well be my home for a long time to come. My friends, the work I love and other things that matter are here. Of course, this is partly because most of my working days have been spent here, whereas my California life ~~was~~ consisted of school and ~~infirmities~~ people connected with learning. Of course, I don't ever expect to stop learning, but doing it in an academic way is quite different from picking things up on one's own and the latter is much more exciting to me, besides which I don't think I can ever make up for the things I've learned from people and books outside of any school.

Good luck in your work -- and if you hear any good stories, just pass them on. My best to you.

Cordially,
Ina
Ina Sugihara

Eastern Office:
Room 1109
299 Madison Ave.
New York City 17, N. Y.
Phone: Murray Hill 2-2459

Mid-West Office:
Room 1008
189 W. Madison Street
Chicago 2, Illinois
Phone: Franklin 8840


Japanese American Citizens League
An All American Organization of American Citizens

National Headquarters
413-415 BEASON BLDG. TELEPHONE 5-6501

SALT LAKE CITY 1, UTAH

June 25, 1945

Tri-State Office:
615 E. & C. Building
17th and Curtis
Denver 2, Colorado
Phone: Cherry 5990

San Francisco Office:
1860 Washington Street
San Francisco 9, California
Phone: Tuxedo 5212

Mrs. Ruth Kingman
Executive Secretary
Pac. Coast Comm. on American
Principles and Fair Play
465 California St.
San Francisco 4, Calif.

Dear Mrs. Kingman:

We are enclosing the receipt for your kind contribution towards Mr. Kido's travelling expense account. We believe that Mr. Kido has already personally acknowledged your letter and check, but thought you would like the receipt for your records.

As you probably know, Mr. Kido will be in San Francisco from Wednesday for about a week's stay, and we are sure he will get in touch with you when he arrives there.

Sincerely yours,

JAPANESE AMERICAN CITIZENS LEAGUE
NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS

Encl.
yy

JAPANESE AMERICAN CITIZENS LEAGUE

NATIONAL SPONSORS

ARIZONA

BISHOP WALTER MITCHELL.....Phoenix

CALIFORNIA

MRS. WALLACE B. ALEXANDER.....Orinda
 BENJAMIN W. BLACK, M.D.....Oakland
 DR. MONROE DEUTSCH.....Berkeley
 LOUIS GOLDBLATT.....San Francisco
 KIRBY PAGE.....La Habra
 RT. REV. EDWARD L. PARSONS.....San Francisco
 REV. DR. IRVING F. REICHERT.....San Francisco
 BISHOP CHARLES S. REIFSNIDER.....Pasadena
 BISHOP W. BERTRAND STEVENS.....Los Angeles
 JOSEPH S. THOMPSON.....San Francisco
 AUGUST VOLLMER.....Berkeley
 ANNIE CLO WATSON.....San Francisco
 DR. RAY LYMAN WILBUR.....Palo Alto

CONNECTICUT

DR. WILLIAM ALLEN NEILSON.....Falls Village

COLORADO

BISHOP W. E. HAMMAKER.....Denver
 JAMES G. PATTON.....Denver

FLORIDA

DR. HAMILTON HOLT.....Winter Park

ILLINOIS

DR. EDWIN R. EMBREE.....Chicago
 DR. CHARLES CLAYTON MORRISON.....Chicago
 REV. DR. ALBERT W. PALMER.....Chicago
 WILLARD TOWNSEND.....Chicago

KANSAS

WILLIAM ALLEN WHITE (1868-1944).....Emporia

MASSACHUSETTS

DR. RALPH BARTON PERRY.....Cambridge

MICHIGAN

AUGUST SCHOLLE.....Detroit

MISSOURI

BISHOP EDWIN V. O'HARA.....Kansas City
 BISHOP WILLIAM SCARLETT.....St. Louis

NEBRASKA

JAMES L. PAXTON.....Omaha

NEW MEXICO

WITTER BYNNER.....Santa Fe

NEW YORK

DR. CARL W. ACKERMAN.....New York
 WILLIAM AGAR.....New York
 ROGER N. BALDWIN.....New York
 EUGENE E. BARNETT.....New York
 HARRY LORIN BINSEE.....New York
 DR. HARRY WOODBURN CHASE.....New York

REV. DR. DAVID DE SOLA POOL.....New York
 REV. DR. HARRY EMERSON FOSDICK.....New York
 READ LEWIS.....New York
 REV. DR. REINHOLD NIEBUHR.....New York
 GEORGE SCHUYLER.....New York
 DR. JOHN W. THOMAS.....New York
 REV. DR. E. MCNEILL POTEAT.....Rochester
 MR. AND MRS. HARPER SIBLEY.....Rochester
 NORMAN THOMAS.....New York
 BISHOP HENRY ST. GEORGE TUCKER.....New York
 BISHOP JAMES E. WALSH.....New York

