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May 12, 1944

Dr. Curtis E. Warren
Superintendent of Schools
Civic Auditorium
San Francisco, Calif.

Dear Dr. Warren:

When my good friend George Outland was in San Francisco a few months ago, he told me that when the time came that I had something to talk over with you, that I should tell you that I am going to you at his suggestion, and that he hopes that you will consider this a proper form of introduction. I like George. He's a good man.

During the past week, I have had my attention called to a program sent out over the air from one of the San Francisco schools, which dealt with the general problems arising from the presence in the United States of persons of Japanese ancestry.

I am much interested in hearing a rebroadcast of the program, and feel that you will also wish to hear it.

Will it be possible for you to see me for a few minutes on Tuesday afternoon or any time on Wednesday of next week? I shall greatly appreciate it if you can, for I feel that you will be personally interested in making inquiry into any possible lack of "academic objectivity" evidenced in programs prepared in your schools.

I shall call your office on Monday morning to see if an appointment can be arranged.

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman

c.c. to George Outland

RWK:mj

May 12, 1944

Congressman George Outland
Washington, D.C.

Dear George:

It has been forever since I wrote to "catch you up" on the Western Front.

First of all, let me say that I have been in touch, by remote control, with some of your constituents in Santa Maria, who seem to have slipped off the beam somewhere in their understanding of some of your policies. I'm sure that the situation is now well in hand. I certainly hope so, for it would be too ironical that the people who are definitely on your side of the fence should, through ignorance, fail to recognize your position.

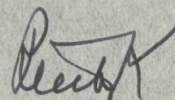
At that, I might suggest that you mend your "evangelical" fences a bit, as soon as possible. Maybe they've got something there, I wouldn't know.

Day before yesterday Mrs. Valleley phoned from San Francisco and reported excellent reactions to her current appearances before Womens' Clubs. I asked her to report it all, fully, to Secretary Ickes, as soon as possible.

I'm going over to see your friend M. Warren of the S.F. School department next week, as a couple of "unobjective" broadcasts and programs have been emanating from the S.F. School setup. I'm going to refer to you as a reference as to my general sanity-- hope you don't mind.

Let me know what goes on---Good luck, and enough of it!

Cordially yours,



GEORGE E. OUTLAND
11TH DISTRICT
CALIFORNIA

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Congress of the United States
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Washington, D. C.

May 15, 1944

AIR MAIL

CONFIDENTIAL

Mrs. Ruth Kingman
2234 Telegraph Avenue
Berkeley, California

Dear Ruth:

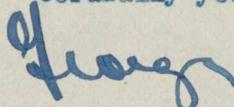
It was good to hear from you again after such a long silence. I shall file among my personal recommendations your statement of confidence in me to Curtis Warren. *Any more!!*

The Santa Maria business is quite complicated and shall save talking about it until I see you this summer, when I hope to be in California, and I hope you are too.

Good luck to you with Mr. Warren, and let me know if I can be of any further assistance there.

It is Monday morning, and I shall have to cut this shorter than I would like. The very best of good wishes to you and don't wait so long to write next time.

Cordially yours,



George E. Outland

GEO/c

P.S.

Did you ever get any definite report on the matter you were going to phone Salt Lake City about.

UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY

WASHINGTON

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

MAY 12 1944

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

Dear Mrs. Kingman:

I am attaching hereto copies of a letter from Mr. A. D. Nance, of Rialto, California, recently sent to Edward J. Ennis, and of a letter which I have just written to Mr. Nance. The letters are, I believe, self explanatory.

It occurs to me that you may wish to get in touch with Mr. Nance and that he may be willing to assist in the work of your Committee.

Sincerely,

D. S. Myer
Director

Encl.



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May 12, 1944

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

Dear Miss Jefferds:

We are enclosing a check for \$1.50 for the 75 copies of "The Truth About Jap Camps" which you sent to us the end of March. Also we would like to have another 100 copies of "American Fighting Men Speak Out". When I was in San Francisco, Mr. Fisher was just working on the final draft of "Significant Facts" which were to be sent out with a letter to people urging them to write to Secretary Stimson and others. I would be glad to have several copies of that letter and at least 50, better a 100, copies of the "Facts".

Also, several times in talking with Mr. Fisher and Mrs. Kingman, letters to Governor Warren and his answers have been mentioned. I cannot think of the name of the man who wrote the letters, but I know that Mr. Fisher collaborated with the hope that the correspondence could be published. I know that now ~~that~~ these letters could not be published; whether it would be permissible for me to have copies of the correspondence, I do not know. If there had been time when I was in San Francisco, I would have come to your office to see the letters and have gotten copies if that were all right. I am interested in them because I would like to see the way various arguments were presented.

We have your letter of May 3rd ordering 100 copies of "The Races of Mankind". Some two weeks ago, we placed an order for 1,500 copies and just the other day we wrote an inquiry about this order when it would be shipped. As soon as we get that new supply, we shall send the copies to you.

I am sorry for the delay.

Sincerely yours,

Clarence Gillett.

Clarence S. Gillett
Executive Secretary

CSG/KO

May 19, 1944

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

Dear Mr. Gillett:

I am writing for Mrs. Kingman, in regard to your question about using some correspondence with Governor Warren, in your letter of May 12th.

Mrs. Kingman wanted to let you know that the letters cannot be taken, or distributed out of our office here expn for private use. However, the next time you are on the West Coast, if you could come into 2234 Telegraph Ave., Berkeley, -- we would be very glad to make them available to you to read here.

I am sorry we cannot send them along.

Sincerely yours,

Office secretary

mj

May 15, 1944

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

Dear Mr. Gillett:

We do not have copies on hand at present, of "Beyond the Horizon" to fill your order of May 9. However, as soon as they are available, we shall send you 100.

No extra copies of the photographs are available but, we shall be glad to loan you the original cuts, after we break the reprint down, if you could still use them. Let us know.

The pamphlet should be from the printers within a week.

Sincerely yours,

Office secretary

mj

May 16, 1944

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

Dear Mr. Gillett:

The cost of the 100 copies of "American Fighting Men Speak Out" sent to you today is six dollars. Please make the check out to the Fair Play Committee.

Thank you very much.

Sincerely yours,

Office Secretary

mj

p.s. I am also enclosing one dollar for some copies of the letter to Miss Fisher from Kaltenborn.

Ref 5/26/44



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5/12/44

DEAR MRS. KINGMAN:

THANKS HONESTLY FOR YOUR
NOTE - EFFORT.

ENCLOSED IS NOTE FROM
CALEB FOOTE. HE MAY SEE YOU

TO SEE THE BOOKLET. PLEASE
TO I'VE TOLD HIM HE'S WELCOME TO.
DO NOT LET HIM HAVE

IT. F.O.R. DEFINITELY CANNOT

PUBLISH IT OFFICIALLY - IT

WOULD ONLY CREATE ANOTHER

UNNECESSARY PUBLIC REACTION

& BECAUSE OF UNDERSTANDING

WITH WRA. WHEN WE GOT

THE PICTURES IT CAN'T

POSSIBLE. IF THEY WANT
THE BOOKLET PUT OUT & WANT
TO HELP FINANCE IT
WITHOUT THEIR NAME
APPEARING ON IT OK. MAYBE.

IF HE DOESN'T
SHOW UP BY THE END
OF THE MONTH SEND
IT BACK TO ME PLEASE.
SEND IT BACK THEN
ANYWAY PLEASE.

WE TRUTHFULLY APPRECIATE
YOUR ATTEMPTS TO DO SOMETHING
WITH IT.

Chuck
P.J. Chuck Ferguson
General Delivery
Corona Del Mar, Calif

P.S. What was that man's name &
address in Pasadena - I've lost
your letter.

Box 763.

Vacaville
Calif.

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of my

Dear Dr. Talbott -

The Vacaville
Open Forum would
like to have the
list of ^{the} prominent,
civic minded
Californians whose
names appeared
some months ago as
defenders of the
citizenship rights of
Americans of Japanese
ancestry. We shall be
much obliged.

