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MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
COMMITTEE ON AMERICAN PRINCIPLES AND FAIR PLAY

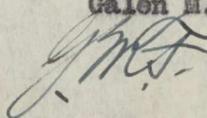
February 19, 1943, 12:45 p.m.

Present were: Dr. A.C. McGiffert, Chairman, Mrs. Alfred McLaughlin, ^{and} Dr. Paul S. Taylor, Vice-Chairman, Galen M. Fisher, Asst. Treasurer, and as consultants, Allen C. Blaisdell and Harry L. Kingman, of the Nominating Committee.

1. Report of Nominating Committee: It was reported that the following persons had accepted: President R.G. Sproul, as Honorary Chairman; Maurice E. Harrison, as Chairman of the Advisory Board; Rabbi Irving F. Reichert, as Vice-Chairman of the Executive Committee, ~~and~~ Miss Leila Anderson and Hartley Crum as Members of the Executive Committee, and Harry S. Scott, as Treasurer. Mrs. McLaughlin consented to serve until a suitable successor could be found.
2. Executive Secretary: It was voted that Mrs. Harry L. Kingman be invited to serve as Executive Secretary of the Committee at a salary of \$200. a month, for three-quarters of her time, as from February 15, 1943.
3. Budget: It was voted that a budget of \$2000. be adopted for the six months ~~beginning~~ as from February 15th, subject to the approval of the Treasurer, and to reconsideration by the next meeting of the Executive Committee.
4. Offices: It was agreed that the main office of the Committee should be in San Francisco, but that the Executive Secretary might well have a branch office in Berkeley.
5. Additional Members: It was voted to invite the following to become members of the Executive Committee:
Alfred J. Lundberg, Mrs. Wallace M. Alexander, Mrs. Philip Bancroft, F.P. Poisie and Jesse H. Steinhart, to be invited by G.M. Fisher.
Richard R. Perkins, by A.C. McGiffert; George Wilson, by P.S. Taylor; Herbert Carrasco, by H. Kingman; Paul C. Edwards, by H.L. Kingman; and an A.F. of Labor representative to be selected by Messrs. Taylor and Kingman. No decision was reached as to a student representative, but Mr. Kingman was asked to suggest one.
6. Regional Representatives: It was voted that the Chairmen of the Regional Committees in Southern California and the Northwest should be ex officio members of the Executive Committee.
7. Next meeting: Adjourned at 2 p.m. to meet on March 2, at 4 p.m. at 260 California Street, Room 311.

Galen M. Fisher, Secretary pro tem.

*Approved by Exec. Com. Meeting
of Feb March 2, 1943.*



MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE WEST
COAST COMMITTEE ON AMERICAN PRINCIPLES AND FAIR PLAY
MARCH 3, 1943, at 360 California Street,
San Francisco.

The meeting was attended by the following: Chairman, Dr. Cushman McGiffert, Mrs Wallace Alexander, Mr. Harry Scott, Mr. Alfred Lundberg, Dr. Paul Taylor, Mrs Ruth Meade Fisher, Mr. Harry Kingman, Mr. Galen Fisher, and Mrs Ruth Kingman, Executive Secretary.

The report of the meeting of the Executive Committee of Feb. 19, 1943, was read by Mr. Fisher. At that meeting Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman was secured as Executive Secretary beginning February 15, 1943, at a salary of \$300 per month for 3/4 the time. Regarding the location of the Committee office, it was decided that it would be expedient to establish an address in San Francisco. (Mr. Scott offered to inquire as to the possibility of a desk in the San Francisco Merchants' Exchange). It was felt that the Executive Secretary would probably find that most of the work of the office would probably best be done in Berkeley, where office help and other personnel from the University might prove helpful. After this discussion it was left to the Executive Secretary to find such an office and the report was accepted.

The report of the Executive Secretary on her trips to Fresno and to the Los Angeles area was presented and accepted. Mrs. Kingman reported a thriving organization of 40 members (paid) in Fresno, and brought a request from that group for further information and any releases or program material which might be available through the central office.

The report from Los Angeles consisted largely in the outlining of a plan of future contacts to be made through members of our Advisory Board, such contacts having been decided upon as a result of conferences throughout the south.

Mrs. Kingman also reported having appeared before several groups, including the Area Conference of the Y.M.C.A., the Pomona Valley American Association of University women, and several others. She also mentioned several invitations she had received to speak, once over N.B.C. in the Los Angeles area at some time in the future.

The report of the Legislative Committee was presented. That Committee proposed that any action recommended by them be passed on to Mr Harrison for appraisal and to the Executive Committee for approval. It was felt that the function of the Legislative Committee was to study pending legislation and to recommend action.

A motion was passed that a subcommittee be given interim authority to act for the Executive Committee, this sub-committee to be composed of the officers of the Executive Committee. The report, so amended was accepted.

The Executive Secretary was authorized to draw up a letter to be addressed to all members of the California State Legislature embodying the ideas and concern of the committee in relation to problems confronting the Legislature, and going out under the names, preferably of Dr. Sproul, Mr. Harrison and Dr. McGiffert.

Mr. Scott presented the Treasurer's report. He stated that a total

of \$360. had already been mailed to him at his office at 465 California Street, San Francisco. These contributions included two one hundred dollar gifts, two fifties, four tens and several student gifts of two dollars. At the conclusion of his report, Mr. Scott outlined a plan for the creation of a finance committee. Mr. Richard Perkins and Mr. Philip McCombs have accepted membership on the committee.

A motion was passed designating the American Trust Company as the repository of the Committee's account.

A motion was passed authorizing the withdrawal of funds by either Mr. Scott or Mr. Fisher.

A motion was passed that all expenditures of the Committee be authorized before made.

A motion was passed that the Executive Committee be called the "Central Executive Committee" for purposes of clarification.

After discussion of proposed members for the Advisory Board, a committee was appointed to secure additional members. The following were appointed; Mr. Crum, Mr. Perkins, Mr. Lundberg, Mrs. Alexander, and Mr. Fisher, secretary.

The Executive Secretary was authorized to draw up a temporary letterhead, using names available, in alphabetical order, with no reference to vocational titles or affiliations.

Discussion followed as to financial quotas to be assigned individual organizations affiliated with the Central Committee. It was felt that a quota system was desirable but that it would need to be tactfully handled.

Mr. Taylor and Mr. Kingman were authorized to decide upon and invite some A.F. of L. representative to membership on the Advisory Committee. Mrs. Ruth Meads Fisher was appointed Chairman of a committee on student membership.

A discussion of formal relationship of local organizations to the Central Committee followed. Because some in the South find "chapter" or "branch" distasteful, it was suggested that "affiliated with" or "Conference" might be substituted.

Mr. Kingman was made Chairman of a committee to draw up membership proposals, and empowered to draw onto his committee such individuals as might be of value.

The Executive Secretary was authorized to, in general, act upon her own discretion with the understanding that the officers of the committee stand ready to give counsel whenever needed.

In view of the growing unrest in some of the Relocation Centers subsequent to the Army's enlistment and registration program, it was felt desirable that the evacuees be made aware of the extent to which agitation might undercut the efforts of the Fair Play Committee. It was agreed that the Committee itself should take no action, but that it would be well if individuals brought this problem to the attention of key people in the centers. The Legislative Committee personnel was ratified.

The meeting was adjourned, to meet Mar 31, place to be announced.

Ruth W. Kingman

MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE MEETING
COMMITTEE ON AMERICAN PRINCIPLES AND FAIR PLAY
April 2, 1943, 465 California Street, San Francisco.

Members present, Vice Chairman, Paul Taylor, Richard Perkins, Alfred Lundberg, Harry S. Scott, Harry Kingman, Mrs. Nina Bancroft, Ruth Kingman.

Minutes of meeting of March 3, 1943 approved as reported to members Present at meeting.

Executive Secretary's Report covering following points presented and accepted.

- 1) Setting up of Headquarters in 465 California Street, San Francisco, and of Executive Office in 2207 Union Street, Berkeley.
- 2) Writing and send of letter to all members of California State Legislature, news release covering sending of same sent to 250 publications, and reaction of members of Assembly to letter, by publishing in Assembly Journal.
- 3) Acceptance of invitations to Advisory Board from
Mr. Joseph A Murphy of Oakland.
Bishop Karl Morgan Block of San Francisco
Father Edward J. Whelan of Los Angeles
Bishop Bertrand Stevens of Los Angeles
- 4) Preliminary correspondence with persons in Northwest toward organization of that region.
- 5) Stockton trip.
 - a) Spoke to student body of College of the Pacific.
 - b) Met with organizing group of students.
 - c) Met with a adult group considering Stockton organization.
- 6) Sacramento trip.
 - a) Went to Committee hearing on A.J.R. 29,
 - b) Met several members of legislature and talked with them.
 - c) Met with group considering Sacramento organization.
- 7) Other speeches made.
 - a) Womens organizations of First Congregational Church Oakland
 - b) Diocesan meeting of Episcopal Women's Organizations.
 - c) Berkeley League of Women Voters.
 - d) Womens organizations of First Methodist Church, Oakland .
- 8) Correspondence with War Relocation Authority and Office of War Information.
- 9) Conference with Regional Director of War Relocation Authority, and resulting forwarding to our office of excellent material for background and reference data.

Finance Committee report. Mr. Scott reported receipts as of April 2, \$553.00 Disbursements, \$409.17, leaving Balance on hand \$143.83.

Recommendation made that affiliated groups should be willing to contribute x % of amount raised in community, with a minimum of the quota decided upon.

Reported that letters are being drawn up to be sent to prospective contributors, to be signed by Committee members.

Membership Committee report. Mr. Kingman reported for the committee, recommended

- 1) That local organizations be adapted to local situations, and that plans for a reasonable quota for financial support be provided for use of the Pacific Coast Committee.
- 2) Safeguards against activities by local groups assured by limiting of sending of releases and publications to Pacific Coast Committee
- #3 Local committees free to carry on local program supporting Fair Play principles, providing that such action be carried on in a conciliatory spirit.
- 4) Relationship between local and Pacific Coast Committee to be kept up through letters and visits by Executive Secretary.

- 5) While local organizations not possible in all cities, nevertheless they are desirable, as Headquarters cannot possibly carry on wide-spread membership drives, nor carry on local political program, nor mobilize local church and club groups, nor keep track of anti-Oriental developments in local communities.
- 6) Regional Committees might be organized in Los Angeles and Seattle.
- 7) A membership card has been worked out, half to be retained by member, and half filed at Headquarters.

The sub-committee of the Membership Committee which is working with the student organization is developing a program in which the University of California students will take the lead.

Report accepted with the suggestion that the membership card be numbered serially. The Executive Secretary was instructed to consult with Mr. Perkins on the final form of the card.

Affiliations recommended by Membership Committee and passed upon by vote of members present.

- a) Pasadena b) Sacramento c) Fresno.

Legislative Committee Report. The committee, represented by Paul Taylor,

1) recommended no action on the legislation pertaining to Anti-Alien Land law enforcement, as it felt that the pending legislation was preventive of law evasion, and therefore should not be opposed.

2) Recommended opposition to the following

S.B. #97, #94, #606 and #607.

A.B. #46, #1881.

A J.R. # 3, #5, #5, #29.

The report was accepted and motion passed for action upon it, the Executive Secretary being authorized to take necessary action.

A Constitution was discussed and a suggested form given to each member present for consideration and comment to be made by telephone or in writing to the Executive Secretary.

Motion passed that the term "Bylaw" be used instead of "Constitution"

Policies for Consideration

1) Motion passed to give no support as a Committee to H.R. 1882 now before Congress, as it is felt to cover more questions than called for in our policy, and might well prove to be too involved for the support of the present Committee.

2) Proposal of Mr. Book of Northern Council of Church, asking joint sponsorship and financing of letter to State Legislature, rejected. It was felt that separate identity of the two groups was desirable and that the large number of Church Members should make joint financing unnecessary, particularly in view of the youth of our own organization. It was decided, however, that the specific letter presented might carry the Committee's endorsement, and that future endorsements might be obtained at the discretion of the Executive Secretary.

Motion made by Mr. Alfred Lundberg, and passed unanimously, stating appreciation of the work of the Executive Secretary.

Motion for adjournment passed.

Minutes of Executive Committee Meeting
of the
Committee on American Principles and Fair Play, April 30, 1943
University of California Y.W.C.A. Berkeley, California.

Members Present: Galen Fisher, acting Chairman, John Wagner, Leila Anderson, Alfred Lundberg, Mrs. Wallace Alexander, Mrs. Nina Bancroft, Mrs. Ruth Kingman. Visitor: Harry Kingman.

Minutes of meeting of April 2, which had been mailed to members present at meeting, approved.

Executive Secretary's Report covering following points presented and accepted.

- 1) Developments in Organization and Consolidation of existing organizations in Regional communities.
 - A. Fresno --Completion of organization following conversations with Dr. Hubert Phillips, local chairman, which led to fuller analysis of program.
 - B. San Jose --Following visit of Executive Secretary, adult group in process of organization, with cooperation of City Manager, and prospect of Sherriff as member of Committee. Student group in State College organizes.
 - C. Pasadena --full acceptance of organizational plan and early adoption of complete program.
 - D. Seattle and Portland --Preliminary organization of Northwest effected by Dean Robert O'Brien of University of Washington in Seattle and Miss Mildred Bartholomew of Portland. Complete and full program set up for coming trip to Northwest by Executive Secretary.
 - E. Los Angeles --New Board Members being brought on. Planning more organization and attendance of Executive Secretary at California Conference of Social Workers.
 - F. Pomona, Claremont.--Organizational plans being made, meeting set up for coming visit by Executive Secretary,

Conference with Dillon Myer.--- He expresses desire that the Committee make every effort to 'hold the line'.

Recommendations as to developing Policy. (Refer to Subcommittee list attached)

Executive Secretary reports that she has found it necessary to cut down sharply on number of speeches she includes in her calendar, due to increasing routine demands in office as program expands.

Letters sent out. Include

- 1) Letters to Governors of ten Western States at time of their meeting in Salt Lake City to consider post war problems.
- 2) Statements to Legislature, quoting Roosevelt and Stimson
- 3) Letter to Richard Chamberlain regarding properties of evacuees

Conference with Colonel Bicknell of G2 from Honolulu, verifying "no sabotage on Dec. 7 the "

Conference with Mr. Ching of Honolulu, with resulting letter sent to Asst. Secretary of War McCloy.