NORTH CAROLINA

DR. FRANK P. GRAHAM.....Chapel Hill
 DR. HOWARD W. ODUM.....Chapel Hill

OHIO

GEORGE T. TRUNDLE.....Cleveland
 DR. O. M. WALTON.....Cleveland

OREGON

E. B. MACNAUGHTON.....Portland
 HON. CHARLES A. SPRAGUE.....Salem
 MONROE SWEETLAND.....Portland

PENNSYLVANIA

PEARL S. BUCK.....Perkasie
 DR. RUFUS M. JONES.....Haverford
 DR. FELIX MORLEY.....Haverford
 DR. JOHN W. NASON.....Swarthmore
 CLARENCE E. PICKETT.....Philadelphia
 RICHARD J. WALSH.....Perkasie

TENNESSEE

DR. DENA FRANK FLEMING.....Nashville
 JENNINGS PERRY.....Nashville

TEXAS

DR. HOMER P. RAINEY.....Austin

UTAH

ARTHUR GAETH.....Salt Lake City
 MRS. BURTON W. MUSSER.....Salt Lake City

VERMONT

DOROTHY CANFIELD FISHER.....Arlington

VIRGINIA

REV. DR. J. W. BILL MARSHALL.....Richmond

WASHINGTON

BENJAMIN H. KIZER.....Spokane
 DR. JESSE STEINER.....Seattle

WASHINGTON, D. C.

DR. WILL W. ALEXANDER
 RAYMOND SWING
 MR. AND MRS. CHARLES P. TAFT

HAWAII

DR. MILES E. CARY.....Honolulu, T. H.

COPY
Mrs. Kingman

June 26, 1945

Miss Mary P. Lewis
YMCA
437 Ninth Street
San Pedro, California

Dear Miss Lewis:

I am so glad to know that your public relations committee has at last organized into a committee for assisting evacuees who return to your area. Thank you for the list of names of those on your committee.

I hate to bother you further but I would like very much to know what organization or interest each person represents. For instance, your chairman is from the YMCA Public Relations Committee. Perhaps some of the others are teachers or social workers, business or professional people, and I noticed one or two ministers on your list and a Cedric Stannards from the Dana Junior High School. Is he principal in the school?

Do you have any representative from the labor group or the real estate people, a lawyer or anyone like that? In explanation of these inquiries, I should say that in sending the information into the different relocation camps and the WRA offices in Southern California, it is very important especially for the evacuees to know if these different groups and interests are represented.

When we have on the committee a general cross-section of influential men and women in a community the evacuee feels much safer to return. I am sure you will understand this and send me such information

COPY

-2-

Miss Mary P. Lewis

June 26, 1945

as you have regarding the personnel of your committee. Of course in many cases a nucleus is formed and then new names are added as new people are won over and willing to cooperate.

Is the name at the top of your paper "San Pedro Committee for Assistance to Returning Japanese Americans" the official name of your committee?

Enclosed is a list of literature available through this office.

With best wishes for success of your efforts on behalf of the returning evacuees.

Sincerely,

GDB
RMF

Mrs. Gracie D. Booth
Executive Secretary

June 26, 1945

Major General Wm. E. Shedd
United States Army, Commanding
Ninth Service Command
Fort Douglas, Utah

Dear General Shedd:

The Conference of Councils of Civic Unity originally scheduled for June 25, in Sacramento, will be held on Friday, July 6.

The same schedule and agenda will be followed, under the same outstanding leadership.

For your convenience, we are enclosing the schedule and agenda, with additions and corrections, including the name of the luncheon speaker, Mr. Frank A. Clavoe, editor of the San Francisco News.

We hope that Colonel Church will attend the Conference in the role of observer. We feel that he will find the sessions informative and helpful, and his presence will indicate an interest which will be encouraging to us all.

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman
Executive Secretary



ARMY SERVICE FORCES
OFFICE OF THE COMMANDING GENERAL, NINTH SERVICE COMMAND
FORT DOUGLAS, UTAH

27 June 1945

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman
Executive Secretary
Pacific Coast Committee on American
Principles and Fair Play
Room 203
465 California Street
San Francisco 4, California

Dear Mrs. Kingman:

General Shedd is temporarily away from this headquarters.
I am, therefore, replying to your letter of June 26th for him.