Sincerely - Faye Kilpatrick
(Miss)



THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS



International Center
Room 325
68 Post St
San Francisco 4
Cal.

SAN FRANCISCO
INTERNATIONAL CENTER
68 Post Street Room 325
San Francisco, California

May 12, 1944

*Jeff - everything
except membership*

Miss Faye Kilpatrick
Box 763
Vacaville, California

Dear Miss Kilpatrick:

Replying to your postcard mailed May 10, the International Center has no list such as you request, although many of our members are interested in this problem. I am forwarding your card to the Committee on American Principles and Fair Play, 2234 Telegraph Avenue, Berkeley. This organization has done a great deal of work in that field, and I am sure they will be able to give you full information.

Sincerely yours,

Office Secretary

Dear Mrs. Kingman:

Would you be so kind as to send this woman the material she requests. Many thanks!

Amy Edwards

May 15, 1944

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

Dear Mr. Kido:

We would be glad to order some copies of Sgt. Kuroki's speech, if a few minor changes could be made in the set up, but certainly do not want to interfere with your public relations, if you plan to continue publication of the pamphlet. In any case, we would like to order 500 copies of the pamphlet and if you continue publication, large orders could be referred to you -- with an additional order of 500 copies, if you plan to stop publication.

The changes mentioned above, are as follows:

1. Omission of cut on page 9.
2. Omission of the two lines in italics on page 16, inasmuch as this is a duplication of page 2.
3. Omission of the last paragraph on page 2, and substitution of: Additional copies may be ordered from Committee on American Principles and Fair Play, 2234 Telegraph Ave., Berkeley 4, Calif. Single copy \$.10, 12 copies \$1.00, 25 copies \$1.75, 100 copies \$6.00. Prepaid in all cases.

In your letter of April 28, you mentioned cents a copy, as the probable cost of reproduction. Please let us know, if there is any question about any part of the project.

Thank you very much for making the pamphlet available.

Very sincerely yours,

Office secretary

May 15, 1944

Sgt. Kuyaki Ikeda
Dibble General Hospital
Menlo Park, Calif.

Dear Sergeant Ikeda:

It was great fun to have you men at the house while you were in Berkeley. I am very glad that you could go to the Cal Canteen while you were here. The students present seem to have enjoyed having you there too, as is evidenced in the write-up in the Daily Californian I am sending you. I'm sending nine copies to divide between you three, in case you would like to send one or two home.

I hope to see you again before you "ship out" --
Meantime,

Aloha,

Very cordially yours,

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman

RWK:mj

May 15, 1944

Mr. Pat Frayne
Sheldon Building
461 Market St.
San Francisco, Calif.

Dear Mr. Frayne:

It may interest you to know that the three Nisei soldiers referred to here in the Daily Californian had a wonderful time in Berkeley, -- after an informal dinner at our house, with some of the outstanding student leaders on the campus, they went down the hill to call on Dr. Monroe Deutsch, and then were taken by the students to the Cal-Canteen, a U.C. student dance held every Saturday night.

During the course of the evening, they were all introduced over the loud speaker system, and Sgt. Ikeda spoke for all three. They were most cordially received by the several hundred students attending the dance.

Very cordially yours,

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman

RWK:mj

May 15, 1944

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

Dear Mr. Myer:

It may interest you to know that the three Nisei soldiers referred to here in the Daily Californian had a wonderful time in Berkeley, -- after an informal dinner at our house, with some of the outstanding student leaders on the campus, they went down the hill to call on Dr. Monroe Deutsch, and then were taken by the students to the Cal-Canteen, a U.C. student dance held every Saturday night.

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Very cordially yours,

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman

RWK:mj

May 15, 1944

Mrs. Afton Dill Nance
329 1/2 Mo. Magnolia
Rialto, California

Dear Afton:

The letters people are writing, offering to reemploy or give jobs to loyal JAs, if, as, and when the War Department decides to permit them to return to the West Coast, seem to be piling up in Washington. Someone must be working on it. I received a semi-official report from there-- don't quote-- this morning, that they (the letters) are now 5 to 1, pro instead of the former huge majority in the other direction.

I am having lunch, tomorrow, with Mr. Lawrence Norrie, (715 South Hope Street, Los Angeles, Area Conference Sec'y, Y.M.C. A.-----) a swell, elegant guy who not only knows the score, but is ready to go to work on our program. I shall tell him about your friend Tomi, and will tell him that I am advising you to write to him, fully, as to Tomi and his plans. He will, I am sure, write to Williams College's President Coffman, and I know of no one who would do more good. I suggest that you write Norrie immediately. He'll get right at it.

We are still on the track of the Fortune reprints. If they are not available, soon, from Fortune, we shall reprint some. I'll let you know, as soon as I have the dope.

I wish that I could see you-- a lot of good things are happening which can only be hashed over, as yet. --I'm glad that you've a good job lined up for next year. You'd better come up and tell Eleanor and me about it, as we wield a chopstick, over Chow Mein and spring greens.

Cordially---

May 15, 1944

Mrs. Afton D. Nance
329 1/2 No. Magnolia
Rialto, Calif.

Dear Mrs. Nance:

I am sending, under separate cover 25 copies of Mr. Fisher's pamphlet, and 24 copies of "American Fighting Men Speak Out". The remainder of the \$5.00 check sent to cover your order, we are holding to cover 24 copies of Iori Wada's "Beyond The Horizon", which will be available very soon, and which we will mail as soon as they come from the printers.

If you would prefer another arrangement, please let me know.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary

mj

May 15, 1944

Mr. Walter L. Johnson
14 Wall Street
New York, New York

Dear Mr. Johnson:

We are glad that you feel that our leaflet "Beyond the Horizon" merits wide consideration. We have been particularly pleased that this story of Yori Wada's has brought a fine reaction throughout the entire country, as we feared, when we reprinted it from the University of California Alumni Monthly that it would have an appeal somewhat limited to the graduates and students of the University.

Your reaction confirms our growing conviction that the story carries weight throughout the country, as evidenced by a constantly growing list of orders from the Middle-west and East. We had not put into our budget any allowance for sending it to the Members of Congress, not because we felt that it did not merit it, but because our budget is limited.

As much of our work is made possible by such generous offers as yours I shall not hesitate to accept your suggestion that you pay the expense of sending "Beyond the Horizon" to members of Congress. This particular leaflet, as you know, is printed in such a way that it can be sent by the use of precancelled stamps. However, as we feel that our overworked Congressmen and Senators are more apt to give attention to material sent first class, we have made the practice of sending all of our material to them in that way. As there is considerable difference in the cost of the two methods of mailing, I feel that we should ask you which method you would like to have us use.

To send the pamphlet alone, with precancelled stamps, the cost would be \$45.36. To send them accompanied by a short covering letter (in which we would like very much to state that the leaflet was being sent at your request), by first class mail, would cost \$96.54.

We shall await your reply before going ahead with the mailing. I wish to express again, our deep appreciation of your interest, and of your generous offer.

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman

RWK:mj

6/2/44
LJ

14 WALL STREET
NEW YORK

May 19, 1944.

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

My dear Mrs. Kingman:

I have your letter of the 15th instant and
am enclosing check herewith for \$96.54 to the order of
Committee on American Principles and Fair Play.

There would be no possible advantage in using
my name in connection with sending the leaflets to the
members of Congress. Will you therefore omit it.

Sincerely yours,

Walter L. Johnson

WLJ ts
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5/22/44
Ruth

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

Dear Mrs. Kingman:

Will you kindly send us 100 copies of the pamphlet, "American Fighting Men Speak Out". We are enclosing a check for \$6.00 to cover the cost of the pamphlets. 5/22/44 Day

In your letter of April 21st to Mr. Charles Loomis, you spoke of calling on the three boys from the 100th Infantry Battalion at the Dibble General Hospital. We are interested because some weeks ago a Miss Willa Murray, a Caucasian nurse who had formerly been stationed in Hawaii, visited the boys at the hospital before she returned to the islands. She informed a few of our members confidentially that the three boys were living in a most unhealthy atmosphere for convalescing soldiers. They were confined in the same ward with disabled Caucasian soldiers from the South Pacific area. The three boys were undergoing a second hell, this time of taunts and curses--Damn Japs, Dirty Japs, Yellow Dogs--from the other inmates. The sergeant whose right arm was partially paralyzed at the time told Miss Murray with tears in his eyes that if his arm were not wounded.....