Letter written by Dr. Mc Giffert to General De Witt, approving his proclamation permitting return to Western Defense Area of American service men of Japanese descent.

Reports of Committees

Finance Committee report not in hand at time of meeting, so postponed ## until next meeting.

Legislative Committee. Mrs. Kingman reported that thus far only 2 pieces ## of legislation in which we are interested have passed, a) AJR 5 and AB 56.

No signature is required on the first, and the second has not been signed. Mr. Richard Perkins wrote a letter to Governor Warren asking that he withhold signature from the bill.

Student Membership. Outline for student program reported.

Bylaws c as drawn up by Mr. Lundberg, adopted after addition of a provision of \$5.00

Contributing Memberships.

Consideration of Questions of Policy.

- 1) Letter written by Miles Carey, addressed to Mr. Harrison, written from School Department of Boston. In view of fact that Mr. Fisher had just been in Boston, and the letter asked questions which were discussed during his stay there, no action was taken.
- 2) Hirabayashi Case. Motion made and carried that support of the case, now before the Supreme Court be left to regional organization from which the move originated.
- 3) Motion made and passed that we make effort to get someone from the Committee to appear on the Art Linkletter program over KFRC, to offset packing by Anti- Japanese American speakers.
- 4) Mrs Kingman was asked to get statement from Mr. Harrison covering the possibility of contributions to Committee being income tax free.
- 5) Agreed to ask Dr. Sproul to meet with Ass't Sec'y of War McCloy while in Washington.

MINUTES OF MEETING OF SOME OF THE MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE COMMITTEE
(Called at the request of Mrs. Kingman, May 21, at UC YWCA)

Members Present, Chairman Arthur Cushman McGiffert, Miss Anderson, Paul Taylor, Galen Fisher, Harry Kingman and Mrs. Kingman

Purpose Discussion of present and future development of program in face of limited financial support and personnel:

Mrs. Kingman reported that with her return from Seattle and Los Angeles it seems necessary to consider the development of the committee's program, either in most limited terms, i.e. confined to simple program such as can be carried out with present personnel, in communities where organization has already been effected, or in wider terms, under which comprehensive program, already well started, and capable of almost unlimited development, shall be developed with increased financial support.

Three Alternatives suggested. (Not mutually exclusive)

- 1) Regional Organization wherein Southern California and Northwest be allowed to keep moneys raised by them for employment of part time regional executive secretaries, with large degree of autonomy, but not disaffiliated from Headquarters.
- 2) Continuation of present organization and program, with several of the most interested, well informed members of our Committee giving possibly, one half day a week to the work of the Committee, under the direction of the Executive Secretary.
- 3) Continue expanding organization and program, accompanied by immediate attempt to secure financial support of some Foundation, permitting the employment of additional executive personnel.

All three alternatives included the recommendation that a full time office secretary be employed for the Executive Office in Berkeley.

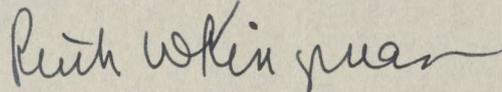
Plan 3 was decided upon, with the added provision that an attempt should be made to enlist the volunteer aid of experienced persons both here and in the south. Miss Anderson, Dr McGiffert and Mrs.

Kingman were appointed as a committee to ask such cooperation of Mrs. Bartlett Heard.

It was decided that both the Columbia and the Rosenberg Foundations should be approached . Mr. Fisher was asked to get information as to possibilities of the Columbia Foundation, and Dr. McGiffert and Mrs Kingman were requested to confer with Dr. Deutsch as to the possibility of aid from the Rosenberg Foundation.

With the approval of Mr. Fisher, assistant Treasurer of the Committee, Mrs. Kingman was authorized to employ a full time secretary for the Executive Office.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ruth Kingman". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name.

Executive Secretary.

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Executive Comai tee Meeting, April 30 1943.

Largely one covering efforts on Cosnolidation of Organization
and development of new regional organization

- I. Pasadena.
(See materkal)
- II. Fresno
Letters asking further proceedure, conversation with
Prisident, Prof Hubert Phillips, leading to fuller
analysisof program. (develop later, re D Myer.)
- III. San Jose
Student
Adult--- City Manager and Sherrif Emig, who wants more
material. Practivally organized.
- IV. Seattle. Much correspondence with Dean O'Brien and others,
resulting in full progtram set up for four day stay
there next week . Preliminary organization already done.
- V. Portland, Same as Seattle.
- VI. Los Angeles. New Board members there. will meet them and
others while attending California Conference of Social Workers
on May 11-16 .
 - 1) Letters now sent to all. after unavoidable delays;
should have representative replies bu 10th, when I go south .
 - 2) Willl probably have some part in Conference
 - 3) Beery.
- VII Claremont, Pomona.--p Group being called together for
organization of Pomona valley, during southern trip.

Conference with Dillon Myer.

Hold the line

Developing Policy. (See recommended Sub-Committee)

Speeches-- fewer because of lack of time, due to increasing demands
in office on routine, as program expands.

Letters to Governors. Read Langlie of Wash.

Statements sent out to Legislature. (also letter to Ri. Chamberlin
Conference with Col. Bicknell and with Mr. Ching of Honolulu,
with resulting Letter. to SEcy M c Cloy

De Witt, letter from Dr. McGiffert---refer conversation D M

AGENDA FOR MEETING OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
Committee on American Principles and Fair Play
April 30, 1943, 2207 Union Street, Berkeley.

- I Minutes of April 2 meeting, having been sent to all members present, to be voted upon, as reported.
- II Executive Secretary's Report
- III Reports of Committees
 1. Finance, Mr. Galen Fisher, Assistant Treasurer
 2. Legislative, Mrs. Kingman
 3. Student Membership, Mrs. Ruth Meads Fisher
- IV Report of Educational Conference, Mr. Fisher
- V Vote on Bylaws, as revised
- VI Consideration of Questions of Policy
 1. Letter from Miles E. Carey, Director of Education, Poston, Arizona.
 2. Support of Hirabayashi case. *To be done by local AC group with their group*
 3. Extent of efforts by Pacific Coast Office in Sacramento.
 4. Western Defense Command
 5. Linkletter Program, KFRC Tuesday p.m., 7:45 to 8:30.
 6. Suggestions.

Agreed
ask Sprout
meet with the City of War Dept.

STATEMENT OF SECRETARY OF WAR HENRY L. STIMSON
Released with announcement of organization of a Japanese American Combat
Unit of the United States Army.
January 28, 1943. Washington D.C.

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

Endorsing the Army induction and employment program, President Franklin D. Roosevelt sent a letter to the Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson. The content is printed below:

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON
February 1, 1943

"My Dear Mr. Secretary:

"The proposal of the War Department to organize a combat team consisting of loyal American citizens of Japanese descent has my full approval. The new combat team will add to the nearly five thousand loyal Americans of Japanese ancestry who are already serving in the armed forces of our country.

"This is a natural and logical step toward the reinstatement of the Selective Service procedures which were temporarily disrupted by the evacuation from the West Coast.

"No loyal citizen of the United States should be denied the democratic right to exercise the responsibilities of his citizenship, regardless of his ancestry. The principle on which this country was founded and by which it has always been governed is that Americanism is a matter of the mind and heart; Americanism is not, and never was, a matter of race or ancestry. A good American is one who is loyal to this country and to our creed of liberty and democracy. Every loyal American citizen should be given the opportunity to serve this country wherever his skills will make the greatest contribution--whether it be in the ranks of the armed forces, war production, agriculture, government service, or other work essential to the war effort.

"I am glad to observe that the War Department, the Navy Department, the War Manpower Commission, the Department of Justice, and the War Relocation Authority are collaborating in a program which will insure the opportunity for all loyal Americans, including Americans of Japanese ancestry, to serve their country at a time when the fullest and wisest use of our manpower is all-important to the war effort."

Very sincerely yours,

(signed) Franklin D. Roosevelt

The Honorable,
The Secretary of War,
Washington, D.C.

MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING OF COMMITTEE ON AMERICAN
PRINCIPLES AND FAIR PLAY
260 California Street, San Francisco, May 27, 1943.

Members Present: Cushman McGiffert, Chairman, Galen Fisher, Paul Taylor, Richard Perkins, Harry Scott, Irving Reichert, Leila Anderson, Ruth Fisher, Ruth Kingman. Visitors, Natalie Burdick and H. Kingman.

Minutes of meeting of April 30, 1943 read and accepted after addition of name of Mrs. Ruth Fisher to list of members present.

Reports of Committees presented and accepted.

Finance Committee: Mr. Scott reported receipts ##### as of May 27, \$1, 650.00 and disbursements of \$927.12. Balance on hand \$677.88.

Legislative Committee: Mrs. Kingman reported that four pieces of legislation of interest to the Committee had been passed by both houses of the State Legislature.

- 1) Bill depriving persons holding dual Citizenship of civil service rating, and all back or future pay under civil service status.
- 2) Bill proposing allotment of fund for investigating of Relocation Centers.
- 3) Bill prohibiting the granting of fishing licenses to persons whose ancestry is of nationality not eligible to citizenship.
- 4) Memorialization to Congress to take away citizenship rights of persons holding dual citizenship.

The bills, requiring signature had been signed, and the memorialization, being a resolution, needed no signature.

Miss Natalie Burdick was introduced as the newly elected head of the Student Fair Play Committee at the University of California.

Report from Mr. Harrison read, in which he gave the opinion that contributions to Fair Play Committee are not income tax free.

Report on Santa Barbara: Dr. McGiffert reported having had conversations in Santa Barbara indicating readiness of group there to effect organization. He suggested Mr. Max Fleischman as possible leader, with Rev. Will Orr as organizing head. He stated that Dr. Deutsch, leaving for Santa Barbara for vacation, had expressed willingness to meet with an organizing group.

Report on San Jose: Mr. Galen Fisher reported luncheon with some of the leaders there, who feel that letters from our committee to San Jose people should be sent before organization is attempted.

Report on Stockton: Dr. McGiffert reported meeting with several men in Stockton, with sufficient difference of opinion in the group to make immediate organization improbable.

Statement on Dual Citizenship sought: Mr. Taylor made the motion and Mr. Perkins seconded, that Professor McGovney of Boalt Hall be asked to draw up a concise, simply worded opinion on dual citizenship. Motion carried.

Executive Secretary's Report: Mrs. Kingman's report consisted largely of a statement on her trip to the northwest and the south. She reported progress in the Northwest, the securing of three new Board Members from Seattle, the formation of student groups at the University of Washington and the College of Puget Sound, and the laying of plans for completion of organization in Seattle and Tacoma, depending upon further direction of either the Executive Secretary or of someone able to work there under her direction.

Organization in Portland is reported as being ##### more advanced, with further development awaiting correspondence from our Board Members to persons already known to be sympathetic. Miss Bartholomew, who has been responsible for excellent organization thus far, feels that another visit from the Executive Secretary, in a few weeks time, is imperative.

In the south, the Pasadena group has made good progress. Mrs. Kingman reported that a ~~meeting~~ meeting with the executive committee of that group showed an enthusiasm which promises continued and growing cooperation. They asked for an additional 50 membership cards, and sent in \$144.00 of their quota of \$200.

In Claremont, there was a meeting with 25 leaders from town and college including student leaders. There is excellent leadership material there, which might be utilized in Southern California promotion,

Los Angeles, the most critical community for work in the south will need extensive efforts of either the Executive Secretary or someone authorized by the Committee. An excellent group of potential backers has been suggested, but much personal effort must be expended to effect a really strong organization.

Fresno was reported as having the most active and vocal group in the entire organization, already having an excellent newspaper committee hard at work. (Which committee necessitated research on the part of the Executive Secretary)

WRA correspondence covered ~~the~~ requests for Chandler Report and authentic material to refute charges in Denver Post, and a letter sent Walter Winchell in reply to broadcast of his on May 16.

Release material is being worked out too slowly, due to lack of office help and absence of Executive Secretary from office. However a statement by Hon. Joseph Grew, and an article by Galen Fisher in reply to an editorial in the San Diego Union are prepared, to be sent out at an early date.

Minutes of Meeting of some members of the Executive Committee on May 21, were read as a part of the Executive Secretary's report.

The meeting was called at the request of Mrs. Kingman following her return from Los Angeles. Present: Dr. McGiffert, Miss Anderson, Dr. Taylor, Mr. Fisher, Mr. Harry Kingman and Ruth Kingman.

Due to obvious scope of possibility for work of the Committee, Mrs. Kingman requested that there be a discussion of practical moves whereby potentialities might be reached. The following alternatives were suggested:

- 1) Regional Organization wherein southern California and Northwest be allowed to keep moneys raised by them for employment of part time regional executive secretaries, with large degree of autonomy but not disaffiliated from Headquarters.
 - 2) Continuation of present organization and program, with several of the most interested, well informed members of our Committee giving possibly, one half day a week to the work of the Committee under the direction of the Executive Secretary.
 - 3) Continue expanding organization and program, accompanied by immediate attempt to secure financial support of some Foundation permitting the employment of additional executive personnel.
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With the approval of Mr. Fisher, assistant Treasurer of the Committee, Mrs. Kingman was authorized to employ a full time secretary for the Executive Office.

Reports following Meeting of May 21:

Miss Anderson, Dr. McGiffert and Mrs. Kingman reported that Mrs. Heard, while most sympathetic, asked that she be allowed to give her answer later, as earlier commitments to the National Board of the YWCA make improbable that she can give any considerable piece of time to the work of the Committee.

Mr. Fisher suggested that we approach Mrs. Lou S chumann for volunteer time.

Mr. Kingman reported that Dr. Deutsch advised that no request be made of the Rosenberg Foundation, but that Dr. Deutsch himself will approach Mrs. Elkus of the Columbia Foundation.

Mrs. Kingman was instructed to draw up a memo for Dr. Deutsch, covering policy and financial status of the Committee.

Motion made by Mr. Scott and seconded by Mr. Reichert, that Executive Secretary be authorized to employ full time secretary at not more than \$150.00 per month. Motion passed.

Mr. Scott offered to have necessary financial letters sent out from his office, in absence of office secretary in Berkeley office.

Carnegie Foundation for Peace: Suggestion was made that Mr. Fisher look into possibility of financial support of Foundation.

Methodist Advocate: Dr. McGiffert asked to send letter to Bishop Baker requesting that he write letter to Advocate, proposing support of Committee.

Union of Hebrew Congregations: Rabbi Reichert took responsibility of getting material into publication of the Union.