Colonel Gerald L. Church, G. S. C., of this headquarters,
will attend the conference as an observer at the meeting in
Sacramento on Friday, July 6th.

Sincerely yours,

ALFRED P. KITSON
Colonel, General Staff Corps
Acting Chief of Staff

June 26, 1945

Major General H. C. Pratt
United States Army, Commanding
Western Defense Command
Presidio of San Francisco
California

Dear General Pratt:

The Conference of Councils of Civic Unity originally scheduled for June 25, in Sacramento, will be held on Friday, July 6.

The same schedule and agenda will be followed, under the same outstanding leadership.

For your convenience, we are enclosing the schedule and agenda, with additions and corrections, including the name of the luncheon speaker, Mr. Frank A. Clarvoe, editor of the San Francisco News.

We hope that Colonel Watson will attend the Conference in the role of observer. We feel that he will find the sessions informative and helpful, and his presence will indicate an interest which will be encouraging to us all.

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman
Executive Secretary

June 26, 1945

Mr. G. D. Goodwin
428 3rd St.
Watsonville, California

Dear Mr. Goodwin:

The Conference of Councils of Civic Unity originally scheduled for June 25, in Sacramento, will be held on Friday, July 6.

The same schedule and agenda will be followed, under the same outstanding leadership.

For your convenience, we are enclosing the schedule and agenda, with additions and corrections, including the name of the luncheon speaker, Mr. Frank A. Claryoe, editor of the San Francisco News.

Please return the reply card as soon as possible.

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman
Executive Secretary

reply
6/29/45
GAVIN McNAB, SCHMULOWITZ, AIKINS, WYMAN & SOMMER
ATTORNEYS AND COUNSELLORS AT LAW
12TH FLOOR, 625 MARKET STREET, SAN FRANCISCO, 5

GAVIN McNAB (1891-1927)
NAT SCHMULOWITZ BRONTE M. AIKINS
OLIVER B. WYMAN PETER S. SOMMER
WALTER S. ROUNTREE

TELEPHONE DOUGLAS 0520
CABLE ADDRESS "McSWAB"
BENTLEY'S CODE

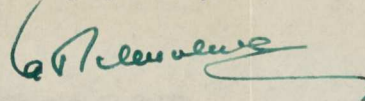
June 26, 1945

Committee on American Principles
And Fair Play
Telegraph Avenue
Berkeley 4, California

Gentlemen:

For your information I am enclosing herewith
an article which appeared in a recent issue of the San
Francisco News setting forth a statement by the co-
chairman of the San Francisco Round Table of the Nat-
ional Conference of Christians and Jews.

Very truly yours,



NAT SCHMULOWITZ

NS-0
Enclosure

June 29, 1945

Mr. Nat Schmulowitz
12th Floor, 625 Market Street
San Francisco 5, California

Dear Mr. Schmulowitz:

Thank you very much for sending us the article from the San Francisco News setting forth a statement by the co-chairman of the San Francisco Round Table of the National Conference of Christians and Jews.

Such public expressions of opinion are extremely valuable.

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman
Executive Secretary

RWK:ech

Council of Churches and Christian Education

United in Work and Service in:

Sunday School Work
Vacation Church Schools
Weekday Church Schools
Christian Youth Work
Marriage and the Home
Social Welfare
Civic and Economic Welfare
Race Relations

*The Official Agency of 17 Denominations for Inter-Church Work
in Washington and Northern Idaho*

GERTRUDE L. APEL, General Secretary

Telephone MAin 6461

312 OLD TIMES BUILDING, SEATTLE, 1, WASHINGTON

United in Work and Service in:

Ministerial Fellowship
Home Missions
Easter Services
Leadership Training
International Justice and Goodwill
Women's Work
Evangelism

June 26, 1945

Mrs. Ruth Kingman, Executive Secy.
Pacific Coast Committee on American
Principles and Fair Play
Room 215
2287 Telegraph Avenue
Berkeley 4, California

Dear Ruth:

I should have sent you the following notes awhile ago, but better late than never.

Gracia Booth and Gillette, in my opinion, are doing an excellent job. Gillette has spoken before many of the Service clubs, community co-ordinating committees and churches about the evacuees and has done a great deal to develop understanding of the problem. Gracia, beside her speaking engagements, conducts a voluminous correspondence with people in the area, keeps interested individuals informed with the most recent information, and has helped Mr. Crotty to get a feeling that the Los Angeles Committee is really accomplishing something.

Besides meeting with groups of clergymen at Santa Ana and Kingsburg, I called upon a number of business men and community leaders in Los Angeles County, Santa Ana and Fresno.