Miss Murray pleaded with the boys that their behavior would affect those AJA's who may come after them to the same hospital. She saw the superintendent of nurses in regard to the attitude of the white soldiers and was informed that the AJA's were nice quiet chaps who gave no trouble but much could not be done because after all they were Japs. Before Miss Murray left she asked that the three boys be transferred to another ward occupied by soldiers from the European theatre of war.

Major Frank O. Blake informs us that while he was on the mainland, he put in an order for a thousand

Mrs. Ruth Kingman

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May 15, 1944

copies of the April Fortune magazine article, "Issei, Nisei, and Kibei", through your Committee in case the publishers were issuing a reprint of the article. We now learn that the article is being reprinted locally and that we can draw on this supply. If you have already secured the 1000 copies for Major Blake, we shall be very happy to assume responsibility for them. However, if they have not been reprinted, we shall appreciate it greatly if you will please cancel Major Blake's request.

Very sincerely yours,

EMERGENCY SERVICE COMMITTEE

Masa Katagiri
Masa Katagiri

5/24/44
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SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH
Room 1109 299 Madison Ave.

NEW YORK 17, N. Y.

May 15, 1944

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman, Executive Secretary
The Pacific Coast Committee on American Principles
and Fair Play
2234 Telegraph Ave
Berkeley 4, California

Dear Mrs. Kingman:

On pages 106 and 118 of the current issue (May 1944) of Fortune Magazine in an article entitled, "Issei , Nisei, Kibei " there appears the following sentences.

'New groups like the Home Front Commandos of Sacramento have risen to cry: " They must stay out--or else". The Associated Farmers and the California Grange, the American Legion and the Sons and Daughters of the Golden West re-iterate the theme of or else. '

Fortune Magazine has called us up asking us if we could furnish any information as to the direct tie-up between the various farm groups with the Associated Farmers. They know that an interlocking directorate exist between numerous farm groups. Any information as to the connection of say Mr. Austin Vincent of the Salinas Growers, or the farm group of Imperial Valley would be appreciated. Further, if you have any data on the background on the Home Commandos of Sacramento they would appreciate in having that information.

It seems that some sort of protest has been made by the Associated Farmers on the quoted statements. The magazine Fortune would like to have more evidence than what it possess before making a reply.

We thank you for any assistance you can render us. With very best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

Peter S. Aoki
Peter S. Aoki

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COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

May 15, 1944

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

Dear Mrs. Kingman:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your note of April 27, together with a pamphlet on the present and future status of Americans of Japanese ancestry. Thank you very much for sending this to me.

Sincerely yours,

Hiram W. Johnson

/s/

5/27/44
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Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman,
Pacific Coast Committee on American
Principles & Fair Play,
Room 203, 465 California St.,
San Francisco, California.

Dear Ruth:

Thank you very much for sending me a copy of the pamphlet "American Fighting Men Speak Out." I am delighted to know that you were able to publish such a pamphlet and I sincerely hope that it may have wide distribution. Would you please send us 100 copies? I am sure that our Association can make good use of ~~them~~.

We find ourselves just as busy as ever if not busier, and with morale generally very good thanks to a lot of very interested and sane leading citizens. I think about the work of your committee a great deal and I sincerely hope that you are beginning to feel that real progress is being made.

Now that the family has arrived my morale is also on a much higher level.

Say "hello" to Harry for me and tell him that we are still counting on both of you arriving here in the Islands for a much deserved and much needed vacation.

Sincerely,

L. J. Meillette
Louis J. Meillette,
General Secretary.

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Via Clipper



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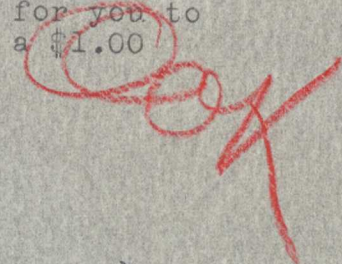
Dear Mrs. Kingman:

Thanks very much for sending me the recent pamphlet of letters published by the Pacific Coast Fair Play Committee.

I think the Emergency Service Committee is ordering quite a number of these, but it seems to me well for you to send us twelve of them, for which I am enclosing a \$1.00 money order.

Thanking you,

Most sincerely,


Wm. Morris Maier

Wm. Morris Maier
Executive Secretary.

WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY
CENTRAL UTAH PROJECT
TOPAZ, UTAH

IN REPLY, PLEASE REFER TO:

May 17, 1944

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

Dear Mrs. Kingman:

I sent a note to John Hall and to Mrs. Scott Bullitt saying that they might be receiving some literature from you; and also that you might contact them to talk over the program of your Committee.

They both know Frank Bayley, Professor Steiner and Mrs. Farquehson.

You mentioned the name of Bob Akamatsu. I find that Bob was reclassified as 1-A and he went up to Fort Douglas in April for his pre-induction physical examination which he passed. It is my understanding that he then entered an appeal to his local selective service board from his 1-A classification.

He is now working here in the Placement Office but as yet has not had word with respect to the appeal.

It was good to see you and I hope all goes well. Sgt. Ben Kuroki is coming here to the project this Friday and we expect that his visit will be helpful.

Sincerely yours,

Charles F. Ernst

Charles F. Ernst
Project Director



910 Mellen St
Martinez Calif 5-17-44

Pac-Coast Committee on American
Principles and Fair Play;

Gents: I am in receipt of your
literature in regard to the Japs.

I am not in favor of any form of per-
secution, for any one, if he is sure
he is not an alien enemy; either
foreign or domestic.

I realize that we have both classes
in more places, than one as it is.

As to the Tule Lake variety I think
they have been very liberally
dealt with, considering their con-
duct. They have been fed clothed
housed and paid when they worked.
They have refused to work even tho
they expect to eat.

I feel if they were turned loose on
the west coast now, it would be
a very foolish thing to do.

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover or the War department may be, able to tell a good Jap from a bad one but the general public cannot.

Therefore the safest place to keep them it seems to me is the concentration camps. Safer for them and for us: any minor incident might start a riot and "blood is thicker than water" No American could stand by in such a case without taking part in the melee. I am more interested at present in getting Democracy for America. I mean by this that we really haven't any now.

This statement may surprise some people, but it should not.

For instance take our election laws: they should have been

Outmoded before I was born,
 Since that time there have been
 16 elections for the Chief Ex—
 The public has never been consulted
 in the choice, we are handed
 a ballot with Mr. Dake or Mr.
 Sode both picked by conventions
 of men chosen for this purpose.
 When our party gets so corrupt
 it can no longer be tolerated
 we flip over and elect the other
 until the same thing ~~accurs~~ occurs
 again. To me this is childish.
 Our Public officers should be
 elected by the people & not by
 the press, the Radio, a political
 clique.
 We should do away with the elec-
 toral college.

As you know ⁴ some representatives
in D.C. are elected by 10 percent
of their constituents, but are al-
lowed a 100% privilege in
congress.

All forms of poll tax as a neces-
sary requirement are traitorous
to the constitution and bill of
rights.

Our State law here demanding
an enormous number of voters
sign a petition before they are
allowed to place a ticket is
no less so. It would be as
sensible to demand that a baby
should be able to repeat the
Lord's prayer, before allowing
him to walk.

As a democracy we are far afield
in denying any organized effort
a chance to express itself,

unless they are proven to be
treasonable.

I don't fear new names, populism
Socialism, Communism, Repub-
licanism, Democratism, New Deal-
ism all look a like, as long as
the people are free in fact.

Take the case of Porto Rico at the
present time: a victim of U.S.
Imperialism: its population in
practical starvation while the
Robber Barons of the sugar
industry, by consent of our great
democracy, strip them of their
product and imprison their
President in Atlanta Ga Fed.
Prison. Debs was another
case in point & served a term
under our Matchless Princetonian
vigard of democracy.