Miller Freeman correspondence: Mrs Kingman was authorized to tell Mr. Freeman that the Committee has come to no conclusion, as yet, on Jackson Bill,

Mr. Carr of Pasadena asks if policy of Committee includes welfare work with Japanese evacuees. Mrs. Kingman was authorized to reply that such work is not included in the policy for the following reasons:

- 1) The organization was founded on the basis of a policy related to the formation of public opinion.
- 2) Such an added activity would make us vulnerable to charges of "coddling" of evacuees.
- 3) Other groups, such as the churches, are carrying on that program.
- 4) We should concentrate on the narrowed objective of original policy, as pursuit of that alone demands more time and energy than we now have to expend.

It was suggested that if possible it would be desirable for Mrs. Kingman to visit Washington D.C. to meet with key persons there, explaining the objectives of the Committee on American Principles and Fair Play.

Chinese Exclusion Laws: Mr. Kingman said that John Wagner had reported that the San Francisco and Los Angeles Labor Councils had gone on record as opposing any change in the Exclusion Laws.

Mr. Reichert suggested that the committee take no position as a body but that we act individually as we see fit.

Mr. Taylor was asked to draw up a statement concerning the treatment of Japanese Americans in uniform in California.

Mr. Perkins made the Motion and Mr. Reichert seconded it, that Advisory Board Members be invited to attend Executive Committee meetings from time to time. Motion passed.

Adjournment.

AGENDA

Executive Committee Meeting of the Committee on American Principles and
Fair Play

May 27, 1943

260 California Street, San Francisco

- I. Minutes of meeting of April 30, 1943
- II. Executive Secretary's report
- III. Reports of Committees
 1. Finance.--Mr. Scott, Treasurer
 2. Legislative.--Mrs. Singman
 3. Student Membership.--Mrs. Ruth Fisher
- IV. Report from Mr. Harrison re income tax on contributions.
- V. Reports on Stockton, Santa Barbara and San Jose.--Mr. McDiffert & Mr. Fisher.
- VI. Consideration of matters of policy.
 1. Discussion on action of Committee meeting of May 21.
 2. Pasadena letter from Mr. Carr.
 3. Miller Freeman correspondence.
 4. Chinese exclusion laws.
 5. Open discussion.

New Members on Advisory Board

Mrs. Josephine Duvonck, San Francisco
Dr. William B. Mauro, Pasadena
Dr. Donald Tippet, Los Angeles
Mr. A. B. Bullock, Los Angeles
Rabbi Edgar Weagin, Los Angeles
Judge Benjamin Schoiman, Los Angeles
Father Joseph Gulkern, Oakland
Mr. T. L. Krone, San Francisco
Mr. Henry Elliott, Jr., Seattle
Dr. Jesse Steinman, Seattle
Mr. Frank S. Hayley, Seattle
Bishop James C. Baker, Los Angeles

MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING OF COMMITTEE ON
AMERICAN PRINCIPLES AND FAIR PLAY

4 p.m., 465 California St., San Francisco
July 30, 1943

Members present: Professor Paul S. Taylor (acting chairman),
Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman, Mr. Alfred Lundberg, Mr. Richard Perkins,
and Mr. Galen Fisher. Visitors: Mr. Harry Kingman and
Mr. Allen Blaisdell.

Minutes of Meeting of May 27, 1943, approved (copies having been
sent to all members then present).

Treasurer's Report attached, marked Exhibit A. Approval, moved
"with pleasure" by Mr. Lundberg, was unanimous. It was decided
that the report was to be used as a talking point only if necessary,
and then without utilizing exact figures or names of donors. It
was also made clear that absolutely no stipulations were attached
to the Columbia grant; and that the Central Office should be in-
formed of funds (over the assigned quotas) raised by the branches,
for these should be included in the sum to match the Columbia grant.

Executive Secretary's Report: *(late)*

- 1) Los Angeles trip: Mrs. Kingman met, with Joseph Powers and
others in Los Angeles (church representatives, businessmen, etc.)
and had one meeting. No officers were elected, but Mr. Powers
consented to act as Chairman pro-tem. He has subsequently
been commissioned in the Navy.
- 2) Regional executive secretaries: the present instability of
the personnel in the southern group was noted as an immediate
indication of the need of two half-time executive secretaries to
be employed by the Committee -- one in the Northwest (either
Portland or Seattle) and one in the South. The secretaries
will be appointed by each region, after consultation with the
Central Office.
 - a) financing would be as follows: (no effect on the branch
quotas)

salary	\$100	a month
office expenses	\$ 75	a month

(see attached recommendation of treasurer)
 - b) the regional offices would operate on a six month testing
period basis.
 - c) in conformity with the By-Laws, ultimate autonomy would
rest with the Central Office in regard to finances and
personnel.
 - d) regional secretary to be responsible to the Central Office,
but may use own initiative in program planning, in line
with the policies of the Committee.
- 3) Pamphlet: release No. 1 (June 15, 1943); approved by members of
the Executive Committee who attended the meeting of May 27, 1943.
30,000 copies have been printed, and distribution is now in the
last few thousands. Mr. William Carr, of the Pasadena branch,
ordered 10,000 pamphlets to send out along with a reprint of
the article in the Harper's magazine of June 1943. Many indi-
vidual requests have been answered, for additional copies of the
release for local distribution.

- 4) New Advisory Board members: President Donald Erb (University of Oregon); Dr. Vere Loper; and Mr. A.J. McFadden (of Los Angeles).
- 5) New Branches of the Fair Play Committee have been established in Santa Barbara, and the Southern Bay area (including Palos Verdes, Hermosa Beach, etc.).
- 6) The War Relocation Authority has recently sent out thousands of the following releases:
 - a) "A Voice That Must Be Heard" made up of quotations, many of which had previously been utilized by this Committee. We now have 1,000 copies of this release for distribution.
 - b) an analysis of the Dies Committee Hearings in Los Angeles; e.g. quoting "false statements" which are followed by an authoritative WRA comment.
 - c) copies of the telegram from Henry L. Stimson to our Board member, Mr. MacNaughton.
 - d) excerpts from Mr. Galen Fisher's letter to the SAN DIEGO UNION.
- 7) Mrs. Kingman pointed out that the re-use of this Committee's material indicated that there had been no new material published to support the stand taken by this Committee (though much information had appeared on the side of the "opposition") and that this situation might necessitate a new line of action on the part of the Committee.
- 8) Mr. Dillon Myer (Director of the War Relocation Authority) is coming West the first week in August, and the Committee has prepared a program for him as follows:
 - a) July 31: luncheon in Los Angeles, meeting with key people, arranged by Advisory Board member, Mr. McFadden.
 - b) Small informal luncheons at the Hotel Whitcomb in San Francisco;
 - August 3: meeting with members of the press and radio
 - August 4: meeting with representatives of labor
 - August 5: meeting with representatives of the San Francisco Board of Supervisors, and of the Bar Association.
 - c) August 6: guest speaker at the first University Meeting of the University of California.
 - d) August 6: guest speaker at the Commonwealth Club Luncheon. It was moved, seconded, and unanimously passed that the lunches for the guests at the Hotel Whitcomb on August 3, 4, 5, be charged to the Fair Play Committee, *except that Board members who attend would pay for their lunches.*

General Discussion:

- 1) Governor Warren's letter to Executive Committee member Mr. Alfred Lundberg: It was decided that an immediate answer should be drafted by Mr. Lundberg and mailed within two weeks. The letter was to be a composite answer of refutations of specific points, made by individual members of the Committee.
- 2) Student Relocation Letter: Dr. Monroe E. Deutsch suggested that the Committee take action on the recent cancellation by the Navy of several schools previously on the list of institutions that could accept students from Relocation Centers, since the cancellation was not supported by any consistently good reason. (e.g. At Smith College, the cancellation was based on the fact that WAVES are training there, yet there are, at present, no regulations regarding the employment of American-Japanese in maintenance positions there.) It was

- suggested that a member of the Committee have a conference with Dillon Myer on the WRA aspects of the problem, and if this were impossible, to refer the matter back to Dr. Deutsch.
- 3) Johnson Bill: Dr. Sproul requested that the Committee draft a refutation of the points in the Bill (attached, marked Exhibit B). Dr. Paul Taylor's draft was discussed and additions and clarifications were suggested. The final refutation (as checked and corrected) of the Bill is attached (marked Exhibit C).
 - 4) the future emphasis of the Committee was discussed in light of the following:
 - a) White House Statement: emphasized that the WRA program be made public, in great detail. This would involve a continuation of the policy of this Committee, as the WRA, at present, is acting in accordance with the principles of this Committee.
 - b) Avery Committee: a group formed in Los Angeles, and employing a highly paid public relations man, to draw together all the "Jap-baiters" on the Coast (political, industrial, etc.) --a group similar in purpose to the Home Front Commandos. The Avery Committee will, in the near future, release a new pamphlet.
 - c) the War Department will soon publish a report on the evacuation of the Japanese from the Western Defense Command, documented to show that the evacuation was purely a matter of military necessity.

Mr. Perkins suggested that immediate contact with Governor Warren regarding his stand on the problem, might be expedient.

Mr. Blaisdell suggested that:

- a) a regular, periodic release from the Central Office be sent to all members of, and contributors to, the Fair Play Committee;
- b) there should be a gathering together of all the leadership in the Committee from the different areas, where matters could be clarified and explained, policy discussed, danger signs noted, and progress evaluated.
- c) the membership should be continually educated by, e.g. notices of resolutions passed, material on relocation, etc.

Resignation from the Executive Committee of Mrs. Nina E. Bancroft (because of transportation difficulties) was accepted. Mrs. Bancroft was then appointed a member of the Advisory Board.

New Members of the Executive Committee were suggested: Mr. Armstrong (educator) and Mr. Seidel (educator).

The Chairman and Executive Secretary were empowered to act for the Executive Committee until the next meeting.

Meeting adjourned 5:29 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Jeffers, Secretary

July 30, 1943

EXHIBIT A

PACIFIC COAST COMMITTEE ON AMERICAN PRINCIPLES AND FAIR PLAY

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

RECEIPTS AS OF JULY 30, 1943

Pasadena Chapter 5/19/43	\$144.00	
Pasadena Chapter 7/15/43	<u>67.00</u>	\$ 211.00
Fresno Chapter 7/21/43		128.00
Columbia Foundation 7/14/43		3900.00
Others (209 Contributors)		2388.25
Payments for Printed Material		<u>3.30</u>
		\$6630.55

DISBURSEMENTS AS OF JULY 30, 1943

BALANCE ON HAND

1,867.43
4,763.13

Memorandum on Financing Executive of Southern California
and Northwestern Fair Play Affiliated Committees

Quotas: It is proposed that the Central Committee treasury contribute toward these budgets \$800. for the Northwestern and \$400. for the Southern California committees respectively, the difference representing roughly the present probable capacity of the supporters in each region, namely \$450. in the Northwest, and \$ 650. in Southern California.

It is understood that this arrangement would not affect the regular obligation of all affiliated committees to contribute reasonable amounts to the Central Treasury. Since the Pasadena Committee has already made a generous contribution, it would not be expected to send any further contribution to the Central Treasury until next year.

(For the six months' testing period, the total would be approximately \$1050. ✓)

*Budget for each
regional committee*

C O P Y

H. CON. RES. 2978th Congress
1st Session

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

June 21, 1943

Mr. J. Leroy Johnson submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs

C O N C U R R E N T R E S O L U T I O N

RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES (THE SENATE CONCURRING), that it is the sense of the Congress that any treaty of peace made by the United States with the Government of Japan at the conclusion of the present war should include a provision that --

(1) all Japanese nationals in the United States, its Territories, and possessions, and

(2) all other persons of Japanese descent in the United States, its Territories, and possessions who have been or shall be found, by any court of competent jurisdiction or any agency of the United States which may be charged with the duty of making such a finding, (A) to have given aid or comfort to any enemy of the United States in the present war, (B) to have advocated or taught the overthrow by force or violence of the Government of the United States, or (C) in the case of any such persons owing allegiance to the United States, to have knowingly and intentionally expressed by deed, or by word, either orally or in writing, loyalty to a foreign state.

shall be deported, and the expense of such deportation shall be borne by the Government of Japan.

July 30, 1943

EXHIBIT C

COMMENTS ON H. CON. RES. 29, PRESENTED BY CONGRESSMAN JOHNSON

In respect to the first proposal (deportation of all Japanese nationals in the United States, its Territories, and possessions)--

It is our understanding

- 1) that most of these aliens were admitted to our country in full conformity to our laws as these laws stood at the time of their admission, and that they are not deportable under laws now on the statute books.
- 2) that of all aliens, including those who have returned to Japan for a visit, two-thirds have not been in Japan since 1925, or more than seventeen years ago.
- 3) that, according to court records, with relatively few exceptions no accusation whatever of crime or malfeasance against our country has been lodged against these aliens. The Report of the Commissioner General of Emigration and Immigration, included in the 1940 Report of the Secretary of Labor shows that of the 50,744 aliens deported for any reason, from 1935 to 1940, only 311 were Japanese.
- 4) that the majority of these aliens have children, and in some cases, grandchildren born in the United States.
- 5) that 39 percent of the "American citizens who happen to have Japanese parents" are under 15 years of age (1940 census) and that these children (or grandchildren) are the American citizens who would experience in most intimate ways the results of separation of families that deportation of all aliens would entail.
- 6) that the alien Japanese population, already decreasing, will have decreased markedly within a few years, the average age of the aliens alone being 56; and their influence will have been weakened by the evacuation and resettlement, which have thrust their children to the fore.

In view of these considerations we believe that deportation of Japanese aliens could hardly fail to injure the "loyal American citizens". As a son of an immigrant, Mr. Johnson will hardly fail to realize the hardship upon children of deporting their parents because of foreign birth. On the record, foreign birth is the only crime of which the vast majority of these people are charged.

In respect to the second proposals (deportation of all other persons of Japanese descent who have been proven disloyal, etc.) --

It is our conviction

that the courts of law of the United States are well equipped to deal with disloyal citizens, and that all disloyal citizens regardless of ancestry, should be dealt with in strict conformity with the laws of such courts.

It is true that Japanese are of a different race and color than the rest of us. Also that some of our people do not like persons of Japanese ancestry. But is there any substantial reason to believe that the Japanese aliens long resident in the United States had anything to do with "this war and the manner in which it was started"? Is it not pretty clear, now that the dust is settling, that the record is to the contrary?