Most of the business men I've talked with in Southern California are about fifty years behind the times socially. They are only interested in business and empire building; they have no concern for human rights; they believe that the right to build and grow and to exploit labor in the process is a sacred right that must not be interfered with. They are ruthless and selfish in their business affairs. The community and business are all one in their eyes. They believe that Southern California has grown and prospered because they have maintained an open shop in industry. For years labor was safe, the in-migration was largely middle-westerners with enough capital to purchase a home, who thus had a stake in the community and couldn't leave; they were safe. These people worked for sub-standard wages, so that they might enjoy the Southern California climate. The war boom has changed the picture; industry has had to bid for labor and wages have zoomed upward. Nearly two million new people have come to the West Coast to work in defense industries. Many of the new in-migrants were union members and most of the larger industries have been organized by the unions. Industry regards this new in-migration as dangerous; they want these newcomers to leave when the war is over, but I'm afraid they won't. They, too, like the climate. I have a feeling that when the war with Japan is finished, another war will begin at home (Southern California) between labor and industry.

June 26, 1945

Management is not vitally interested in better race relations or a lessening of racial tensions. There is some evidence that in the plants where Negroes are acceptable to the unions, management doesn't hire Negroes, and in other plants where unions discriminate against Negroes, management lets the Negroes know that it would like to hire them but the unions won't permit them. I have the impression that management believes that hungry, discontented Negroes and Mexicans would be useful as strike-breakers.

Almost every businessman I have spoken with has in some way or other expressed an antipathy to the Jews. At no time did I, in my remarks, include Jews with the minority peoples, but the gentile or so-called Christian business men always mentioned them, which to me is significant of a developing strong anti-Semitism.

Along with the Roosevelts, the Churches are blamed for the aggressiveness of the minority peoples and the labor unions. One man who said he had been a Presbyterian told me that he "almost puked" when he read some statements made about racial and minority rights issued by the General Assembly. Another criticized the Churches' support of the rights of labor to organize and particularly mentioned the opposition of the Southern California Council of Churches to a bill before the electorate last fall, which would make closed shop contracts illegal. He neglected to mention that this bill was also opposed by the Roman Catholic Church, the California State Chamber of Commerce and also the Governor. This man described himself as a champion of the right of a man to a job. I expressed my interest, and then learned that one of his many activities was the presidency of an employers' group which was promoting the legislation I mentioned. He didn't, of course, say that he was interested in the right of the employers to exploit workers, but I gathered that is what he really was concerned about. Business interests are fighting hard to prevent F.E.P.C. legislation and so far they haven't done badly.

Many people will support a principle intellectually but will do nothing to apply that principle in their own back yard. I find this as true of the clergy as it is with the business men. For instance, at Gardena, a Presbyterian clergyman and a Y.M.C.A. Secretary have tried to rally support for the returning evacuees. Neither of these men are wild-eyed radicals or crusaders. The other clergy, it seems, are too concerned with other matters to join with them and I understand the "Y" Secretary will probably lose his job. At Santa Ana, a Japanese family which returned to the white Church it had been identified with prior to evacuation caused the pastor to endeavor to create a better community attitude toward the returning evacuees. He spoke to his fellow pastors about the matter and the response was "that's your problem".

I have come to the conclusion that we had better go ahead with the people of good-will, help them to organize and give them what support we can and not waste too much time in selecting and seeking "key leaders" amongst the business men right now. Finding courageous, Christian and democratic leadership on the issues of racial tensions requires education, time, and patience, and right now we have a job to do. We may be fortunate and pick up a couple of mavericks on the way.

June 26, 1945

A situation which almost breaks my heart is that of a teacher in a small desert town who took a stand for decency but is now without a job. She had some small Japanese children in her class. At recess the kids would run across the street to a candy store to spend their pennies. The proprietor refused to sell to these Nisei youngsters. Learning this the teacher forbade the children to cross the street during recess. The store-keeper inquired why the children were no longer permitted to visit the store, and the teacher explained that all the children were Americans and must be treated alike, etc. The store-keeper agreed to sell to the Nisei, but the story got around town with the result that she has not been reappointed for the fall term. The economic and social penalties for being decent Americans and Christians are too great for many of us. Unless we can create an atmosphere where right action and attitudes are normal and acceptable, I'm afraid of what will happen to us. We will either become timid, callous, or overly aggressive, and most of us will follow what we believe the safe course of action. Seems to me that I smell Fascism in the air.