Cuba suffered the same fate of
 Porto Rico, Except a Mestiza
 Named Batista over threw the
 ruling class of Machado; whose
 public appraisal classed as
 a common law thief he rose
 he was elevated to the presidency
 by the Sugar Daddy's.

Yes gentlemen I'm interested in
 fair play for all who deserve it
 and work to get and maintain it.
 I wish more people were concerned
 with the subject of Democracy
 with a Capital D

Yours truly

John. P. Foster

files

May 18, 1944

Hon. Joseph Clark Grew
Department of State
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Grew:

This morning Mrs. Kingman, Executive Secretary of this Committee, read me over the phone your letter of May 2nd to Mr. Miller Freeman cogently denying his unfounded assumption that you had supported the doctrine of the divinity of the Japanese Emperor.

Mr. Freeman first wrote Mrs. Kingman about this and other matters on January 24th. On account of her absence from town, her reply was not sent until several weeks later, and in it, she consented to send copies of his letter to our Board and Executive Committee members. Since the point as to the Emperor lay quite outside the concerns of this Committee, I keenly regret that we did not at that time decline to circulate that section of his letter. I should, however, add that I doubt if any one who received a copy shared Mr. Freeman's strange assumption.

Now, however, copies of your letter of May 2nd to him are being sent to all those who received the copies of his letter. This is the least we can do to remove all questions on the matter, if any existed, from the minds of our members.

I may add that Mrs. Kingman's reply purposely ignored the point about the Emperor's divinity, since it was so irrelevant to the interests of this Committee.

We are all so deeply grateful for your able and valiant efforts, that we stand ready to do anything further that you may wish to clear away mis conceptions about this matter.

Sincerely yours

Galen M. Fisher

ADDRESS OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS TO
THE SECRETARY OF STATE
WASHINGTON, D. C.



DEPARTMENT OF STATE
WASHINGTON

May 23, 1944.

Dear Mr. Fisher:

Many thanks for your letter of May 18 which gives me much gratification. I understand that Mr. Miller Freeman, who is now in New York, will pass through Washington in the near future and I look forward at that time to discussing with him some of the points in his letter to Mrs. Kingman. I hope that a talk will serve to clear up some misunderstandings which have arisen owing to distorted press reports of some of my public speeches.

Sincerely yours,

Joseph C. Grew

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



May 18, 1944

Mr. Arlyn Hopkins
1375 South Oak Anell Ave.
Pasadena 5, Calif.

Dear Mr. Hopkins:

May I express our appreciation of your publishing, in the current issue of "Freedom", of the article "Injustice in California" by Miss Fricilla Beattie. Too often, here on the West Coast, we find publishers who are reluctant to present any approach to the difficult subject appearing in any consideration of the problems arising from the evacuation of our Americans of Japanese ancestry. It is encouraging to find an exception.

May I express again, our appreciation of your fair-mindedness.

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman

RWK:mj

May 18, 1944

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

Dear Mr. Myer:

Thank you for referring to us the name of Mr. A.D. Nance, of Rialto, California. It is always good to get new life in the ranks-- but I simply can't refrain from telling you that "Mr. Nance" is none other than my very good friend, Mrs. Afton Dill Nance, who has been one of our very best members since the beginning, and who organized a Chapter of our Committee out in the Bay Cities around Long Beach.

I have been given to understand by Mr. Rundquist that the ratio of Pro letters arriving in Washington is now about 5 to 1 in "our" favor, as opposed to the previous figures. We feel that this in no small degree is due to the fact that we have compiled, and have submitted for use, with a plan for such use throughout the state, the enclosed statement of facts (it seems that one --No. 5-- will now have to be modified a bit, with that case against the Nisei girls). The churches have used this sheet, along with a proposal, now sponsored by us.

We feel that it has been effective, and will be glad to know if you agree.

Very cordially yours,

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman

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UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY

WASHINGTON

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

MAY 23 1944

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

Dear Mrs. Kingman:

Thanks for your letter of May 18, and the information about Mrs. Nance. We, of course, do not know all the people you do and therefore believe it will be worth while to continue to send you all the names we think you should have, even though some may be active at the present time without our knowledge.

I am afraid George Rundquist's figures regarding the ratio of letters is a little bit high. Enclosed is a copy of a memorandum sent to Mr. Fortas a few days ago giving the total score up to that time with a breakdown by states. I think perhaps the score is even better now than it was then because additional letters have arrived since that tabulation was made. The ratio is more nearly two to one than five to one.

The two attachments to your letter interest me very much and I have three or four suggestions to make. On the sheet entitled "Soldier and Civilian Nisei and Government Policy Today and Tomorrow" I suggest the following revisions, in case you want to make a rerun:

In No. 1 I would omit "the" in referring to the 58 Nisei. More than that have been killed in battle in Italy and putting "the" before 58 implies that it is the total number.

You raised a question about No. 9. Instead of using the word "subversive", if you would say that no proven cases of espionage or sabotage have been recorded, your statement would still be all right. Of course, the three Nisei girls have not yet been convicted, having merely been indicted by the Grand Jury, but I think the change should be made.

In No. 7 you refer to the Leupp Center. Since the decision was made to reestablish Leupp we have had to change our minds again.



Of the group in the stockade about 35 aliens have been certified to go to internment camps and all the rest except about 20 will probably be released very soon. According to present plans the stockade will be moved so that it is not within sight of the colony, and may be liquidated entirely when the residents of the center have established a sound committee and peace and order have been fully restored. Good progress has been made in recent weeks in getting things back on the beam. The reference to Leupp should be eliminated from No. 7.

Number 12 is excellent and I suggest that you send a copy of the statement, making particular reference to No. 12, to Assistant Secretary McCloy and to Secretary Ickes, if you have not already done so.

Mr. Cozzens and Mr. Frayne have just spent eight days with us in Washington. They are thoroughly up-to-date on recent developments and will be in position to discuss details which they did not have previously. While the time schedule is a little out of line we are not discouraged. As a matter of fact we are quite optimistic regarding the prospects for the future.

Thanks again for your letter. Kindest personal regards.

Sincerely,

D. S. Meyer
Director

Enclosure

May 18, 1944

Miss Eleanor A. Murrell
30 Rockefeller Plaza
New York, N.Y.

Dear Miss Murrell:

Thank you very much for the copy of the new release "What About Our Japanese-Americans".

After consulting with a number of our Committee members, I am replying to your question as to the possibility of our using Mr. McWilliam's pamphlet.

We feel that at the present moment, while the leaflet contains much excellent material, it does not contribute to a fulfillment of our needs to such an extent that we can make wide use of it.

If, in the future the need should arise, we shall let you know.

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman

RWK:mj

May 18, 1944

Mr. Gale Seaman
1419 No. Rosemead Blvd.
San Gabriel, Calif.

Material sent on eleventh. Regret post office delay. Sending more today.

Ruth W. Kingman

G-2, APO 958, c/o Postmaster
San Francisco, California
18 May 1944

Mrs. Ruth Kingman
2234 Telegraph Avenue
Berkeley, California

Dear Mrs. Kingman:

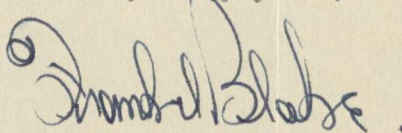
Many thanks for the pamphlet which I have read and passed on to Colonel Fielder. I believe the Emergency Service Committee is going to order some from you. I asked the Emergency Service Committee to send you a few copies of their brochure for your possible interest.

I find conditions generally improving here, in my estimation.

The Emergency Service Committee has received permission from "Fortune" to reprint the I.N.K. article so they will not need the ~~M~~I asked of you. However, we, of course, will take them if you wish.

Regards to you and Miss Jeffards. I and the Emergency Service Committee will be glad to help you at any time.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Frank O. Blake". The signature is stylized with a large, looping initial "F" and a trailing flourish.

FRANK O. BLAKE
Major, Infantry

Reply
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May 18, 1944

Miss Mary Jefferds
2234 Telegraph Avenue
Berkeley 4, California

Dear Miss Jefferds:

Thank you for your letter of May 15th. We shall be glad to have the copies of "Beyond the Horizon" when they are available.