The total group of persons of Japanese ancestry in this country, two-thirds of whom are citizens, constituted less than one-tenth of one percent of the population of the United States in 1940. Can it be that we have so little confidence in our own institutions, educational, cultural and legal, that we must make specific laws to apply to such a minute part of our total population?

Finally, and most important of all, we shrink from pursuing any course which would undeniably render us subject to the charge of thinking in terms of race. We feel that this Bill, made applicable to persons of Japanese ancestry only, draws dangerously close to Nazi parallels, and that Congressional adoption of such a measure would prove a serious departure from the American tradition. To justify, even partially, such action, there should be established an abundance of evidence of a most indisputable kind that the persons of Japanese ancestry are more dangerous to national security than any other group. Evidence which has been presented to substantiate this position seems to us entirely inadequate.

MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE
COMMITTEE ON AMERICAN PRINCIPLES AND FAIR PLAY

12 noon, Commercial Club, San Francisco
September 14, 1943

Members present: Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman, Dr. Arthur C. McGiffert,
Mrs. Wallace Alexander, Rabbi Irving F. Reichert, and
Mr. Galen Fisher. Visitors: Mr. Frank S. Gaines,
Mr. Allen Blaisdell, Mrs. Josephine Duvneck.

Minutes of Meeting of July 30, 1943 approved (copies having been
sent to all members, and the visitors present) with the provision
that an itemized account of the total disbursements in the last
Treasurer's report be included in the minutes of this meeting.
(See Exhibit A, attached.)

Treasurer's Report: not read (attached, marked Exhibit B).

Executive Secretary's Report: (entirety listed below for convenience
though other matters intervened due to the limited time of certain
members present).

1. Local affairs:

- a The material attached, marked Exhibit C was sent to all
paid members of the Committee between the dates of
August 18th and August 20th.
- b The composite letter Mr. Lundberg was to write in answer
to Governor Warren's letter of July 16, 1943, has been
sent (attached marked Exhibit D). Previous correspondence
is attached, marked Exhibit D(a).
- c The program planned by the Committee for the visit on the
West Coast of War Relocation Authority Director,
Mr. Dillon Myer in the first week of August, was success-
fully executed. Mr. Myer wrote the Executive Secretary
on August 28th as follows:

"....and no apologies are needed for the heavy
schedule which you arranged in California. I am
amazed and, of course, tremendously pleased, at the
progress made by the Committee on American Principles
and Fair Play. You and Mr. Kingman, along with others
who may have had a part in making the arrangements,
are to be congratulated and I want to express my ap-
preciation for the excellent manner in which the plans
were carried out. I was weary but it was a good kind
of weariness....."

Again let me repeat that I am tremendously de-
lighted with the caliber of the members and leader-
ship of the Committee on American Principles and
Fair Play and with the effective job that has been
done.....It is quite evident that there is still
a very big job to do for undoubtedly a new campaign
will be getting under way."

- d Material received in bulk from the War Relocation Author-
ity will be distributed to all paid members on September
thirtieth. The packets will contain:
 - 1) Covering letter from the Executive Secretary
 - 2) March of Time....remarks of H.P. Eberharter
 - 3) Minority Report of Herman P. Eberharter
 - 4) Comments by WRA on press statements
 - 5) Comments on Los Angeles hearings (press statements)
 - 6) Supplementary comments by WRA (press statements)
 - 7) Further comments by WRA on press statements
 - 8) Myer statement before Costello Committee
 - 9) Guiding Principles of the WRA
 - 10) Statement on H.H. Townsend testimony in Los Angeles
 - 11) Letter from Myer to Martin Dies
- e The publishing of a new release (as discussed in the
Executive Committee meeting of July 30th) has been delayed
for the following reasons:
 - 1) the question of possible expansion of the activities
of the Committee to include a stand on the
Chinese Exclusion Act;
 - 2) the recent stabilizing of government policies in
regard to the work of the War Relocation Authority;
 - 3) the question of the unanimity of feeling of the
members of the Committee.

f The articles by Mr. Galen Fisher in four successive issues of the Christian Century (starting August 18th) will be reprinted in some form and mailed to all members. Action is pending word from Santa Barbara board member Mr. Donald C. Peattie on the possibility of a condensation being accepted by the Readers' Digest - in which case, reprints will be ordered from them. Mr. Blaisdell moved that action on the work be left to the discretion of a committee, to be appointed Dr. McGiffert, of which Mr. Fisher was to be a member. The motion passed unanimously.

2. North affairs:

The activity of Senator Mary Farquharson and Dean Robert O'Brien has resulted in the securing of a half time executive secretary for the Northwest, Mrs. Siegley, and a chairman for a Branch of the Committee in Seattle, Mrs. Mosiman.

3. South affairs:

a Mrs. Arthur Pierce Ferguson has been established as half-time secretary for the Committee in Los Angeles. She will be responsible for the work of the Southwest, through Branches already established (Palos Verdes, Pasadena, etc.) and will also establish a group in the near future in Los Angeles. At this time Mrs. Ferguson has attended an organizational meeting in Claremont, and is well qualified to "take hold" in the South. There will be little office expense at present, since the work is being executed at home.

b The Santa Barbara Branch of the Committee has found that they work best with a very loose organization that includes the facilities and personnel to hold occasional large meetings. At the present time, they are anxious that the Central Office supply speakers. Mrs. Kingman suggested that if a Board member goes South to represent the Committee at the hearings of the Tenney Committee in Los Angeles on October 15th, a Santa Barbara meeting might be included in the schedule. No action was taken.

4. Trip to Washington, D.C.

a Itinerary:

Leave Berkeley	Sept. 17
in Chicago	Sept. 19 and 20
in New York	Sept. 21 to 23
in Washington, D.C.	Sept. 23 to Oct. 15
in St. Louis	Oct. 17 and 18
in New Orleans (Shelby)	Oct. 19 and 20

b The stay in Washington will consist primarily of a series of "courtesy calls" so that certain key people in Washington will become aware of the support on the West Coast for the present direction of activity of the Government and the W.R.A. in regard to the American Japanese.

c The schedule includes interviews with specific individuals and groups while in Washington: the West Coast congressional delegation; the head of the Civil Service (since they are no longer supporting their original policy); Secretary Stimson; Mr. McCloy; certain top executives in radio and press; etc.

d Mr. Gaines moved that Mrs. Kingman be authorized by a letter signed by the Honorary Chairman and the Executive Committee Chairman (an endorsement of the project) to speak for the Committee. Motion passed unanimously.

San Francisco Organization:

1. Mr. Galen Fisher presented an idea for a Bay area "look out" organization that would parallel the Branches of the Committee in Pasadena, Santa Barbara, Fresno, etc., with the same degree of autonomy from the central office. He felt that the time is now ripe for such a separate organization since the present local organization is the central organizing point for all Branches on the Pacific Coast, and consequently has not sufficient time or personnel to keep abreast of developments around the Bay area that might be combatted were there a distinct Bay area group that had no concern other than that of checking radio, press, and platform statements and taking appropriate counter measures when necessary (e.g. personal contact with editors, etc.). The existence of such a Branch would eliminate the rather haphazard counter measures that have been taken formerly. The work will be mainly by telephone, with members acting as "prodders". The financial set up will be simplified since there will no longer be local solicitations directly through the central office.

2. Mr. Blaisdell presented his estimation of the plan for a San Francisco group as follows: such a local group will need assistance and automatically turn to the central office which will result in a large duplication of personnel, effort and activity. A subcommittee (e.g. the present Advisory Board) might be feasible but a separate group in the Bay area would divide the forces and result in a loss of efficiency. The financial problem can not afford to be pushed off on a local committee.
3. Rabbi Reichert pointed out that since all persons interested in the work of the Committee could not be included on the Executive or Advisory Board it would actively interest many more people to have a Bay Area Branch, distinct from the central office, where people could identify themselves, since the popularization of the work of the Committee is essential to its success. The leaders on the Advisory and Executive Boards would spark the local group, just as the leading people in the other Branches who spark plug their groups should be included on the Central Advisory Board. Such a group would meet independently though it might use the facilities of the central office.
4. Mr. Gaines stated that he felt there was a need for some sort of local committee and that it should be possible to establish a successful independent unit.
5. Rabbi Reichert moved that a group be set up in the Bay area under the counsel and direction of Mrs. Kingman, and that there be a report on the status and activity of this Branch due in two months, at which time the degree of autonomy of the group would be determined. Motion passed unanimously.
 - a. the By-Laws on the particular matter read as follows:
Local or regional affiliates: Local or Regional Committees whose purpose and convictions generally conform to those expressed in Sections 2 and 3 hereof, may be formed as Affiliates of the COMMITTEE ON AMERICAN PRINCIPLES AND FAIR PLAY. Affiliates shall be governed in matters of general policy by the Executive Committee of the Organization, but shall otherwise be autonomous. They shall accept such financial obligation for the support of the Organization as may be mutually agreed upon, and shall, unless otherwise mutually agreed upon, cover all expenses of their own operations. The Executive Committee of the Organization may from time to time make rules and regulations on matters of general policy, conformity to which shall be a condition of remaining an affiliate of the COMMITTEE ON AMERICAN PRINCIPLES AND FAIR PLAY.

Old Business:

1. Miss Jefferds was recognized by the Executive Committee as being instrumental in the recent interest of the student newspaper of the University of California in the problem of the American Japanese, (Editorials attached, marked Exhibit E).
2. Mr. Galen Fisher volunteered information concerning two recent publications:
 - a. an unsolicited account of the Committee and its personnel written in the August issue of the Christian Advocate;
 - b. "The Japanese in our Midst" a pamphlet put out by the Colorado Council of Churches. They have indicated that some financial assistance would be necessary to distribute the pamphlet in large quantities. No action was taken, though possibilities of underwriting were discussed.

New Business:

1. Mr. Fisher moved a Resolution that the Committee expand its activities to include a stand on the Chinese Exclusion Act. Mr. Blaisdell made a suggestion (unanimously approved) that the Resolution be dependent on confirmation by vote of the Advisory Board.
2. It was suggested that the Executive Chairman appoint a planning committee to report to the Executive Committee on the future actions and program of the Committee, (e.g. preparation of material with which to barrage Congress).
3. It was decided that the program of the Committee justified a regular meeting time for the Executive Committee. This will be set by Miss Jefferds after consultation with several members of the Executive Committee.

Meeting Adjourned: 1:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Jefferds
Secretary

MINUTES

Joint Meeting of the Advisory Board and Executive Committee
of the
PACIFIC COAST COMMITTEE ON AMERICAN PRINCIPLES AND FAIR PLAY

December 29, 1943, at 465 California St., San Francisco

- I Mr. Maurice E. Harrison as presiding chairman called the meeting to order at 4:05.
- II Members present: Miss Leila Anderson, Mr. Allen Blaisdell, Mrs. Josephine Duveneck, Mr. Frank S. Gaines, Mr. Maurice E. Harrison, Mr. Alfred J. Lundberg, Dr. Arthur C. McGiffert, Mrs. Alfred McLaughlin, Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman, Mr. Harry S. Scott, Dr. Paul S. Taylor, Mr. August Vollmer.
Visitors present: Miss Eleanor Breed, Mr. Harry L. Kingman, Mr. Paul Carrico (representing Mr. Richard Neustadt) 2
- III Executive Secretary's report:
- A. Southwest: Difficulty in organizing the Los Angeles area is due primarily to prevalent misinformation and consequent prejudice resulting from the bitter campaign of racial hatred carried on by the Hearst and other newspapers which has been taken advantage of by self-seeking politicians. However, approximately 26 persons have expressed their willingness to work on the Committee, and the Executive Committee for a Los Angeles branch is ready to become a working unit as soon as a chairman has been secured. It is expected that a statement will be made by President Robert Gordon Sproul on the occasion of the launching of the work of the Southwest Committee. The treasurer has already been selected and has stated that no difficulty is to be expected in obtaining the assigned quota for the area.
- B. Northwest: the organization is proceeding on a very sound basis due, essentially, to the efforts of Dean Robert O'Brien of the University of Washington, working with the Executive Secretary for Seattle, Mrs. Clara Siegley. Mr. Frank Bayley has stated his willingness to serve as chairman of the Northwest area, and has been officially invited to fill this post by Mr. Maurice Harrison. The present problem in this area centers about the lack of publicity with respect to the patriotic efforts of loyal Japanese Americans, in the army and otherwise. This problem will be solved and current misapprehensions removed as soon as the public is adequately informed of the facts. The current action of the local group is concerned with legislation pending in the Sheppard Bill; the development of a membership program; and the development of a working relationship with the local press.
- IV Treasurer's Report: attached, marked Exhibit A
The Executive Secretary stated that the funds due within two months from local Branches of the Committee will be more than sufficient to meet the commitment to the Columbia Foundation. Thus, the financial stability of the Committee is assured through July 1944, when renewals of subscriptions will be solicited.
- V Executive Secretary's Report on actions and publications of the Committee since May, 1943.
- A. The most far reaching action of the Committee has consisted of the establishment of the Committee as the only organization on the West Coast whose principal activities center in

supporting and defending the Constitutional rights of law-abiding persons of Japanese ancestry in the United States-- with a full realization of the relation between the rights of this and other racial minorities. The work of the various Branches has contributed largely to this recognition (Time Magazine, December 20). The Committee has gained a significant place in the national pattern, partly through the Executive Secretary's trip to Washington in October, where Attorney General Francis Biddle, and Assistant Secretary of War John J. McCloy were among those with whom she was able to speak at length on the views of the Committee. It is important that the War Department and Department of Justice now have a knowledge of the support by the Committee of the policies and program formulated to date by the Government in regard to the American-Japanese. Attention was called to:

- (1) Mr. Biddle's inclusion of a statement on the legal aspects of the American-Japanese program in an address before the West Virginia Bar Association on October 9, 1943. (Letter to Mrs. Kingman from Attorney General Biddle attached, marked Exhibit B). Since that time four similar public statements have been made.
 - (2) The War Department's apparent acceptance of responsibility of returning evacuees to the West Coast.
- B. The War Relocation Authority is cognizant of the fundamental principles upon which the Committee operates, and realizes that the support of the Committee for the WRA extends only to the general program of the WRA, rather than to the efficiency or details of its administrative work. (Letter from Mr. Dillon S. Myer to Mrs. Kingman attached, marked Exhibit C). A public relations program on the part of the WRA, although recommended, has not yet been adopted. Efforts are now being made in this direction.
1. Two telegrams have been formulated:
 - a. November 25, 1943: sent to President Franklin D. Roosevelt, Mr. Dillon S. Myer, the War Department and released to AP, UP, and a selected list of 250 papers throughout the nation. (Telegram attached, marked Exhibit D).
 - b. December 21, 1943: sent to President Franklin D. Roosevelt, Mr. Dillon S. Myer, the Chairman of the California Congressional Delegation, and released to AP, UP, and a selected list of 250 papers throughout the nation. (Telegram attached, marked Exhibit E)
- C. Quantities of material have been sent out from the Executive Office in Berkeley. (List attached, marked Exhibit F). The numbers quoted include the carefully selected material sent to key people in specific areas where definite local problems were to be combatted, the material sent to a selected list of newspapers in the nation in addition to the individual mailing to our paid membership of over 600.
1. Mr. Blaisdell raised the question as to whether or not the informative material is being used primarily to

- give the Committee's supporters factual weapons to combat misapprehensions or misinformation, without making sufficient attempts to contact members of the opposition represented in local groups and individuals
2. The suggestion was made that the mailing list be expanded to include certain influential groups (e.g. the local Chambers of Commerce) as they are from time to time confronted by problems of the Japanese-Americans relating to their specific spheres of activity. Mr. Lundberg said that he would provide the Secretary with a list of State Chamber officers, and Mr. Harrison offered to cooperate in drawing up a selected list from the Bar Association.
- D. Press Relationships have been established to the extent that releases covering the Committee's work (e.g. factual releases telegrams) are welcomed by local papers, New York Times, Christian Science Monitor, AP, and UP --- with the exception of the Hearst chain and the McClatchy papers. The wire services have sent everything we have released both East and South. It was suggested that the relationships with more Eastern newspapers be developed so that the Western press might be aware of their attitude.