At Fresno I learned that some of our good friends, Y.W.C.A., Fair Play Committee, and College faculty members, unwisely spoke publicly about pressuring the Mayor on the eve of election, to hurry up and appoint his Committee on Unity. I believe I have him straightened out and he assured me that he was going ahead. I suggested a new chairman when I learned that the one he had originally selected got scared off by the irresponsible actions of some of his faculty associates.

At Seattle the larger growers and Dave Beck, head of the A.F. of L. Teamsters' Union, have established a very effective boycott of the Japanese. All business is dependent upon deliveries; food stores, hotels, dry cleaners, etc.; all produce has to be trucked to the markets. However, in spite of the difficulties the people are re-establishing themselves. The Seattle Council of Churches, under Gertrude Apel's leadership, is sponsoring a hostel. She and her staff have been spending their evenings cleaning up the building and getting it ready. I can't say too much about her; I have a tremendous respect for her ability and leadership and she has plenty of courage. George Greenwood and the Mayor's Committee on Civic Unity are on the job. The Mayor is cooperative and the sheriff of King County is outspoken in stating his position that as far as he is concerned law and order shall be maintained.

I have spent some time making calls in the White River and Puyallup valleys. I called upon Ben Smith and Bill Leber of the Pearl Harbor League at Kent. I think Smith would like to get out. Leber is a thoroughgoing Nazi. The decent people are disgusted with the League and no longer are much interested. I believe we can get a group together whenever it seems wise to form a Committee on Unity and Democracy on an area basis.

I met with the Executive Committee of a city-wide organization of church and social agencies in Tacoma that has recently been formed to deal with racial problems. I will be spending several days there, going over tomorrow to stay until Friday. It seems the Chief of Police needs a little education and I've been elected to work on him.

Mrs. Ruth Kingman - page 4

June 26, 1945

I'll fill in the details when I see you. Hope your Sacramento Conference goes over as well as the one in San Francisco.

Best regards,

George E. Rundquist

George E. Rundquist

ger:ki

Dictated but not signed

af
STANLEY PEDDER
KENNETH FERGUSON
ROBERT J. PEDDER

LAW OFFICES OF
STANLEY PEDDER AND KENNETH FERGUSON
405 MONTGOMERY STREET
SAN FRANCISCO 4

TELEPHONE
DOUGLAS 1195

June 27, 1945.

Pacific Coast Committee on American
Principles and Fair Play,
2287 Telegraph Ave. Room 215,
Berkeley, 5, California.

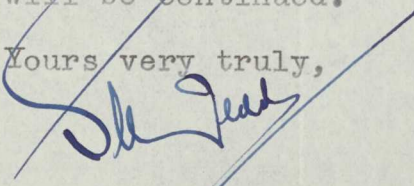
ATTENTION OF MRS. RUTH W. KINGMAN

Dear Mrs. Kingman:

Mrs. Pedder and I have discussed your mimeographed circular and the postal card enclosed therewith. None of the four choices indicated on the card quite meet our view of the situation.

We don't think that the organization should be continued indefinitely, and just become another of the innumerable organizations that clutter up the mail and accomplish nothing, nor do we think that the scope of the organization should be widened, as it was created for a specific purpose, and there are too many other organizations pecking at all kinds of problems which they have not the facilities to properly understand or handle.

Our inclination would be to vote for alternative No. 4, but we do not think that this is quite timely. The extremely emergent nature of the need may have passed, but we do not think that the job is quite finished yet, and our inclination would be to suggest an endeavor to continue it on its present basis for another year, or probably two years, by which time the great majority of the evacuees will have been returned to their homes, if they wish to return, and the problems involved thereby will have been almost entirely disposed of. If this should be the decision of the Advisory Committee our small support will be continued.

Yours very truly,


SP.c

Stanley Pedder.

407 E. Pine
Santa Ana, California
June 27, 1945.

Dear Mrs. Kingman,

In the light of John Lechner's "The Showdown" in the June issue of the "Grizzly Bear," I think the committee should be continued as it is until after the camps are closed. There may be duplication of effort - but we can not have too many sources of good-will. To change the set-up is merely playing into his hands, in my opinion.

Am glad to hear there are 30 Councils of Civic Unity groups - but the committee has an influence in sections where no such groups are organized. I just sent another notice to the Register (have had 5 in lately) and wrote it as a member of the committee. I have always felt that the power of the names of the Executive Board has had a good affect upon the nation, as a whole.

I approve of including other minorities - but not till the camps have closed - and for some time afterwards - until the Nisei who can't come back have had the chance of our support. I am sure they would feel rather dismayed to have any organization especially interested in their welfare, feel it is the time - just now - to retreat.