Should I understand from your letter that as soon as this edition is printed, you are going to break up the forms? If you are, we shall be glad to have you send us the cuts and we shall see whether we can get anyone here in St. Louis to use the story and pictures. Indeed, it is possible that we might be able to get the story printed and cuts back to you before you will want them again. We have had a report from the Public Affairs Committee explaining why they delayed shipment and saying that they were sending our order of "The Races of Mankind" therefore, we should be able to ship your 100 copies within the next three or four days.

Sincerely yours,

Clarence Gillett

Clarence S. Gillett
Executive Secretary

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5/26/44
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May 18, 1944

Miss Ruth Kingman
2234 Telegraph Road
Berkeley 4, California

Dear Mrs. Kingman:

We are enclosing a clipping taken from the St. Louis Post Dispatch.

Probably you have already at hand, a copy of the release given by Mr. Harold L. Ickes when he was on the Coast. However, you may not have seen the story given out by Mrs. Harry D. Kneedler which was published here in the same issue. We have already forwarded two copies of this to the WRA suggesting that it might be included in their publicity releases.

This morning a very striking summary of the reports that missionaries gave of their treatment is given in "Fellowship of Christian Missionaries." This consists of 29 mimeographed sheets and gives the names and in most cases addresses of nearly all returned Japan Missionaries, brief reports of individuals still in Japan and brief accounts of the Christian Church and its work and also of the separate internment camps. Almost certainly Mr. Fisher will have a copy of this, but whether it did come to your attention or not, I do not know. It is edited by Russell L. Durgin, Y.M.C.A., 347 Madison Avenue, New York. My thought is that the sections on the treatment of people in Japan and Christian work there might be of some use to you.

Very sincerely yours,

Clarence S. Gillett

Clarence S. Gillett
Executive Secretary

CSG/K6
Enc.

May 26, 1944

Mr. Clarence Gillett
650. Wydown Blvd.
St. Louis, 5, Mo.

Dear Mr. Gillett:

I am writing for Mrs. Kingman to thank you both for the information regarding the summary in "Fellowship of Christian Missionaries", and the clipping from the St. Louis Dispatch, included in your letter of May 18.

We greatly appreciate having this information on file in the office.

Thank you again.

Very sincerely yours,

~~Mrs. Ruth V. Kingman~~

office secretary

~~WVA:mj~~

C O P Y

American Edition

THE SHANGHAI EVENING POST & MERCURY

101 Fifth Avenue

New York 3, N. Y.

May 18, 1944.

Captain Miller Freeman
Hotel Roosevelt
New York 17, N. Y.

Dear Captain Freeman:

As you can see by the enclosed I am writing to your friends about that extremely valuable handbook.

Like yourself, I am sorry that we didn't get around to discussing the topic of the Japanese Emperor. There is nothing sensational about my view, and nothing that isn't subject to change in the direction of whatever seems to be our own best interest.

As you say, our paper (and I myself) are devoted to the best interests of China - together with the best interests of the United States. In due course I think we may safely include the best interests of Japan in that statement, or we might say they are already included because at the moment the best thing we can do for Japan is give her a good licking.

In my younger days I was hell bent on the subject of republics just as a lot of Americans were when we encouraged the Chinese to try to create a republic and later thought a republic would make everything hunk-dory in Germany. Now I feel considerably less certain about the imposition of given forms of democracies on people who haven't themselves got to a point of wanting them. Two years in the Philippines shaped my thinking quite a bit along that line. I am more than ever for such things as a free press, free speech, and democratic processes, but I incline toward a rather open-minded view as to just how things have to function at the top.

Sometimes I wonder whether the British, with a constitutional monarchy, haven't done at least as well as we have at least in the way of developing a responsive and responsible government. They can over-throw the Prime Minister any time while we keep our President for anything from four years upward apparently indefinitely.

With regard to the Japanese, we certainly have to see that they get some democracy as a basis for their new deal, with elections for at least local government units and probably on up to the Diet. With this, though, we ourselves might at the outset find it advantageous to use the institution of the Throne, seeing to it, of course, that there is no longer any military machine in Japan at all - much less a military machine dominating the Throne as has been the case up to now most of the time.

Captain Miller Freeman

May 18, 1944.

What I have in mind is a maximum of working democracy right away coupled with a minimum of disturbances of certain essentials in Japanese National life which it might cost us a great deal of trouble and resources to keep in order if we busted their organization completely. Anyone who can prove to me that something else will work better, from our own point of view, will change my mind for me. But I think that a good many people with first hand experience in Japan, which, with all due respect to your own ability and knowledge, you know you have not had, tend toward the same general type of thinking that I have.

Former Ambassador Grew is one of these people and I know he is being somewhat kicked around for it, not for the most part by anybody who knows Japan first hand. Jimmy Young is an exception and he is all for hanging the Emperor, but I would follow Grew faster than I would Young, personally.

I wanted to get my ideas before you before we met again so that you can judge for yourself how much time you want to take in polishing me off but at the same time I want to propose that you be my luncheon guest, preferably some time next week. Aside from a tentative engagement Thursday, I have a clear slate and would appreciate a telephone call from you to see if we can't settle on a time. Perhaps you would like to look into our office and see how things go as preliminary to lunch but I would be glad to go wherever you say if that would suit your convenience best.

Sincerely,

Randall Gould.

TELEGRAM

May 19, 1944

Chaplain Thomas E. West
442nd Combat Team
Camp Shelby, Miss.

Kidnly reply collect, when we may expect cut. Large reprint orders
held up pending receipt of same.

Ruth W. Kingman
Executive Secretary
Committee on American Principles &
Fair Play

May 12, 1944

Congressman George E. Outland
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C.

Dear George:

First of all, my personal congratulations on the outcome of the Primaries. The final results had not been tabulated for release in San Francisco when I started over for my appointment with Dr. Warren on Wednesday, so as soon as the introduction was completed (made, as you know, by you in absentia) we both wondered about the results. Dr. Warren acted promptly by telephoning the wife of your campaign manager in Santa Barbara, who gave us the news. We were glad.

I had a fine time with Dr. Warren-- entirely successful, and I shall wait until I see you this summer to go into it with you. I'm sure that you will be greatly interested, not only in the problem under discussion, but also in our resulting action. I hope that Dr. Warren weathers all of the political storms in the San Francisco picture, as he seems just what that city needs.

I have received no detailed report on the matter I phoned Salt Lake about, other than an assurance that every channel would be utilized to carry out the suggestion I made. I expect to be talking in person to our friends there, very soon, and shall pursue the matter further, and in detail. I have every reason to believe that it has been taken care of.

You may well imagine our satisfaction with several aspects of the Primaries. In fact, while not satisfied, we are pleasantly surprised in spots.

Cordially yours,

(Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman)

GEORGE E. OUTLAND
11TH DISTRICT
CALIFORNIA

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Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C.

May 22, 1944

AIR MAIL

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

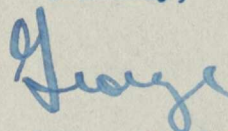
Dear Ruth:

Thank you so much for your letter of congratulations which reached me this morning. I am encouraged by the results of the primary, but realize that a very difficult time lies ahead in November. You know how very much I appreciate your own good wishes to say nothing of your own concrete help.

I shall look forward to talking with you about many things this summer, including your interview with Dr. Warren. Right now nothing is quite so appealing to me as a few weeks away from the job basking in the California sunlight.

The very best of wishes to you.

Cordially,



George E. Outland

GEO/c

Hotel Roosevelt
New York 17, N. Y.
May 19, 1944.

Mr. Randall Gould, Editor
The Shanghai Evening Post & Mercury
101 Fifth Avenue
New York 3, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Gould:

Thank you for your kindness in taking the time to explain so fully your stand on the Japanese Emperor.

Isn't the principle involved not so much the monarch himself as our endorsement of Shintoism? In this respect, isn't the constitutional monarchy of Great Britain just the opposite extreme from the type of totalitarian government of Japan?