VI New Business:

- A. The resignation of Mr. Harry L. Kingman from the Advisory Board due to his appointment as Regional Director of the Committee on Fair Employment Practices was accepted.
- B. The transfer of Mr. Alfred J. Lundberg from his position on the Executive Committee to the Advisory Board, due to the pressure of other work, is pending official notification of the Chairman of the Executive Committee.
- C. The Executive Secretary was authorized to send a congratulatory message from the Advisory Board and Executive Committee to the Pasadena Branch in appreciation of its splendid attitude during the Hearings held in Los Angeles by the California Assembly Interim Committee on the Japanese Problem, in spite of the grossly unfair methods of the Assembly Committee
- D. The incorporation of the Committee is underway and will be brought about as soon as the proper signatures are obtained.

VII Discussion:

- A. California Assembly Interim Committee on the Japanese Problem may hold hearings in San Francisco in January.
 1. Mr. August Vollmer suggested that an independent investigation of the administration of WRA be carried out by an experienced, informed, unprejudiced, person or group.
 - a. This suggestion was questioned in regard to the financing, authorization, and ability to carry on such an investigation.
 - b. Mrs. McLaughlin suggested the contacting of President Sproul and Dr. Ray Lyman Wilbur as sources of information regarding possible foundations that might support such an investigation.
 - c. Mrs. Kingman stated that a report is due in the near future from the Department of Justice upon their recent investigation of the Relocation Centers, but might not be available in time for use.

2. Mr Harrison and Mr. Lundberg pointed out the danger of the Committee becoming identified as a supporter of actual administration of the WRA rather than of the principles upon which WRA policy thus far has been developed. Since not enough actual facts are known of the entire administration, any such definitive stand with respect to administrative detail should not be presumed.
 3. The advisability of encouraging the Assembly Committee hearings in San Francisco was questioned by Mr. Carrico, who pointed out that the press would only select information from the testimonies -- and could not be depended upon to publish the facts.
 4. Mrs. Kingman felt that a hearings by the Interim Committee in San Francisco would be particularly helpful, as it would enable the Board members to go on record by answering the accusations made in Los Angeles that the Board members were uninformed of the actions of the Committee, and the implication that big names are being "used" by Communists and Pacifistic groups. In addition, statements by the Committee heads (regarding the significance and principles of the Committee) could be published in the Eastern papers with good effect. The main disadvantage might lie in Mr. Gannon's selection of the witnesses and his unfair use of his position as Chairman.
 5. Mr. Gaines suggested the possibility of pointing out that the Gannon Committee and similar groups are undermining the fundamental constitutional rights of all minority groups, racial and otherwise.
 6. No decision was reached as to possible action relating to the Assembly Interim Committee hearings, but a willingness to appear, if called, was expressed by the members.
- B. It was felt that the Committee should take the offensive in combatting the "hate campaign" led by the Hearst publications (particularly evidenced in specific areas, e.g. San Joaquin and Sacramento valleys).
1. Authoritative statements by influential persons regarding the policy of the WRA (and the financial and personnel problems involved) and the legality or illegality of the incarceration of evacuees in Relocation Centers. Such a statement may be anticipated, it was hoped, from the White House, either from President Roosevelt or Mr. James Byrnes.
 2. Editorials in the press--particularly enlisting the support of Eastern papers.
 3. The endorsing of a strong resolution by the entire membership of the Committee, followed by adequate publicity.
 4. Attempt to get the story of the Committee Hearings in Los Angeles in magazines of national circulation.
- C. Resolution passed by the California State Board of Agriculture (introduced by Dr. Paul S. Taylor) at a regular meeting on December 20, 1943 (attached marked Exhibit G).
1. The following facts were related by Dr. Taylor relative to clarifying the news stories that appeared regarding the passing of the resolution.

- a. The resolution was brought up under regular business, at a regular meeting of the Board, with all members present sitting within their statutory terms.
 - b. The chairman had a copy of the resolution in writing prior to the meeting, and had given his consent to its introduction.
 - c. Six out of nine members were present. Three members voted for the resolution, one member declined to take any stand, one member voted against the resolution, and the chairman (not voting except in case of tie) stated his position for the resolution.
 - d. Precedent for such a resolution has been set by the passing of similar resolutions relating to agricultural interests by groups within the jurisdiction of the State Board.
2. Only two signed letters condemning the resolution were received by Dr. Taylor, the two remaining communications condemning the resolution were anonymous, and all other communications commended the stand taken by the State Board.
 3. It was decided that the Committee take no formal action with respect to the resolution, but it was suggested that individuals writing as citizens of California were free to express their views to the Governor with respect to his statement
- D. Miscellaneous suggestions for specific Committee action, but not acted upon:
1. Mrs. McLaughlin: recognition by the Committee of the work of the A.C.L.U. on the Los Angeles Hearings by the Interim Committee.
 2. Mr. Frank Gaines: Distribution of reprints of the article in Time Magazine regarding the hearings of of the Interim Committee in Los Angeles.

VIII Meeting adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Jaffers
Secretary

EXHIBIT A

COMMITTEE ON AMERICAN PRINCIPLES AND FAIR PLAY

Statement of Cash Receipts and Disbursements
March 5, 1943 to December 22, 1943

RECEIPTS:

Pasadena Chapter - dues.....	\$ 211.00	
Fresno Chapter - dues.....	128.00	
Santa Barbara Chapter - dues.....	100.00	
Columbia Foundation - donation.....	3900.00	
Other donations (302 contributors).....	2971.75	
H.S. Scott - advance.....	30.00	
Receipts from sale of printed matter.....	<u>26.05</u>	
Total Receipts.....		\$7,366.80

DISBURSEMENTS:

Traveling expenses:		
Ruth W. Kingman.....	\$ 731.37	
Mrs. A.W. Ferguson.....	3.90	
Mrs. C. M. Siegley.....	<u>63.48</u>	\$ 798.75
Salaries:		
Ruth W. Kingman.....	\$1936.30	
Mary Jefferds.....	767.44	
Mrs. A.W. Ferguson.....	178.00	
Mrs. C. M. Siegley.....	<u>226.20</u>	3107.94
Stationary and office expenses.....		344.61
Rentals.....		252.00
Postage.....		295.38
Telephone.....		317.63
Printed matter.....		<u>226.66</u>
H.S. Scott - return of advance.....		30.00
Total disbursements.....		<u>5,372.97</u>

EXCESS OF RECEIPTS OVER DISBURSEMENTS
MARCH 5, 1943 TO DECEMBER 22, 1943..... \$1,993.83

REPRESENTED BY:

Petty cash funds - Berkeley.....	\$ 200.00	
Los Angeles..	25.00	
Seattle.....	<u>25.00</u>	\$ 250.00

American Trust Company, San Francisco 1743.83

TOTAL CASH ON HAND..... \$1,993.83

EXHIBIT B

C O P Y

OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL
WASHINGTON, D.C.

October 11, 1943

Dear Mrs. Kingman:

I spoke at the meeting of the West Virginia Bar Association last Saturday evening, and among other things spoke on the Japanese situation. I had in mind what you said to me and I thought you might like to have a copy of my remarks, which I was careful to read so there could be no possibility of misquotation. The press commented on them, and, of course, you are free to use them anyway you want.

Sincerely yours,

s/ Francis Biddle

Francis Biddle
Attorney General

EXHIBIT C

C O P Y

Letter from Mr. Dillon S. Myer to Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman

December 28, 1943

I want to express my appreciation of the continuing support of the Committee on American Principles and Fair Play and especially for your telegram to the President and the Chairman of the California Delegation in Congress.

Your message made an invaluable contribution to our position, not because of its personal support of my administration as director, but because it gave recognition to the fundamental policies of the War Relocation Authority and to the principles upon which the policies are based. I recognize that your message was in support of those principles.

The Committee has displayed courage and objectivity in the midst of emotion and fear. Your backing has given us courage to fight on in the face of difficulties.

s/ Dillon S. Myer

TEXT OF TELEGRAM SENT NOVEMBER 25, 1943

As a Pacific Coast body which recognizes many of the difficulties in administering the Tulelake Segregation Center, difficulties due in part to the diversified groups within the center, in part to the unjustified political and journalistic exaggeration of the disturbances inevitable in such a center, we urge that the following facts be considered by any policy making bodies.

1. The War Department has repeatedly expressed reluctance to assume permanent control of any center.
2. The War Relocation Authority, while established primarily as a relocation agency, has worked out satisfactory techniques for administration of various types of centers.

Unless the War Department wishes to control and operate Tulelake may we respectfully submit the following proposals:

1. Continued operation of Relocation Centers by W.R.A. with emphasis upon resettlement of loyal evacuees.
2. Immediate separation of troublemakers in Tulelake from lawabiding members of the colony, and secure incarceration of aforementioned persons in areas established and secured by the War Department for that purpose.
3. War Department responsibility for external security of entire Tulelake Segregation Center.
4. Administration and operation of the Tulelake Center by W.R.A. whose authority and personnel shall be strengthened to meet local conditions.
5. Full public interpretation by the War Department of the local situation.
6. Full public interpretation by the State Department of the international implications involved, since segregees are not prisoners of war.

Most respectfully submitted,

PACIFIC COAST COMMITTEE ON AMERICAN PRINCIPLES AND FAIR PLAY

(signed)
Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman
Executive Secretary

EXHIBIT E

TEXT OF TELEGRAM SENT TO PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT AND CHAIRMAN
CALIFORNIA CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION, December 21, 1943

The Pacific Coast Committee on American Principles and Fair Play wishes to express confidence in Dillon S. Myer as Director War Relocation Authority, and opposes request of West Coast Congressmen that he resign.

Our confidence rests upon the following:

1. Excellent relocation program of W.R.A.
2. The director's recognition of international complications involved in W.R.A. program.
3. The director's recognition of civil rights of law-abiding persons.
4. The director's determination to administer this unprecedented program within the best possible American tradition of fairness.
5. Mr. Myer's courage in the face of prejudice and misrepresentation.

We further recommend, due to the complex problems confronting W.R.A. in Tulelake Segregation Center, caused partially by difficulties in obtaining adequate personnel,

1. Addition of experienced personnel necessitating
 - a) Recognition of need by Bureau of the Budget
 - b) Recognition of higher priority by War Manpower Commission.

EXHIBIT F

PACIFIC COAST COMMITTEE ON AMERICAN PRINCIPLES AND FAIR PLAY
Material distributed

<u>RELEASE</u>		<u>NUMBER</u>	
JUNE			
Statement of June 15th	over	<u>30,000</u>	30,000
JULY			
Chester Rowell Editorial (June 14)	"	650	
Voice That Must Be Heard	"	650	1300
		<u> </u>	13,000
AUGUST			
Harpers Reprint (Pasadena Branch)	"	<u>6,000</u>	6,000
SEPTEMBER			
Union Calendar #243 (Eberharter Minority)	"	600	
Merchant letter from McCloy	"	600	
Remarks of Eberharter (March of Time)	"	600	
Statement of Dillon S. Myer	"	600	
Dies letter from Myer	"	600	
Guiding Principles of WRA	"	600	
Comments on News Statements	"	600	
Supplementary Comments	"	600	
Further Comments	"	600	
Comments (June 8 and 17)	"	600	
Testimony of Harold H. Townsend	"	<u>700</u>	6,700
NOVEMBER			
Letter re telegram of Nov. 25	"	600	
Ambassador Grow Statement	"	600	
Chester Rowell Editorial (Nov. 25)	"	9,000	
Telegram of November 25	"	<u>600</u>	10,800
DECEMBER			
Telegram of December 21	"	50	
O.W.I. Statement	"	600	
Truth about Jap Camps	"	600	
Truth about Relocation	"	600	
Pertinent Facts	"	<u>600</u>	2,450
<u>Material Distributed on Request</u>			
Balance Sheet on Japanese Evacuation	over	8,000	
You Can Do Something About It	about	25	
Readers' Digest Reprint	over	200	
Japanese in Our Midst	about	75	
Denman Opinion	about	200	
Relocation of Japanese Americans	about	25	
Common Ground Reprint	about	<u>25</u>	1,350
GRAND TOTAL			70,300
			58,600
California Monthly (article by a Nisei, secured by the Committee)			25,000 c.

EXHIBIT 'G

RESOLUTION

Adopted by the California State Board of Agriculture
Sacramento, December 20, 1943

WHEREAS, it will be the responsibility of military authorities to determine the duration of that period of military necessity on the ground of which they decided early in 1942 to evacuate persons of Japanese ancestry from the Pacific Coast

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that if and when the military authorities shall decide that military necessity no longer requires that persons of Japanese ancestry shall be excluded from this State, the California State Board of Agriculture in the light of that decision will use its influence to assure that race prejudice shall not jeopardize the lawful participation of this or any other group in the agricultural life and industry of this State, and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States, the Secretary of State, the Secretary of War, the Governor of California, and the California Congressional delegation.