Have been using my money for postage and individual help - but will contribute more to you. Enclosed is \$5.00
E. W. Dugham

ADVISORY BOARD

Honorary Chairman
ROBERT GORDON SPROUL

Chairman
MAURICE E. HARRISON

JAMES C. BAKER
MRS. NINA BANCROFT
DAVID P. BARROWS
FRANK S. BAYLEY
BENJAMIN W. BLACK
HAROLD A. BLACK
ALLEN C. BLAISDELL
MOST REV. JOHN J. CANTWELL, D.D.
PHILIP M. CONNELLY
JOE CRAIL, JR.
HOMER D. CROTTY
BARTLEY C. CRUM
HENRY DUQUE
MRS. JOSEPHINE DUVEINECK
HENRY ELLIOTT, JR.
E. C. FARNHAM
RALPH T. FISHER
SANDFORD FLEMING
HENRY F. GRADY
CHESTER E. GREEN
GERALD H. HAGAR
SAMUEL M. HASKINS
MRS. RUBY HEIDE
GEORGE C. HJELTE
J. HUGH JACKSON
WILL C. JAMES
GEORGE G. KIDWELL
TULLY C. KNOLES
ROBERT A. LEET
VERE V. LOPER
ALFRED J. LUNDBERG
EDGAR F. MAGNIN
PHILIP N. MCCOMBS
P. G. McDONNELL
MRS. ALFRED McLAUGHLIN
E. B. McNAUGHTON
MRS. ROBERT McWILLIAMS
BEN R. MEYER
ROBERT A. MILLIKAN
WILLIAM B. MUNRO
JOSEPH A. MURPHY
RICHARD M. NEUSTADT
JAMES R. PAGE
EDWARD L. PARSONS
AURELIA H. REINHARDT
CHESTER H. ROWELL
A. B. RUDDOCK
JOHN HENRY RUSSELL
MENDEL B. SILBERBERG
JESSE STEINER
W. BERTRAND STEVENS
JOSEPH S. THOMPSON
DONALD H. TIPPETT
MRS. MAYNARD TOLL
AUGUST VOLLMER
RUFUS B. VONKLEINSMID
IRVING M. WALKER
WALTER WANGER
MISS ANNIE CLO WATSON
EDWARD J. WHELAN
H. F. WHITTLE
RAY LYMAN WILBUR
C. C. YOUNG

PACIFIC COAST

Committee on American Principles and Fair Play (INCORPORATED)

Headquarters: Room 203, 465 California Street, San Francisco 4

June 28, 1945

Copy

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Chairman
ARTHUR CUSHMAN McGIFFERT, JR.

Vice-Chairmen
IRVING F. REICHERT
PAUL S. TAYLOR

Treasurer
HARRY S. SCOTT

Assistant Treasurer
GALEN M. FISHER

MRS. WALLACE ALEXANDER
MISS LEILA ANDERSON
MONROE E. DEUTSCH
FRANK S. GAINES
RICHARD R. PERKINS
GEORGE WILSON

Executive Secretary
MRS. RUTH W. KINGMAN
Office: 2287 Telegraph Ave.,
Room 215
Berkeley 4
Telephone: ASHberry 6214

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

Dear Mr. Wilson:

Enclosed you will find a copy of a
memo sent to all of our 1945 paid members.

I am sending this to you so that you
will be familiar with some of the proposals
which have been made as to the future
program of the Committee.

We would greatly appreciate an expression
of your opinion as to which of the four
proposals you consider preferable.

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman
Executive Secretary

RWK:ech

June 28, 1945

Mr. Paul Robertson
War Relocation Authority
1031 South Broadway
Los Angeles, California

Dear Mr. Robertson:

Mrs. Kingman felt that you would be interested to know that the United Furniture Workers of America, Local 576, C.I.O. 5851 South Avalon Blvd., have contributed to the work of the Fair Play Committee.

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA COUNCIL OF CHURCHES

AND WESTERN NEVADA

~~DEPT. OF MINISTRY~~
~~SERVICE PERSONNEL~~
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S OFFICE

Y.M.C.A. MEZZANINE FLOOR
220 GOLDEN GATE AVENUE
PHONE ORWAY 0843
SAN FRANCISCO 2

June 28, 1945

Dear Mrs. Kingman:

The enclosed statement is the result of the initiative that was started in the May meeting that you attended. This will be presented to the Board of Directors at their next meeting which is July 6 - 12:30 at the Hotel California, San Francisco.

We are urging all members of the Commission to attend this meeting.