When you say you are considerably less certain about the imposition of given forms of democracies, do you also embrace in this regard the republican or representative form of government?

I have no desire to interfere in the affairs of Japan. I do object, however, to the promotion of this doctrine within this country as demagogic and hypocritical. The pro-Japanese influences still exist in this country and are very deeply rooted. Their aim will be to sustain the Fascist-Military-gangsters in power. They will continue to believe they are a divine race, destined to rule the world.

They have for many years injected themselves into the internal affairs of this country and every other country around the Pacific. I am the open and avowed enemy of all these pro-Japanese influences wherever they may be found.

I will be glad to accept your invitation to visit your office and go to luncheon as I want to thrash this subject out fully for my own enlightenment. I will call you on Monday.

I am glad indeed to learn that you have ordered a number of copies of the book, "Pacific Ocean Handbook" from Dr. Eliot G. Mears at Stanford. This work has real value because it contains so much of authoritative information in condensed form about the Pacific Area.

Sincerely yours,

Miller Freeman.

3/26/44
Seaside, California
May 19, 1944

Mrs. Ruth Kingman
Committee on American Principles
and Fair Play
2234 Telegraph Avenue,
Berkeley 4, California

Dear Mrs. Kingman:

As you no/doubt already know the Methodist
Annual Conference is meeting in Sacramento June
7 to 12.

As chairman of the Japanese -American Relations
Committee for the Conference I am wondering if it
would be possible for your office to send all the
free material it can spare for distribution at the
Conference. Our Committee will be responsible for
a literature table at the Conference. We will also
be glad to sell such pamphlets as "A Balance Sheet..."
and any others your office may care to send on con-
signment.

If your office finds it possible to fulfill the
above request please forward the packets to me in
care of Dr. A. Raymond Grant, The First Methodist
Church, 21st and J. Sts. Sacramento, California.

Another thing----Since Gov. Warren has called
a special session of the Legislature beginning June
5th. would it be possible for you and Mr. Fisher
to be at Sacramento during the Conference and help
some of us find and talk with certain of the legis-
lators? Perhaps you already have this in mind.
At any rate I would certainly appreciate the opportunity
of being along on any such mission. One thing I am
certain of and that is that if you can come to
Sacramento during the Conference I could arrange
a meeting between yourself and our most liberal minded and
active ministers and laymen.

Thank you for what ever consideration you may
be able to give these matters.

Sincerely yours,

Rev. J. Bernard Watson
Rev. J. Bernard Watson, Chm.
Japanese-American Relations Com.

May 26, 1944

Rev. Bernard Watson
Seaside
California,

Dear Mr. Watson:

Thank you very much for your letter of May 19, and for your suggestions as to how we might cooperate during the Methodist Conference in Sacramento.

My assistant, Miss Mary Jeffers, is gathering together the material you suggested for use, and will write to you listing the part on consignment and the part which will be distributed free. As it is rather difficult to pack the stuff satisfactorily for mailing (which is, incidentally, very costly now), I am asking her to get the boxes ready and will see if I can get Mr. Stricker or Mr. Toothake to take them up to Sacramento when they go.

I am sorry that Galen Fisher is not going to be in California at the time, but will be in Washington, as it would be a fine thing to have him there for conference with your ministers and laymen. I shall be very glad to be there for any two or three days you suggest, if you feel that I can be helpful. I certainly would like to meet with some of the Methodist leaders, and talk with them on this subject, as there will be increasingly more for the church groups to do here on the Pacific Coast.

I have no great confidence in any impression that might be made upon our State Legislators, individually, by delegations from the Conference. I do feel, however, that a strong barrage of personal letters from the ministers, written while in Sacramento would be what the students around here call a "sharp idea".

Please let me know, as soon as possible, if you would like to have me plan to be in Sacramento, for any part of the Conference, and if so, on which days.

Very cordially yours,

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman

RWK:mj

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May 19, 1944

Mrs. Ruth Kingman
2234 Telegraph Avenue
Berkeley, California

Dear Mrs. Kingman:

Inasmuch as we have requested the printer to hold the types for one month, we shall appreciate it very much if you will order one thousand copies at this time. We may ask that the type be held over another month, but cannot guarantee this. As you know, lead is difficult to obtain and printers naturally do not want to tie themselves up too much.

We shall be glad to furnish you one thousand copies at 5¢ a copy and have the various revisions as requested by you. Can you obtain for us immediately a copy of the Commonwealth Club of California which contains the names and addresses of the members? I had one but seem to have misplaced it.

As you know, the Eastern office is making a financial drive for the JACL. We are not too hopeful of getting help from the Commonwealth Club list. On the other hand, the leaflet is a copy of which I am enclosing, is something which every citizen should read and therefore we thought it would be a good public relations program to send to the 4500 or so members of the Commonwealth Club. If you can obtain this for us, we shall appreciate it very much.

Larry may attend the Institute of International Relations at Mills College if present plans materialize.

Also Mr. Scotty Tsuchiya and his wife have been granted permission to go to San Francisco to dispose of the merchandise of the Fujita Company. He is expecting to open office on Grant Avenue. Scotty is going to stay at Hotel Shattuck. This seems to indicate a very liberal policy on the part of the Western Defense Command. It makes us wonder whether or not the rumors floating around about the ban on the Western Coast being lifted has some foundation or not.

With best wishes, I remain

Sincerely yours,

Jaburo Fido

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May 22, 1944

Mr. Peter S. Aoki
Rm. 1109, 299 Madison Ave.
New York, 17, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Aoki:

Shortly after the publishing of the Fortune article "Issei, Nisei, Kibei", we were asked to send to the editors any information we had been able to secure on the questions you have raised in your letter.

As we told them, there has been no specific position taken by the Associated Farmers, as such, that we know of. However, it is true that the different organizations whose members make up the Association, have an established policy. This is generally known, and the resolutions defining that policy are to be found on the desks of the various Congressmen.

We have never collected any specific statements or information on this subject, and are unable to send any documentation to Fortune. However, we have been in touch with them through their San Francisco representative, who came to us for any data. We referred him to the testimony of Mr. Strobel, in the Tolson Hearings (Vol. 29), as the only definite and specific reference we had.

I am sorry not to be able to give you any thing more helpful.

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman

RWK:mg

May 22, 1944

Sgt. Kiyoshi Ikeda
Dibble General Hospital
Menlo Park, Calif.

Dear Kiyoshi:

Thank you for your good letter this morning. I hope that you men had a good time over the week end at the ranch.

This morning I had a letter from the Emergency Service Committee in Honolulu. Miss Murray had told them of her conversation with you there in the Hospital, and they were wondering if the situation had changed for the better or for the worse since her visit.

If it has been changed, or if it has not, will you let me know, as we might be able to do something about it?

I had a good letter from Ben Kuroki the other day, and he said that his visit to Heart Mountain and Minidoka had been worse than the "Battle of San Francisco", and that he really feels that he rates another couple of stars on his service ribbon for Continental United States. --- Says that he's looking forward to returning to combat, that his health stands that a lot better than making speeches on the home front.

I always like to hear from you boys. Let me know when you are doing anything exciting like rejoining your outfit.

Very cordially yours,

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman

RWK:mj

May 22, 1944

Mr. Frank M. King
Western Livestock Journal
Los Angeles Union Stock Yards
Los Angeles, Calif.

Dear Mr. King:

We are sending you some material under
separate cover at the request of Mr. Warren Leigh
of Beaumont, California.

We believe you will find it to be interesting
and informative.

Sincerely yours,

Office secretary

mj

cc. to Warren Leigh

May 22, 1944

Rabbi Irving F. Reichert
Arguella & Lake St.
San Francisco, Calif.

Dear Rabbi Reichert:

Thank you very much for sending me the material which came in this morning's mail.

The Council for Democracy seems to be doing a good piece of work. It would seem that there is an increasing interest in the general field of race problems.

It will be good if the energies of the newly interested people can be held for the period following the war as well as for those years when all problems seem to be more sharply acute.