MINUTES

Executive Committee Meeting
(special)

Pacific Coast Committee on American Principles and Fair Play
January 20, 1944

- I Meeting called to order by Chairman Dr. Arthur C. McGiffert.
- II Members present: Miss Leila Anderson, Dr. Monroe E. Deutsch, Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman, Dr. Arthur C. McGiffert, and Dr. Paul S. Taylor.
- III Dr. Taylor made a motion, seconded by Dr. Deutsch, authorizing a quorum vote to consist of three persons and two proxies, the proxies to be held by different persons (neither to be held by the Executive Secretary). Motion passed.
- IV Membership
- A. Advisory Board
1. The resignation of Mr. A.J. McFadden was accepted.
 2. The request of Mr. Alfred J. Lundberg for membership on the Executive Committee to be changed to membership on the Advisory Board was moved accepted by Dr. Deutsch, and seconded by Miss Anderson. Motion passed with great regret and an expression of appreciation of the fine work done by Mr. Lundberg on the Executive Committee.
- B. Executive Committee
1. Mr. Frank S. Gaines was elected (subject to acceptance) to the Executive Committee, replacing Mr. Lundberg.
 2. Mr. Allen Matthew was elected (subject to acceptance) to the Executive Committee replacing Mr. John T. Wagner.
- C. It was voted that the following be invited to join the Advisory Board: Miss Annie Clo Watson, Mrs. Ruby Heide, and Mr. John Shelly.
- V A month's vacation was voted to Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman, Executive Secretary.
- VI Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth W. Kingman
Secretary/amy

MINUTES

Executive Committee Meeting

Pacific Coast Committee on American Principles and Fair Play
March 9, 1944 -- 5:00 p.m. -- YWCA Cottage, Berkeley

- I The meeting was called to order by Dr. Arthur C. McGiffert.
- II Members present: Miss Leila Anderson, Mr. Galen M. Fisher, Mr. Frank S. Gaines, Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman, Dr. Arthur C. McGiffert, and Mr. Richard Perkins.
- III Minutes of the last meeting of January 20, 1944 were approved as previously mailed, with no corrections or additions.
- IV As an outgrowth of the petitions for resumption of civil rights that have been issued from several of the Relocation Centers (Exhibit A) Mrs. Kingman introduced a resolution that would establish a definite stand being taken by the Committee on this point.
 - A. Dr. McGiffert introduced a letter signed by several members of the Pasadena Chapter (urging that the Committee take a definite stand on this point) as an indication of the unanimity of feeling of the Committee members as to the timeliness of the Resolution.
 - B. The Resolution was revised by the joint action of the members present (Exhibit B)
 - C. The motion was made by Mr. Fisher, and seconded by Mr. Gaines, that the resolution be accepted and given publicity as soon as the favoring of the resolution by three-fourths of the accessible members of the Advisory Board be ascertained by the Executive Secretary.

Motion passed unanimously.

 1. Miscellaneous suggestions relating to the method to be used in contacting Advisory Board members for approval.
 - a. Mr. Fisher: An informative letter (including the reasons for proposing the resolution, points of encouragement, e.g. Kuroki speech and Commander Haughton's statement) be sent airmail to available Advisory Board members, and the answer wired collect.
 - b. Dr. McGiffert: The phrase "Give us an incentive to fight for" (taken from a petition from one of the Relocation Center papers) might well be used in the publicity accompanying the resolution.
 - D. Dr. McGiffert pointed out that the Fair Play Committee might tender a program or outline of steps to be covered in the restoration of civilian rights to the evacuees -- but that this program would not necessarily involve the participation of the Committee itself in the program, except as the individual members wished to do so. Such a specific program would aid the War Department in honoring the aforementioned resolution.

V The Executive Secretary pointed out that the Fair Play Committee is a natural nucleus for the organization of a citizens group in California that would assure the War Department of the prevention of internal disorder upon the return of the evacuees.

- A. Mrs. Kingman, having had several interviews with Major Blake (a member of Col. Fielder's staff in Honolulu) asserted that a similar citizens group has been effective in Honolulu acting as an army liason group -- with a public relations function.
- B. Mr. Fisher suggested the Office of Civilian Defense as the most comprehensive organization already established, that might be equipped to handle such a function as a necessary war measure.
- C. Mr. Gaines felt that the key group in this matter will be the California War Council. An appointment for the Executive Secretary with council member California Attorney General Robert Kenny, is pending.

VI The Chairman introduced a letter from Mrs. Gertrude Klause re the representation of Chapter officers on the Advisory Board or Executive Committee. The idea was favorably received, and Mrs. Kingman was authorized to take action toward such representation after clearing the legal aspects involved in such a change in the incorporation through Advisory Board Chairman, Mr. Maurice E. Harrison.

VII Meeting adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Secretary

Exhibit A

COLORADO RIVER RELOCATION PROJECT
Poston, Arizona

February 18, 1944

The President
The White House, Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. President:

We, citizens of the United States of America of Japanese ancestry are glad that most of us are no longer excluded from the regular operation of the Selective Service system. We will be happy to join the ranks of the several thousand Americans of Japanese ancestry who are already serving in the Armed Forces of our country. We are glad of this opportunity to give our lives, if necessary, in the cause of our nation and democracy. We hope fervently, however, that this desirable action is but a step in the restoration of full rights as citizens of the United States.

We respectfully request that other civil rights which have been taken from us during the past two years be restored to us as soon as possible. Please give us some incentive to fight for. We list some of these deprivations in the hope that you may assist us in obliterating discriminations now perpetrated upon us.

1. The War Department has segregated the bulk of us in a separate unit and has deprived us of the privilege of serving in important branches of the service, such as the Air Corps. We believe that it is undemocratic to use color or ancestry as a basis for such segregation.
2. Many of us are denied the right to work in war industries.
3. We cannot, except in a few rare instances and then only with Government escort travel in the states of Arizona, California, Oregon and Washington. We cannot attend to our property problems, live in, or even visit our former homes. Military necessity, especially a fear of invasion, has been the main justification advanced for our evacuation and detention in centers which have been usually located in arid or desolate places. The fear of such invasion has long since past. We believe that we should be permitted to move about the United States in the same way as citizens of other color or ancestry, who have committed no crime or offences.
4. Many of us have been impoverished because of losses to our businesses or property due to being suddenly uprooted from home and work. We believe that proper reparation should be made and this injustice should be righted.

Mr. President, we will faithfully serve our country, the United States of America, even if not granted this petition immediately, but we firmly believe that the return of our civil rights should be simul-

taneous with the return of Selective Service. We earnestly believe that this request should be granted and that the unjust and undemocratic denial of our rights growing out of our evacuation should be ended at once.

We believe that the cause of democracy and the winning of the war will be advanced by the elimination of all discrimination based upon race, color or creed. We know that you have been interested in the problems of minorities and have watched our plight even though you are busy with domestic problems and the global war. We have faith that you will understand the justice of this plea, and will grant us equality with other citizens of our native land.

Respectfully yours,

COMMITTEE FOR RESTORATION OF CIVIL RIGHTS
OF UNITED STATES CITIZENS OF
JAPANESE ANCESTRY

COLORADO RIVER RELOCATION PROJECT
Poston, Arizona

The foregoing letter was unanimously adopted at a meeting of Nisei held at Poston, Arizona, on February 18, 1944.

Chairman _____

Secretary _____

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS American soldiers of Japanese ancestry have served in African, European, Alaskan and South Pacific theaters of war with loyalty and distinction, and

WHEREAS the War Department has already adopted the policy of granting such soldiers on furlough the right to visit areas in the Western Defense Command, and

WHEREAS the War Department has now restored to American citizens of Japanese ancestry the honor and responsibility of defending their country under the Selective Service Act,

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that we urge upon the President and the War Department the prompt restoration of full rights of citizenship to all persons of Japanese ancestry who serve or have served in our armed forces, and to the immediate families of such persons; believing as we do that men offering their lives in service to their country are entitled to no less than this.

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Minutes

Executive Committee Meeting

Pacific Coast Committee on American Principles and Fair Play
April 24, 1944 -- 12:00 noon -- Commercial Club
San Francisco, Calif.

- I Meeting called to order by Acting Chairman, Mr. Galen M. Fisher.
- II Members present: Miss Leila Anderson (by proxy held by Mr. Richard Perkins), Mr. Galen M. Fisher, Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman, Mr. Richard Perkins, and Mr. Harry S. Scott.
Visitors: Advisory Board Members Mrs. Josephine Duveneck and Mrs. Robert McWilliams.
- III Minutes of the last meeting of March 9, 1944 were approved as previously mailed, with no corrections or additions.
- IV Treasurer's Report: read by Mr. Scott, and unanimously approved. (attached, marked Exhibit A)
 - A. A motion was made by Mr. Scott that the advisability of applying to the Louis Marshall Foundation of New York for funds, be explored--and, if the application seems feasible, that a special Committee of the Executive Chairman, the Treasurer and Rabbi Reichert be authorized to make the appeal.
Motion seconded by Mr. Perkins, and passed unanimously.
- V Executive Secretary's Report:
 - A Local:
 1. A pamphlet (attached, marked Exhibit B) was issued on April 20. Wide distribution is planned as the brochure has been designed for popular appeal. Attention was drawn to the use of excerpts from Sgt. Ben Kuroki's speech before the San Francisco Commonwealth Club, in February 1944 and to the statement made by the Commander of the California State Department of the American Legion.
Mr. Fisher voiced his appreciation of the cooperation of the YMCA in Honolulu in supplying many letters that were used.
 2. An off the record meeting with Secretary of the Department of the Interior, Harold L. Ickes, was held on April 13. Fourteen members of the Committee were present, plus two representatives of the Columbia Foundation. The meeting was felt to be most satisfactory by those attending.
 3. The Executive Secretary has had an interview with President Robert Gordon Sproul. He stated his approval of the policies and program of the Committee in the past, and those activities proposed for the future, and assured Mrs. Kingman that he will make every effort to clear the way for her to talk with him when such conference is necessary.
 - B Northwest Area:
 1. The motion was made by Mr. Perkins, seconded by Miss Anderson, that the relationship of Mrs. Claire Siegley as Executive Secretary for the Committee for the Northwest area be terminated and that the appointment of Mrs. Joseph Kaplan as Executive Secretary for Southern California be approved, with a salary of \$100.00 per month for half time work. Motion passed unanimously.

- a. The organization in the Northwest will be continued in spite of lack of tangible progress to date, as the need for a Fair Play branch has been repeatedly voiced by civic leaders there.
- b. Mrs. McWilliams stressed the importance of definite financial relationship to the Fair Play Committee being specified for the Los Angeles area.
- C Off the record conversations with State Attorney General Robert W. Kenny re the War Department, and with Mr. Dillon Myer re the meeting with Secretary Ickes were reported upon.
- D New Jersey situation: The Executive Secretary has wired Assistant Secretary of War John J. McCloy for clarification -- and is awaiting an answer.
- E Mrs. Kingman stated that the predominant efforts of the Committee at present are being directed toward state-wide cooperation with the War Department.
- F Regarding the difficulty of communicating the activity of the Committee to the members, Mrs. Duveneck suggested that representation from branches be encouraged, and that speaking to small groups of Committee members from time to time in various areas, and a reviewing of past actions and policies be developed.

VI Old Business:

- A Advisory Board members have not yet been informed of the resolution passed by the Executive Committee at the meeting on March 9, but information will be sent with an account of Coordinating Plan being developed.
- B Details of representation of Branch Committee delegated (e.g. quorum regulations and voting privileges) will be worked out by the Executive Secretary -- with the budget for the coming year to include traveling expenses to make such representation possible.

VII New Business:

- A The Chairman offered a series of significant facts (to be released by the Committee) re the return of the American Japanese, which was revised by joint action of those present; (revised statement attached, marked Exhibit C).
- 1. Statement to be used by all groups (social, educational, religious, etc.) as a basis for writing letters to the War Department supporting the taking of steps by the War Department along indicated lines. (This statement will constitute immediate action toward V E and VI A -- see above.)
- 2. Mrs. McWilliams raised questions regarding the feasibility of the return of the Japanese Americans to the West Coast in connection with the housing problem in San Francisco -- and in connection with certain anti-Japanese American ordinances passed in some towns and counties in California.
Mr. Fisher stated that he believed that the War Department might be trusted to avoid precipitating an insoluble problem.
Mrs. Kingman felt that the State Attorney General Robert Kenny will take responsibility for avoiding trouble through local law enforcement agencies and that therefore individual contact with local Supervisors, etc., would be unnecessary, and at this time, inadvisable.

3. Mrs. McWilliams felt that an application for American Japanese labor by the State Farm Bureau and Grange might be of importance to the War Department as an indication of the economic need of the Western States for labor.
Mrs. Kingman pointed out that efforts in this direction had not proven successful.
- B The Chairman posed the advisability of obtaining a categorical statement from each California political candidate on the Principles of the Fair Play Committee.
Mrs. Kingman felt the action -- if results were improperly publicized, might be dangerous to candidates approving the Committee's stand.
Mr. Scott and Mr. Perkins felt the action would not be worth while.
No action was taken.
- C The name of a potential Advisory Board member was considered and voted down. No other names were suggested, though Mr. Fisher agreed to investigate further possibilities.

VIII The meeting was adjourned at 2:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Secretary

MINUTES OF
Executive Committee Meeting

Pacific Coast Committee on American Principles and Fair Play
July 7, 1944 -- 4 p.m. -- Stiles Hall
Berkeley, Calif.