Yours truly,

Bob Brownson

June 28, 1945

TO: The Board of Directors of the Council of Churches of
Northern California and Western Nevada.

FROM: The Commission on Race Relations.

Your Commission on Race Relations, in its meeting on Wednesday, June 27th, approved a statement of Policies and Procedures which it now transmits to the Board of Directors in the hope that the Board will approve the statement and authorize the Commission and its several officers to undertake the program.

THE COMMISSION ON RACE RELATIONS OF THE COUNCIL OF CHURCHES OF
NORTHERN CALIFORNIA AND WESTERN NEVADA

STATEMENT OF POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

1. The Commitment: "Against racial pride or race antagonism the Church must set its face implacably as rebellion against God. Especially, in its own life and worship there can be no place for barriers because of race or colour...The deification of nation, race, or class, or of political or cultural ideas, is idolatry, and can lead only to increasing division and disaster. On every side we see men seeking for a life of fellowship in which they experience their dependence on one another. But because community is sought on a wrong basis, the intensity of the search for it issues in conflict and disintegration. In such a world the Church is called to be in its own life that fellowship which binds men together in their common dependence on God and overleaps all barriers of social status, race, or nationality." --The Message to the Churches from the Conference on Church, Community, and State, held at Oxford, England in 1937.

2. The General Objective: "It is a first responsibility of the Church to demonstrate within its own fellowship the reality of community as God intends it. It is commissioned to call all men into the Church, into a divine society that transcends all national and racial limitations and divisions. In the services of worship, in its more informal fellowship, in its organization, and in the hospitality of the Christian home, there can be no place for exclusion or segregation because of race or colour... To allow the Church's lines of action to be determined by racial discrimination denies the Gospel whose proclamation is its task and commission...The sin of man asserts itself in racial pride, racial hatreds and persecutions, and in the exploitation of other races. Against this sin in all its forms the Church is called by God to set its face implacably and to utter its word unequivocally, both within and without its borders." --From the same Message.

3. Specific Objectives: This Commission, accepting the foregoing statements of commitment and general objective, proposes to address itself to the Churches of Northern California and Western Nevada and also to speak to the social order in which these Churches labor. We believe it to be the task of the

Churches to help each other to exemplify an inclusive spirit which affords equal and unsegregated opportunity to all, and also to help men and women to see and to discharge their responsibilities as home makers, employers and employees, citizens, public officials, legislators, judges, and law enforcement officials to raise the level of life to transcend all barriers of race. To that end, we select certain specific objectives:

- a. To cultivate, in all communities throughout the area of this Council of Churches, a cordial attitude toward the returning evacuees of Japanese ancestry; and
- b. Actively to discourage, through the Churches and through direct approach to responsible parties, all acts or attitudes calculated to resist the return of the evacuees to the area;
- c. To promote the integration of returning evacuees, both people and ministry, in the existing Churches of the area, and to discourage the reestablishing of segregated Churches for persons of Japanese ancestry;
- d. To uphold the purpose of the Church looking toward integration, while recognizing that a temporary exception may be made in the case of persons who do not readily understand English, in maintaining for a time denominational or interdenominational Japanese language services;
- e. To endeavor, paralleling the preceeding objectives, to achieve the integration of all other racial groups of the area, fitting the emphasis to the particular conditions of the several communities, to the end that Christian people become unconscious of racial distinctions;
- f. And, therefore, to encourage all interracial efforts to build bridges across racial lines in active fellowship, worship, service, and economic and social life;
- g. To give active support to legislation designed to minimize or to eliminate the operation of race prejudice in social and economic areas;
- h. To foster such community sentiment as will be opposed to segregation and discrimination in housing, employment, and education;
- i. To secure the active participation of persons and Churches from all racial groups in the work of the Council of Churches of Northern California and Western Nevada;
- j. To support juridical and legislative protection of the civil rights of all peoples;

k. To cultivate continuously and systematically in the Christian constituency an inclusive attitude of brotherhood which not only rejects hatred and prejudice but which also replaces paternalism with an affirmative affection which embraces all.

4. Procedures: We submit these proposals to the Board of Directors of the Northern California and Western Nevada Council of Churches, in the hope that the Board will approve the statement and authorize this Commission and its several officers to undertake to promote the program herein suggested, through all available channels of work, especially the following:

- a. Messages to ministers of the area;
- b. Representations to public officials;
- c. Activities of a Field Representative;
- d. Occasional conferences and clinics on race;
- e. Public statements through the press;
- f. Such other procedures as may from time to time appear advisable.