Very cordially yours,

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman

RWK:mj

May 22, 1944

Mr. Masatoshi Katagiri
Nuuanu YMCA
Honolulu 39, Hawaii

Dear Mr. Katagiri:

We are sending you the 100 copies of "American Fighting Men Speak Out". The copies of the Fortune reprints as ordered by Major Blake, should have arrived by this time. We told WRA in Washington, of the order and they handled it, along with others. The reprints were made by the Public Affairs Committee, and as far as we can find out, have been sent with no cost to us. If there is any charge you will receive it directly, but I think that there is none.

I had a letter this morning from one of the boys in the Dibble General Hospital. Just one week after Miss Murray's visit, to the three members of the 100th Infantry convalescing there, a friend and I went to see them, and had a fine time. They told us of Miss Murray's kindness, and were quite frank with us, as they had been with her. At the same time, we found that many (between 15 and 20) persons who had heard that they were in Dibble, had called or phoned, and plans were made for week-end furloughs as soon as the boys were well enough to go out. The morale had picked up immeasurably, and the nurses seemed to be very friendly -- in fact, one of the men told us of specific cases of fine attention, and seemed to feel that on the whole they were quite content. As only one ward in the entire hospital held men from the European theatre, it would have been quite difficult to have them moved. At the same time, they told us that only a few, isolated cases of name calling had occurred, and that the great majority of the men in the Hospital seemed to recognize that they were all "on the same team", to quote one of the boys.

Following our visit, we arranged for several other people to go down, and we know of specific week-end trips to large ranches, campuses, homes and other types of recreation. I doubt if any of the men in Dibble are having a better time, and there may be some jealousy, but not a lot of other trouble, I think.

Two weeks ago, some of the students of the University of California had dinner with the boys in my home, and later took them all down to the big dance--the "Cal Canteen", held weekly for the students -- most of the men in uniform. They seemed to have a good time. The speaker most of all was referred to as the "crown", which was most enthusiastic.

The following week, a fine write-up appeared in the Daily Californian, telling of their presence on campus, and quoting the Sergeant's fine statement.

I really feel that these men are having anything but the "second hell" you fear for them. It isn't all good, of course-- but I am sure that you will find that the favorable treatment they are receiving far outweighs the unjust. The latter, we deplore.

However, I've asked the Sergeant for further information if he feels that we should make further efforts. You may be sure that we will do all that is possible.

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman

RWK:mj

to 5/23/44
Rationale and Importance
of the
Committee on American Principles and Fair Play

1. Its Primary Concern is for the integrity of the Bill of Rights, and not pity for an unfortunate and ill-used minority, the Japanese evacuees. Whenever that Bill is violated or weakened in treatment of any minority, no matter how unpopular and helpless, it is impaired for all of us, and sets an evil precedent which is likely to be turned against some other minority later. Wartime requires some sacrifice of ordinary rights for all of us, but the last point to be yielded is the Bill of Rights. Only proven need for Martial Law has hitherto justified suspending it, and then only by deliberate and conscious act. Our Committee believes we should all be lynx-eyed to prevent denying its protection to any and all persons, unless proven dangerous or subversive.
2. It promotes cool, clear thinking by the West Coast public, despite the abnormal passions and distortions of truth prevalent in wartime. This applies especially to the need of helping the public to discriminate sharply between our enemies in Japan, the military criminals, and persons of Japanese stock in America, about two-thirds of whom are as truly American citizens as any of us.

There is no more excuse for identifying the Japanese-Americans with the Japan militarists than for saddling the millions of German-Americans with the crimes of the Nazis, --in fact much less, since no Japanese-Americans nor even alien Japanese long resident here have been charged with sabotage whereas numbers of German-Americans have been convicted of it.

3. The Committee meets sweeping generalizations, and unsupported charges and prejudices with documented facts and appeals to fundamental constitutional principles. The threat is made that returned white servicemen from the Southwest Pacific front would murder all persons of Japanese stock who might dare to return to the Coast; and the Committee issues FIGHTING MEN SPEAK OUT, in which one Fresno State College alumnus now in service writes: "California and the city of Fresno owes a debt to our Japanese-American citizens in the service who are paying the price of our common freedom with their lives.....Fresno owes these soldiers a monument and not a stab in the back!" And a Chinese-American service man, Captain Lui, writes from Hawaii: "Have no fear that returning soldiers would desire to slit the throats of loyal Japanese at home.....We'll do our fighting on the battlefields against our country's enemies, and not on the streets at home against our country's friends."
4. It confronts those who charge that few if any of the Nisei citizens are loyal with the extraordinary record of the 100th Battalion in Italy, composed entirely of Nisei privates and half the officers Nisei, all of them volunteers. That record shows 3 Distinguished Service Crosses, 21 Bronze stars, and 26 Silver stars, and 900 Purple Hearts, that is, 900 out of 1400 wounded in action at Salerno and Cassino, where they took the hardest assignments without a whimper. Similar heroism has been shown by the nisei in the Alaskan and South Pacific forces.

5. The Committee believes that in wartime it is sound to assume that the War Department deserves unstinted support on all military matters. We have found that policy sound thus far, although we have always reserved the liberty to question any Government action. After the Army decided that evacuation was required by military necessity, we made no further question on that point. We have found the heads of the War Department as eager as ourselves to restore full constitutional rights to the evacuees as soon as the military situation would allow. Since the Army ordered the evacuation, we believe that the Army should decide when to reverse the process and allow gradual recovery of civil rights to the evacuees. When the Army does decide that the time has come to take that step, and makes a pronouncement as clear as its original order for the evacuation, we stand ready to cooperate to the limit, and we believe that every patriot who prizes his own civil liberties should do the same.
6. The policy of dispersed relocation, adopted by the War Relocation Authority, commends itself to every sensible Californian. It will prevent the swarming of colonies of persons of one race which makes "little Tokyos", and separates them from the rest of the population. Fortunately, the evacuees themselves, of the American-born and citizen majority, heartily approve this policy. They also are declaring that many of them will not return to this Coast even after the war, but will remain in the states east of the Sierras where they have found congenial new homes.

May 22, 1944

May 23, 1944

Mrs. Sam T. Brown
1325 Blewett St.
San Jose 10, Calif.

Dear Mrs. Brown:

At the request of a very nice little freshman at the University of California, Marian Banks, I am sending you some material pertinent to problems confronting Americans of Japanese ancestry.

We hope that it will provide information of interest to you and your friends.

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman

RWK:mj



TO West Coast Committee on American
Principles & Fair Play
2234 Telegraph Ave
Berkeley 4, Calif.

5/27/44
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Form 22-B

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Mildred Holmes Hale

May 23, 1944

Mr. Edwin L. Duckles
Box 177, Woman's College
Greensboro, N.C.

Dear Ed:

I've just heard "Love, Love, Love" on the corner Juke box, and was reminded of the many times we heard the original Calipso song from which it was taken -- on those swell records you and Jean used to play for us. We miss the records and the Duckles.

Enclosed you will find a copy of a rather pathetic letter I received a couple of weeks ago, and also a copy of my reply. As we are a West Coast Committee, not equipped (either in personnel or budget) to go into the east, I very naturally cudgelled my brains as to what to do and to whom to turn -- Bill Davis saw the address of the boy, and reminded me of you.

In sending this along, I am hoping that there will be persons in your community who will take an interest in this specific situation -- I am confident that you are already interesting and concerning yourself with the problem at large.

There must be some persons outside the church and educational groups, as well as within, who will be willing to look into this matter. May I hope that you will round them up, as these things snowball into alarming proportions, if allowed to go unchecked. Being a Native Daughter of California, I know wherof I speak!

My best to Jean and the offspring. I saw your mother and father a couple of weeks ago when I spoke to the Kensington Fellowship. They both looked hale and happy.

Let me know what comes of this, if anything --

Affectionately,

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman

RWK:mj

Ed---please return the "Hunting License" for my files.

May 23, 1944

Mr. J.F. Ido
P.O. Box 1266
Greensboro, N.C.

Dear Mr. Ido:

Thank you very much for the names of your friends to whom you wished us to send copies of "American Fighting Men Speak Out", and the \$2.00 to cover the mailing. The pamphlets were sent immediately upon receipt of your letter. I hope that they were helpful.