- I Meeting called to order by Chairman Dr. Arthur C. McGiffert, Jr.
- II Members present: Miss Leila Anderson, Mr. Galen M. Fisher, Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman, Dr. Arthur C. McGiffert, Jr., and Mr. Richard Perkins.
Visitors present: Mr. Stewart Cole.
- III Minutes of the last meeting of April 24, 1944, were approved as previously mailed with no corrections or additions.
- IV Treasurer's Report: read by Mr. Fisher and unanimously approved as attached, marked Exhibit A.
- A Plans were discussed for procurement of additional funds.
1. Atherton Trust Fund: approached by Mr. Fisher in May and June of 1944 for renewal of 1943 contribution. No reply has been received to date. Mr. Fisher plans to make a formal application in the near future.
 2. As stated by the chairman, it is to be understood that the Executive Committee urges the treasurer to enlist the aid of Committee personnel in securing additional funds -- personnel that might well include the following names: Mr. McCombs, Mr. Frank Gaines, Mr. Will James and Mrs. Josephine Duvencok.
 3. Mr. Perkins suggested approaching possible Nisei contributors. Since certain harmful implications might be drawn from the inclusion of Nisei names in our contributing files, the Executive Secretary felt this group might be omitted from formal solicitation.
 - a Mr. R.E. Combs asked Mr. Fisher for access to the membership files of the Committee in connection with the Tenney Committee investigation, and it was made clear to him at this time that since all matters of policy and program were handled exclusively by the Executive Committee and Advisory Board, the general membership list would hold no significance for such an investigation.
- B The Budget outline for 1944-45, introduced in the Executive Secretary's report on the proposed program for the Committee for the next six months, was adopted.
- C Mr. Fisher offered to bring the books up to date according to section XX of the By-laws, which state that the Fiscal year shall be the Calendar year.
- V Report of Executive Secretary
- A Since the last meeting, the Executive office has successively geared itself to the changes in the national government policy. At present there is the primary question of when the original evacuation order of 1942 will be modified by the War Department.
 - B Southwest: Mrs. Katharine Kaplan was secured on May 15, 1944, as Executive Secretary for the Southwest at \$100.00 per month for half-time.

1. With arrangements made by Mrs. Kaplan, an address by Honorary Chairman, Dr. Robert Gordon Sproul, was scheduled and delivered on June 29, 1944, in Los Angeles before a selected group of 60 guests (40 of whom have consented to serve on the Advisory Board and Executive Committee of a Los Angeles Chapter of the Committee on American Principles and Fair Play). This address has since been widely acclaimed by those present at the luncheon, and by others who read of the speech in the press.
 - a. By unanimous wish of the Executive Committee, the Executive Secretary was authorized to express the appreciation of the Committee to Mrs. Kaplan for her success in managing the luncheon meeting; and to Dr. Sproul for the added strength given to the work of the Committee by his courageous address.
 - b. A group of men in Los Angeles expressed their willingness following the meeting, to be collectively responsible for obtaining 200 members in Los Angeles for the Committee.
2. It was moved by Galen M. Fisher, and seconded by Mr. Perkins, that there be a blanket acceptance of the names of the Los Angeles Executive and Advisory Board members to be placed on the letterhead of the central office stationery. Motion passed unanimously.

C Local:

1. It is felt that it is important to impress the War Department strongly with the necessity of a clear cut statement from the War Department upon the modification of the evacuation orders.
 - a. The possibility of an official letter to the War Department expressing this view is excluded since publicity of such views would be untimely now.
 - 1) Authority was delegated the Executive Secretary in order that she might act on her discretion if it might at a later date become timely to approach Advisory Board members re communication with the War Department, officially from the Committee.
2. There will be a meeting in the near future of several Committee members with Major General Bonesteel (Commander of the Western Defense Command) in order that the Committee may offer full cooperation and assistance to the War Department in the event of the return of the evacuees.
3. Mrs. Kingman has made application to the Columbia Foundation for renewal of our 1945 grant -- along the following plan: since the program for the year 1944-45 is divided into two parts (see paragraph 2 of Exhibit B, memo attached) it was requested that the Columbia Foundation meet one half of the proposed budget for the next six months (exclusive of any special program).
 - a. The program outlined in the attached memo (Exhibit B) is exclusive of the general program, and will require a budget, itself, of \$4,920.00, half of which was requested from the Columbia Foundation.
 - b. Part of the new program might be carried on experimentally under the regular budget (e.g. requesting individuals who have expressed eagerness to help, to submit names of local leaders in key areas).

VI New Business

A Memo on proposed program (special) for the next six months.
(Exhibit B)

1. The program is aimed toward getting Community leaders educated, informed, and inclined to give immediate strong vocal support to the War Department when it moves to modify the original evacuation orders. (This program would be dependent on an enlarged personnel, in turn dependent on an enlarged budget.)
 - a. In each community the cooperation of our own local members with community leaders (business, school, religion, government, etc.) would establish public opinion immediately following a War Department statement -- and before the actual return of the evacuees.
 - 1) previous selection from interviews would make effective some short concentrated meetings (e.g. dinner meeting and address by an Eastern official, or committee member).
 - 2) this establishment of public opinion would ameliorate the otherwise inevitable social and economic boycott imposed on the returnees.

B Another major point on the program for the immediate future is to gain the recognition of the Japanese Americans as a minority group to be included in the plans of already active racial and minority action groups (see III, Exhibit B).

1. Up to the present time, the Japanese Americans have not been generally included in the plans of these groups.
 - a. coordinating agencies for minority action, might not be prepared for emergency racial problems such as the present status of the Japanese Americans.
2. Mr. Galen Fisher gained the assurance of several groups in the East of their cooperation in circularizing their West Coast members with such material as we should provide.
3. Mr. Cole expressed his willingness to include the Japanese American problem in his work in the schools.
4. Dr. Arthur C. McGiffert, Jr. expressed the opinion that upon the return of the evacuees, minority groups would be forced to consider the problem and consequently it would be untimely to force the issue with these groups now.
5. At the request of the Chairman, the following paragraphs from the application to the Columbia Foundation, as read by Mrs. Kingman are included in the Minutes;

"One of the most important things we must do is to gain recognition of the rights of law-abiding persons of Japanese ancestry, recognition and membership in any Inter-Racial post war or social planning group in California.

"We have occasionally, in the past, been criticized for concentrating our efforts in behalf of law-abiding persons of Japanese ancestry. We look forward to the day when that concentration of effort will not be necessary, when members of this, one of our smallest racial minorities, will receive friendly recognition by all groups working in the field of minority problems.

"When that day comes, our immediate task will be done, and we can turn our keen interest and strong support toward the development of proper attitudes and conduct among men of all races."

VII As expressed by the Chairman, with general concurrence, the sense of the meeting was that the Executive Secretary (until some special financial source might be secured for action on the special program) is to build up item I-B in the memo (Exhibit B) by correspondence from the Central Office, with persons in key communities.

VIII Meeting adjourned at 5:40.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Jeffords
Secretary

COMMITTEE ON AMERICAN PRINCIPLES AND
FAIR PLAY

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

RECEIPTS AS OF JULY 6, 1944

Pasadena Chapter	5/19/43	\$144.00	
Pasadena Chapter	7/15/43	67.00	
Pasadena Chapter	6/8/44	<u>100.00</u>	\$ 311.00
Fresno Chapter	7/21/43		128.00
Santa Barbara Chapter	11/19/43		100.00
Columbia Foundation	7/14/43		3,900.00
Others (543 contributions)			5,414.75
Payments for Printed Material			<u>787.98</u>
			10,641.73
<u>*DISBURSEMENTS AS OF JULY 6, 1944</u>			<u>10,328.19</u>
BALANCE ON HAND			313.54

*Itemized account available on request at Central Office.

SPECIAL PROGRAM
for August 1944 - February 1945
of
PACIFIC COAST COMMITTEE ON AMERICAN PRINCIPLES AND FAIR PLAY

Program for Mobilization of support for War Department in event of relaxation of present measures excluding law-abiding persons of Japanese ancestry from the West Coast.

The program of the Pacific Coast Committee on American Principles and Fair Play for the year July 1, 1944 to July 1, 1945 will probably be carried on within two distinct periods of time, one following the other and differing in character from the first. This first period roughly defined, will include the months previous to any modifications of military orders now excluding persons of Japanese ancestry from the Pacific Coast. The second period will follow such modification. The length of the first period will depend entirely upon the War Department. The length of the second period will be largely determined by the vigor with which we carry out the first part of the program.

- I Contacts by Committee members and/or staff of Committee with community leaders in key cities. Simultaneous, parallel action by national religious groups and social organizations among their constituents on this Coast.
- II Series of Conferences (12 or 14) in California and Northwest
- III Follow up program integrating our specific program with those of other groups working in the field of minorities.

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I Contacts by Committee members and/or staff.

A Methods suggested:

1. enlargement of staff with additional personnel making possible personal interviews in many key communities.
2. Use of local Committee leaders where possible, supplemented by
3. letters sent from Executive office to key persons in various communities, enlisting their cooperation in securing added names of civic leaders who, with education might be expected to provide balance in any critical situation.
4. literature and instructions sent to constituents by cooperating national organizations.

B Purpose

1. To ascertain where potential leadership and support is to be found in the various communities, and to establish identity of Committee as source of information and suggestions as to procedure in mobilization of side support of War Department.
 - a categories of persons to be reached; leaders in following fields:

1) Education	5) Labor
2) Business	6) Social and Fraternal
3) Industry	7) Patriotic
4) Religion	8) Social Agencies
9) Leaders in War Bond, War Chest, Red Cross, etc.	
2. Full mobilization of support when needed, and basis of possible list from which participants and leaders might be made available for future conferences.

- II Series of Conferances: following preceding plan of making contacts in various communities, it should be relatively simple to organize and conduct a series of conferences, in 12 or more critical areas.
- A Time: immediately following announcement of change of policy
- B Purpose: Public expression of support of War Department and full discussion of ways and means of meeting any social or economic boycott against returning Japanese Americans.
- C Participants: 1) conferrees drawn from communities, as suggested as result of preceding program promotion.
2) leadership: outstanding persons, either from local state or federal level.
- III Follow up Program: Development of program aimed at gaining recognition of the rights of law-abiding persons of Japanese ancestry, recognition and membership in any Inter-racial post war or social planning group in California.

Berkeley, Calif.
July 13, 1944

MINUTES OF
Executive Committee Meeting

Pacific Coast Committee on American Principles and Fair Play
December 14, 1944 --4 p.m. --Y.W.C.A. Cottage
Berkeley, California

- I Meeting called to order by Chairman Dr. Arthur C. McGiffert, Jr.
- II Members present: Miss Leila Anderson, Mr. Robert Brownscombe, Dr. Monroe E. Deutsch, Mr. Galen M. Fisher, Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman, Dr. Arthur C. McGiffert, Jr., Mrs. Alfred McLaughlin, Miss Annie Clo Watson.
- III Minutes of the last meeting of July 7, 1944, were approved as previously mailed with no corrections or additions.
- IV. Report of Executive Secretary
- A. The Executive office has sought to encourage existing community organizations to assume increasing responsibility in solving problems of racial tensions in the community. There has been an attempt to organize and record contacts in various communities throughout the state and in Washington and Oregon. For this purpose the services of Mr. Davis McEntire of the American Council on Race Relations were valuable. Mr. Robert Brownscombe is working with the Northern California Council of Churches and it is hoped that they will institute an active program. Attorney General Kenny has promised full support of the Constitutional rights of the Japanese evacuees and the prosecution of persons attempting to violate those rights.
- B. Southwest: Mr. Fisher spoke of Mr. Gillet's work in Los Angeles with the Southern California Council of Churches.
- C. Local: A telegram was sent to the California Congressional Committee protesting their statement that Californians were unanimously opposed to the return of Japanese-Americans. This action was unanimously approved.
- V. Treasurer's Report: Mr. Fisher summarized the expenditures of the year and reported \$819.03 on hand. There was an urgent need for at least \$6500.00 to carry out the rest of the program.
- A. Plans for procuring additional funds:
1. Marshall Fund (Roger Baldwin): an appeal has been made, but no reply received as yet.
 2. Church Board: an appeal was made. The grant was refused.
 3. Columbia Foundation: It was suggested that the Columbia Foundation might be willing to give a further grant to complete the work of the Committee.

Dr. Deutsch suggested that a formal request be made to the Rosenberg Foundation.

It was suggested that a statement be formulated to all Board members who have not contributed this year.

- B. The Budget outline to complete the year 1944 showed that \$400.00 would be needed by January 1.
 - C. The future program and budget would depend largely upon the favorable replies of the various Foundations which have been appealed to and upon favorable response from the membership.
- VI. Comments from Pasadena Chapter: Mrs. Thayer's letter of criticism and suggestions was discussed. The criticism were acknowledged and felt to be helpful.
- VII. Discussion of present and future program:
- A. Scope: Plans for action in the event the Exclusion order is lifted, a reiteration and clarification of the position of the Fair Play Committee in relation to other problems of minority peoples and with other agencies dealing with the problems.
 - B. Financing: To depend largely upon Foundation support and that of the members. The Aid of the Columbia Foundation virtually assured.
 - C. Duration: The Committee was organized as a temporary organization.
 - 1. It is now time to consider how to decentralize. The consensus of opinion was that there was still a need for the committee and a definite job which it could do. The conclusion was to await developments in the next few weeks and then to determine future policy. A gradual tapering off of the work, and the budget was seen as a possible course of action.
 - 2. It was moved by Galen M. Fisher, and seconded by Mrs. McLaughlin, that Dr. Deutsch's suggestion: We accept as a temporary program, possibly until the 1st of March, the maintenance of the work of the Committee as before, with a gradual tapering off but guided along the way by developing situations. The budget not to exceed \$7000.00. Motion passed unanimously.
 - D. The Executive Committee unanimously approved the appeal to the Rosenberg and Columbia Foundations.
 - E. Suggestions were made as to ways and means of approaching American Legion, Service Clubs, Businessmen, etc. to get their favorable stand.

The radio was suggested as a means of clarifying announced policy. Leila Anderson suggested the small conferences might be a method of getting communities to establish thought and attitudes favorable to the policy of the Committee.

It was suggested that a strong letter be sent to the War Department asking an announcement of policy which could establish precedent.

The names of General Barrows, Stewart Ward were suggested as possible contacts with American Legion.

The letters of Assistant Secretary of War John McCloy were commended.
as good.