(Signed) BUELL G. GALLAGHER
Chrm. of the Commission

(Signed) Robert Brownscombe
Secy. of the Commission.

June 29, 1945

Mr. Frank A. Clarvoe, Editor
The News
812 Mission Street
San Francisco, California

Dear Frank Clarvoe:

We are delighted that you will be
with us in Sacramento on Friday, July 6.

Enclosed you will find the schedule
and agenda for the day. You will see that
we have not loaded you down with a subject.
You will probably be able to settle upon
one after reading the agenda.

We hope that you will say something about
the desirability of a widespread development
of a sense of citizen responsibility for an
intelligent approach to our minority problems.

As I am planning on having something ready
for the press, release date July 6, I'm asking
our various chairmen to give me a "newsworthy
quote" to have ready.

I hope that you can find time to give me
a subject and a "quotable paragraph" by Tuesday.

We really do appreciate your interest.

Cordially yours,

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman
Executive Secretary

RWK:och

COLLEGE OF THE PACIFIC

STOCKTON, CALIFORNIA

DEPARTMENT OF ATHLETICS

127 West Euclid Avenue
Stockton, California
June 29, 1945

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman, Executive Secretary
Pacific Coast
Committee on American Principles
and Fair Play
Room 203, 465 California Street
San Francisco 4, California

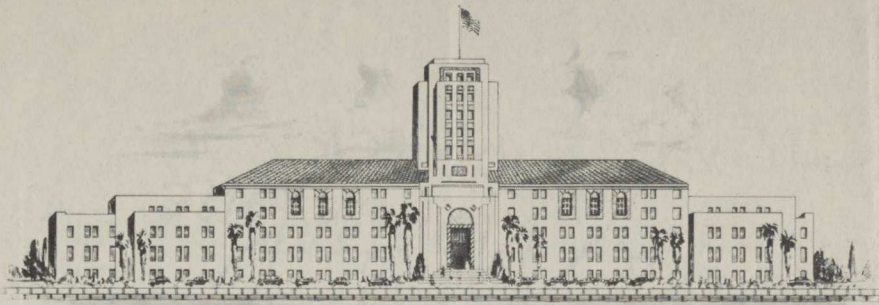
Dear Mrs. Kingman:

From a personal standpoint, I am sorry the Conference of Councils of Civic Unity had to be postponed. This is vacation week at the College of the Pacific. Next week and thereafter, it will not be possible for me to be a delegate.

Unfortunately, the leaders of our group, Prof. Trueblood and Miss Elizabeth Humbarger, have taken positions in other states for the summer.

Sincerely,

Amos Alonzo Stagg



OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
HARLEY E. KNOX
MAYOR

THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO

SAN DIEGO 1, CALIFORNIA

June 30, 1945

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman
Executive Secretary
Committee on American Principles
and Fair Play
2287 Telegraph Avenue, Room 215
Berkeley 4, California

Dear Mrs. Kingman:

This is to thank you for your invitation to representatives of our San Diego Committee For Civic Unity to attend the Conference of Councils of Civic Unity in Sacramento on Friday, July 6, and which had been postponed from June 25. We find that it will not be possible for any representatives of our Committee to be present at this conference, because of the short notice, transportation difficulties and busy schedules.

Mayor Knox, Mr. Elwood T. Bailey, Chairman, and the members of the Committee For Civic Unity are most interested in this conference and are sincerely regretful that they will be unable to have a representative present, but would appreciate a copy of the minutes of the meeting, if possible.

Because of the difficulty in obtaining transportation from our City to the northern part of the State, it would be sincerely appreciated if we might have notices of all proposed conferences as far in advance as possible.

Mayor Knox and the members of the Committee send best wishes for a successful Conference.

Very sincerely yours,

Helen B. Peters

Secretary to Mayor

reply
7/1/45

BRETHREN MINISTRY TO RESETTLERS

3435 W. Van Buren St.
CHICAGO 24, ILL.

June 30, 1945

Pacific Coast Committee On American Principles
and Fair Play
2287 Telegraph Avenue
Berkeley, 4, California

Gentlemen:-

We have a request for literature concerning the
Evacuee problem and having seen many reprints issued through
your office.

Would you be so kind as to send 20 copies each
of any pamphlets to

Wesley De Courcey
Religious Life Secretary
C/o C. P. S. Camp #56
Waldport, Oregon.

I am sure that you will find them very much inter-
ested in the inter racial aspect of our problems. You
might correspond with them and advise them on a program
of public education in western Oregon.

Yours very truly,

S. Togasaki

P. S. Please ^{me}rember me to Dr. Galen Fisher.