It is most unfortunate that there are communities in the East and South which seem to have "caught the infection" of intolerance towards Americans of Japanese ancestry--we had hoped that the disease was pretty well localized on the West Coast. I am afraid that it will be some time before the fair minded people can be made to see that their duty toward our loyal Nisei calls for open support of their rights as citizens.

Naturally, we are trying to give such fair minded persons material and other information which might be of use in creating a better attitude.

As we are a West Coast Committee, we are not widely enough organized to have groups in the East. However, we have contacts in many cities, through friends and persons naturally concerned with inter racial attitudes.

In Greensboro, there is just such a person, and I have sent a copy of your letter, asking him to get in touch with you as soon as possible. He is Mr. Edwin Buckles, Box 177, Woman's College, Greensboro. I am confident that he will concern himself and his friends with your problem and that you will hear from him very soon.

We shall be pleased to hear from you again, as the solution of your local problem is the solution of a part of the whole difficult readjustment of Americans of Japanese ancestry in our country.

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman
Executive Secretary

RWK:mj

May 23, 1944

Miss Louise Rosenstiel
Box 292
Connecticut College
New London, Conn.

Dear Miss Rosenstiel:

I am extremely interested in finding out more about the USSA. e.g. names of colleges concerned, names of representatives in colleges, type of activity they engage in, could they use patches of stuff, etc., etc., etc.

If you have any examples of the sort of stuff they send out, I would very much appreciate you sending them out as soon as possible.

Thank you very much.

Very sincerely yours,

Office secretary

mj

May 25, 1944

Mr. Frys Hopkins
FREEDOM
1525 S. Oak Anell Ave.
Pasadena 5, Calif.

Dear Mr. Hopkins:

You have my permission to quote my letter in
your Correspondence column if you wish to use it.

I hope that you weren't too thoroughly "taken
to pieces" by persons who do not share my feeling of
approval of "Freedom".

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman

RWK:mj

Clyde Court,
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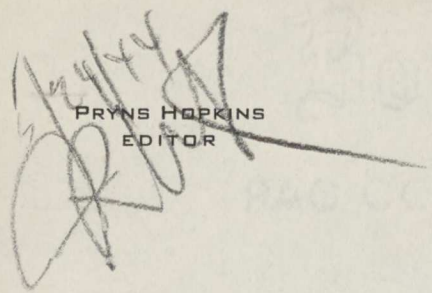
May 22

Dear Ruth Kingman:

Please accept my apologies for this delay in acknowledging your very prompt response to my request. But the coffee came just as I was about to leave for Palo Alto and when I returned after some days I was involved in the celebration for our 50th Wedding Anniversary, and only to-day have I been able to get at my desk to attend to various neglected items.

I am grateful to you for making it possible to let many others learn of what our Japanese citizens are like; even though all may not measure up to Sergeant Kuroki.

I thank you most heartily,
Yours very cordially,
Alice E. Stratton



PRYNS HOPKINS
EDITOR

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May 22, 1944.

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman,
2234 Telegraph Ave.,
Berkeley, Calif.

Dear Mrs. Kingman:

I appreciate very much indeed your letter about Miss Beattie's article. Unless one publishes something of this kind occasionally, it is hard to see the justification for getting out a magazine.

Perhaps I may take the liberty of quoting your letter in our Correspondence column, if you have no objection.

Sincerely yours,


Pryns Hopkins

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Visalia, California,
May 22nd, 1944.

Mr. Galen Fisher
2334 Telegraph Avenue
Berkeley, California.

Dear Mr. Fisher:

Enclosed herewith please find a copy of my letter to Miss Margaret Cosgrave. She wrote to me on April 23 about the matters set forth in yours of the 25th, and I believe that my answer to her inquiries will likewise answer yours.

I did agree, in the main, with what you said in Fresno a few weeks ago - and still do. My own experience with the problem has led me to believe that the early mistakes of the War Relocation Authority caused a great deal of the trouble with which your Committee is concerned. Our Committee is now concerned with the activities of certain pro-Japanese and anti-American organizations in this state, and we are somewhat apprehensive concerning an effort to plant some of their members in your group and in the Fellowship for Reconciliation. I have reason to believe that the effort has been successfully made to insinuate subversive fractions in other organizations recently.

Please let me know what you think about my making a call at your headquarters in San Francisco for the purpose of getting a list of your members in this state. I would like to compare the names with those in our files, and in the event we find anything suspicious we will immediately make the information and proof available to you.

Yours sincerely,

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Visalia, California,
May twenty-second, 1944.

Miss Margaret Cosgrave
1644 Van Ness Avenue
Fresno - 1, California.

Dear Miss Cosgrave:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of April twenty-third.

To keep the record straight, you are advised herewith that I did not characterize either the members of the Committee for American Principles and Fair Play nor of the Fellowship for Reconciliation as being subversive - consciously or otherwise. I had been speaking at Selma, on the occasion mentioned in your letter, of certain groups we believed to be knowingly subversive, and I went on to point out that in my opinion there were certain other organizations that might easily become unconsciously subversive, citing the two groups in question as examples.

It is my firm belief that the members of the America First Committee were for the most part loyal and sincere Americans, but we know how their organization was penetrated by members of the German-American Bund, who also wanted to keep this country out of war.

I am certain that the members of the American Peace Mobilization were for the most part loyal and sincere Americans, but anyone with a cursory knowledge of the facts knows that this group was subtly invaded by the American Communists who ultimately dominated it - until Hitler invaded the Soviet Union on June twenty-second, 1941, when the Mobilization died unobtrusively in its sleep.

Unquestionably, the national leaders of these two organizations were neither subversive nor stupid, yet they were completely fooled and duped by subversive elements.

I am convinced that the members of the Committee for American Principles and Fair Play are for the most part sincere and loyal Americans. If there are any un-American persons in the group I have not heard of them. It is a fact, however, that this organization, as well

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as the Fellowship for Reconciliation, have concerned themselves with the welfare of the Japanese-Americans in this country. It is only natural that the members of such groups should nurture a kindly and tolerant attitude toward the objects of their efforts. But just as subversive elements found other movements peculiarly suited for penetration, I believe that the two in question are made to order for such attempts, and feel that it is a part of my job to so state in public.

We, too, are serious about the work we are trying to accomplish. We try to be objective and fair. We have never knowingly accused any person or group with being subversive unless we felt confident we could prove that assertion if called upon to do so.

This Committee has spent a great deal of time in investigating the subversive activities of Japanese in this state - both before and after Pearl Harbor - and found that such activities were carried on to a considerable extent by Nisei. We have examined Nisei leaders and they have testified categorically that our findings in this regard were correct, and have provided us with specific examples, complete with names, places and dates. We have examined masses of written material. We have made many trips to Relocation Centers where we scrutinized the records of the War Relocation Authority. We have eaten meals with the evacuees, talked with them, consulted with experts concerning their psychology, their ideology and the complex sociological problems involved. We have not been unmindful of the injustices which resulted as an inevitable consequence of the mass evacuation order. We do not believe the matter of segregating the loyal from the subversive Nisei to be such a simple thing as it sometimes is made to appear. Many Nisei believed to be unquestionably loyal have turned out just the other way. The evidence of espionage activities by Nisei in this state is overwhelming, and we do not believe they should be encouraged to resume such activities by being brought back into critical areas until after the war.

It is with no thought of appearing vague or mysterious that I tell you we are now investigating a group that would naturally attempt to insinuate some of its members into your ranks. Our present purpose is to hold a public hearing during which we shall try to expose the fanatically pro-Japanese attitude of the organization.

To the charge of using the terms "lofty and detached" in connection with your members, I plead guilty. I used those terms advisedly because I do not believe many of your members have concerned themselves nearly as much with the pattern of subversive activity that resulted in the evacuation order, as they have with the treatment of the Japanese-Americans after that order was promulgated.

I regret that pressure of work has made an earlier reply to your letter impossible.

Yours sincerely, *R. E. Combs,*
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