VII. Meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Constance Halliday

Secretary

MINUTES

Joint meeting of the Advisory Board and Executive Committee
of the

PACIFIC COAST COMMITTEE ON AMERICAN PRINCIPLES AND FAIR PLAY

July 2, 1945, at 465 California St., San Francisco

- I. Mr. Maurice E. Harrison as presiding chairman called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m.
- II. Members present: Mr. Allen Blaisdell, Mr. Galen M. Fisher, Mr. Maurice E. Harrison, Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman, Mr. Alfred J. Lundberg, Dr. Arthur C. McGiffert, Jr., Bishop Edward L. Parsons, Mr. Richard R. Perkins, Dr. Aurelia H. Reinhardt, Mr. August Vollmer.
- III. Treasurer's Report: attached, marked Exhibit A
Report presented by Mr. Fisher. Mr. Fisher stated that the funds on hand would be sufficient to carry the program of the Committee until September 1, as planned. If it was decided to continue the work of the Committee, additional funds would have to be secured.
- IV. Discussion of program of the Committee
 - A. Resume of work done, in view of original objectives. Report presented by Mr. Galen M. Fisher.
 1. Mr. Fisher first presented a brief summary of the founding and early history of the Committee. The organization started in 1941, by a small group of persons, became officially the Pacific Coast Committee on American Principles and Fair Play in January, 1943. The Committee has become effective as the only organization on the West Coast whose principal activities center in supporting and defending the Constitutional rights of law-abiding persons of Japanese ancestry in the United States--with a full realization of the relation between the rights of this and other racial minorities.
 2. The first activity of the Committee was simply to release information to the Press. The public relations program has developed and expanded with large quantities of printed and mimeographed material being sent from the Executive Office in Berkeley to Legislators, Educators, Church, Civic and Welfare groups, as well as individual mailing to our present paid membership.
 3. In addition to the dissemination of printed material, the establishment of personal contacts have been made and held in
 - a. Washington with the Departments of War, Housing, Interior, War Relocation Authority, State, Justice, as well as with Members of Congress. Mrs. Kingman has made two trips to Washington where she was able to confer with representatives of the various departments. These contacts have been invaluable, and have gained considerable prestige for the Committee.
 - b. Contacts have also been made in Sacramento with the Governor, Attorney General and members of the State Legislature.
 4. Development of recognition of citizen responsibility; has been a major policy of the Committee since January. There have been an increasing number of Councils for Civic Unity formed. The Committee is looked to by all groups interested in minority problems as leaders in sane approach, verified data, and careful method.
 5. The Committee has instigated local resolutions among church groups, and written many memoranda and releases used by them for Coast wide and national circulation.
 6. The development in Southern California has been notable in recent months, with a network of Councils or Committees being formed. Representatives have been working in the San Joaquin valley, Central California, Southern California, and Mr. George E. Rundquist, of the Federal Council of Churches is now working with us in Oregon and Washington.
 7. It is most important that our next step be constructive, not a withdrawal from the responsibility our recognized leadership has placed upon us.

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B. Proposed alternatives for future program: attached, marked Exhibit B. presented by Executive Secretary--Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman.

C. Consideration of proposals by Committee members.

1. Mr. Harrison raised the question as to whether or not Plan No. III "The scope of the organization should be widened to include problems of all minorities," could be eliminated from consideration.
 - a. Mr. Blaisdell interjected the thought that we ought not to permanently limit our program.
 - b. Mr. Harrison suggested we could not assume added responsibility with the present financial set-up. If we decide to continue, the financial situation must be considered.
2. Mrs. Kingman outlined the support received from the Columbia Foundation which will end September 1. The Committee has been told that further grants will not be forthcoming from this Foundation. It may be possible to obtain grants from other such sources.
 - a. Mr. Harrison summed up the discussion with the question: "Then, support for a full program is not possible, is that right?"
 - b. Mrs. Kingman agreed that that seemed to be the situation.
 - c. Mr. Harrison stated that considering the possibility of securing further grants the conclusion seems to be that we ought to restrict the program of the Committee if we are to continue. The ultimate problem is whether we consider ourselves merely an emergency organization and turn our work over to other organizations, or to restrict and simplify our future program.
3. Mr. Perkins raised the question as to when the emergency with respect to the Japanese Americans could be considered to be ended.
 - a. Mrs. Kingman replied that although the Japanese Americans have had a long history of problems on the West Coast, many specific problems arose as a result of evacuation. Until we can foresee a solution to most of the problems, the emergency may be said to still exist. The evacuees are now facing what amounts to a third evacuation. The most pressing problem is that of finding housing.
 - b. Mr. Harrison questioned if the housing situation was not a universal problem.
 - c. Mrs. Kingman agreed, but pointed out that other people are not being forced to leave their present homes.
4. Mr. Perkins stated that in his opinion we should hold together as an organization because of the trust which we have earned.
5. Mr. Blaisdell asked how far the work could be carried on with the present budget.
 - a. The budget for Plans No. I and II outlined on Memo-- See Exhibit B. The work of the Committee could continue on a simplified scale for one year, with a small additional grant.
 - b. Mr. Fisher suggested another \$5000.00 would carry us another year.
 - c. Mrs. Kingman was asked to continue as Executive Secretary.
 - d. Mrs. Kingman replied that she would be willing to consider serving half-time, after two months rest.
6. Mrs. Kingman stated that we should keep in mind the eventual turning over of our work to a more permanent agency, and told about the Sacramento Conference--attached Exhibit C.
 - a. Mr. Harrison pointed out that our immediate task is to decide when to terminate; that the work as now in order will be carried on until September 1.
 - b. The Los Angeles Committee will probably be asked to be responsible for their own budget after September 1, and definitely after January 1.
 - c. Mr. Blaisdell moved that we appoint a committee to study the matter, with the results of the Sacramento conference in mind, and the Los Angeles situation, to bring to the Executive Committee in resolution form not later than August 15, 1945, with an accurate budget outline, a plan for the Executive Committee to act on.

The motion was seconded by Dr. McGiffert.

Discussion: Los Angeles should be notified promptly of any plans for terminating the present program.

Suggestions as to means of raising money could be made to the Los Angeles group.

The motion was restated: A Committee be appointed for the purpose of presenting to the Executive Committee a plan for next year; second, they have in mind the results of the Sacramento meeting and consultation with the Los Angeles group; third, that Los Angeles be notified we can't support them fully after September 1, and that they should look forward to gathering funds.

Motion as amended, seconded by Mr. Perkins.

Discussion: Dr. McGiffert: "Shouldn't some decision be made as to end of emergency or basis for closing down?"

Mr. Harrison: "A definition of emergency is necessary."

Dr. McGiffert: "We must guard against becoming a welfare agency." Mr. Fisher: "Mrs. Kingman and I are eager to see a winding up of the program."

Mr. Blaisdell: "The development of post-war agitations may show the need for a Committee with a Constitutional slant."

Mr. Lundberg: "It is difficult, if not impossible to determine the end of the emergency. The Committee should be realistic with respect to money available. The question is how far can we go?"

The motion was passed without amendment.

7. Mr. Vollmer pointed out that the actual enforcement of laws is on a County and local level and when Mr. Kenny addresses the Sacramento Conference, he should include the local and County level.
 - a. Mr. Fisher told of the meeting with Mr. Kenny and representatives of six organizations. Mr. Kenny had stated then that where local people do not cooperate with the peace officers, and do not urge them to enforce justice, little headway can be made.
 - b. Mrs. Kingman requested Mr. Vollmer to write his suggestions in the form of a memo.
 - c. Mr. Vollmer suggested that Mr. Kenny's own statement of June 18, 1945 (attached, Exhibit D) be used, and invite local peace officers to approve the resolution.
8. Mr. Lundberg raised the question as to whether the decision to close the centers by January, 1946, must be regarded as final.
 - a. Mrs. Kingman told meeting of her Memorandum to Secretary Ickes, and Mr. McCloy and of her efforts to get WRA to assume a further responsibility,
 - b. Mr. Harrison stated that, "the closing of the centers should be carried out with such sympathetic consideration for the position of the evacuees as not to cause additional hardship for them."
 - c. Mr. Blaisdell suggested an alternative to closing the centers would be to keep them open until the evacuees can find a place to live, and that the Committee re-emphasize to Mr. Ickes and Mr. Myer, the need for finding ways of finding housing, or getting an alternative solution.
 - d. Mr. Fisher pointed out that as it now stands the benefits increase the longer an evacuee remains in the center, whereas it would be more logical to have a higher bonus given for leaving the centers early.

V. Meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Constance Halliday

Secretary

Exhibit A

COMMITTEE ON AMERICAN PRINCIPLES AND FAIR PLAYFINANCIAL STATEMENT

July 1, 1945

R E C E I P T S

December 1, 1944	Bank Balance		\$794.98
" 29, 1944	Columbia Foundation	\$2,460.00	
February 2, 1945	Pasadena Chapter	50.00	
" 28, "	Rosenberg Foundation	2,000.00	
April 2, "	Columbia Foundation	2,535.50	
" 19, "	Juliette M. Atherton Trust	500.00	
" 24, "	Robert Marshall Civil Liberties.	<u>2,500.00</u>	
		\$10,045.50	
	Other Contributions	1,709.50	
	Refund from Lederer, Street & Zeus	9.70	
	Printed Material	<u>151.40</u>	\$11,916.10
			<u>\$12,711.08</u>
	LESS DISBURSEMENTS*		<u>7,218.09</u>
	Bank Balance as of July 1, 1945		\$5,492.99

MEMORANDUM

FOR Committee Members consideration in discussion of future policy and program of Pacific Coast Committee on American Principles and Fair Play.

ORIGINAL PURPOSE--"To support the principles enunciated in the Constitution of the United States, and to that end to maintain, unimpaired, the liberties guaranteed in the Bill of Rights, particularly for persons of Oriental ancestry"--

.... Constitution & By-Laws, p. 1.

"....support and defend the constitutional rights of law-abiding persons of Oriental ancestry in the United States, and particularly of the Japanese-American evacuees."

July, 1943

....Brochure of Committee, June, 1944.

OUTCOME OF POLL OF MEMBERS.

Plan No. I) Overwhelming majority for one or other, preference about
Plan No. II) even.

Plan No. III -- Negligible support

Plan No. IV. Approximately the same as Nos. 1 & 2, with most members willing to turn work over to other agencies provided the work definitely continues.

APPROXIMATE COST OF PLAN NO. I

Plan No. I -- "The present organization should continue and I am willing to contribute financially to such a program."

Monthly salaries,	Executive Secretary		
	Executive Secretary, Los Angeles		
	Office Secretary, Berkeley		
	Office Secretary, Los Angeles	----	\$ 585.00
Office Maintenance	(Berkeley)		70.00
"	" (Los Angeles)		50.00
Travel	(Berkeley)		50.00
"	" (Los Angeles)		50.00
Printing			75.00
Mailing			15.00
Extra Personnel (salary & expenses)			250.00
			<u>\$1145.00</u>
Conferences, Etc.			\$ 55.00
Monthly expenditures approximately		----	<u>\$1200.00</u>

Plan No. II "The present organization should continue to function on a simplified scale."

Program could involve: 1) Less time from executive
Less field personnel
Less travel
Less office maintenance

2) Continued pressure on government
a) Federal
b) State
c) Local

3) Continued assistance to Councils of Civic Unity
(see agenda of Conference, July 6, Exhibit C.)

Suggested budget (approximate) for simplified program (Plan No. II.):

Executive Secretary, half-time	\$150.00
Office Secretary--full-time	160.00
Rent & Maintenance	<u>85.00</u>
Monthly ----	\$395.00

Southern California -- To raise own budget, according to scope of program they wish to cover.

Plan No. III "The scope of the organization should be widened to include problems of all minorities." ---Little support.

Plan No. IV "The emergency nature of the Committee having been outgrown, the work should now be turned over to other permanently organized agencies."

- 1) Skeleton organization, no paid personnel, no office maintenance, small executive committee to maintain relationship with Councils of Civic Unity (see agenda, Sacramento Conference, Exhibit C.)
- or 2) Complete turning over of responsibility for program to other organizations (welfare, Civic Unity, religious, etc.)

CORRECTIONS AND ADDITIONS

DATE: Friday, July 6, 1945

LUNCHEON SPEAKER: Mr. Frank A. Clarvoe, Editor
The San Francisco News

CONFERENCE OF CALIFORNIA'S COUNCILS OF CIVIC UNITY
and SIMILAR COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS.

DATE: June 25, 1945 -Sacramento, California

TIME: 10:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

PLACE: Work Sessions - Hotel Sacramento
Luncheon - Elk's Club

SCHEDULE

10:30 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. - OPENING SESSION

Chairman- Mrs. Irene Taylor Heineman
Assistant to the Superintendent of
Public Instruction, State of
California.

10:45 a.m. to 12 m. - WORK SESSION NO. I

Chairman- Mr. Laurence I. Hewes, Jr.
Regional Director, American Council
on Race Relations

12:15 p.m. to 1:45 p.m.

LUNCHEON

Chairman- Dr. Henry Tyler, Sacramento Council
of Civic Unity.

Speaker: To be announced.

2:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

WORK SESSION NO. II

Chairman:- Mr. Robert W. Kenny, Attorney-General,
State of California

3:30 p.m. to 3:45 p.m.

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5:45 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

WORK SESSION NO. III

Chairman- Mrs. Ruby Heide, Mayor's Committee on
Civic Unity, Oakland; Citizen's
Committee on Civic Unity, Oakland;
Advisory Board-Pacific Coast Committee
on American Principles & Fair Play.

5:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

CLOSING SESSION

Chairman- Dr. Henry T. Tyler

SUMMARY- Mr. Raymond Booth- Los Angeles Council
on Civic Unity.

AGENDA

OPENING SESSION: Chairman- Mrs. Irene Taylor Heineman

I. Call to Order

II. Statement of Purpose

III . Roll Call and Identification of Delegates.

WORK SESSION NO. I: Chairman- Mr. Laurence I. Hewes, Jr.

Subject: "The Place and Functions of Councils of Civic Unity in the
Contemporary Picture".

Discussion: I. Purpose of Councils

1) Achievement of Civic Unity through the easing
of tensions.

a) Economic tensions

b) Social tensions

c) Racial tensions

2) Scope of Councils work

3) Program

4) Relation of Councils to similar organizations.

LUNCHEON: Chairman- Dr. Henry T. Tyler

Speaker- To be Announced

Subject- To Be announced

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WORK SESSION NO. II: Chairman- Mr. Robert W. Kenny
Subject- "Racial Tensions and the Law".

- Discussion:
1. Law enforcement Structure
 - a) Federal in relation to State
 - b) State in relation to:
 1. Urban communities
 2. Rural communities
 2. Relation of Councils of Civic Unity and similar groups to law enforcement structure.

WORK SESSION NO. III: Chairman- Mrs. Ruby Heide
Subject- "California vs. UnAmerican Practices."

- Discussion:
1. Creation of tensions within following areas.
 - a) Racial minorities
 - b) Religious minorities
 - c) Labor
 - d) Industry
 - e) Agriculture
 2. Function of Councils of Civic Unity in establishment of more American attitudes in foregoing areas.

CLOSING SESSION: Chairman- Dr. Henry Tyler

SUMMARY: Mr. Raymond Booth -

A general summary of points of discussion in three work sessions, with emphasis on specific areas of agreement and disagreement.

ACTION TO TAKE IMMEDIATELY WHEN AN OFFENSE OCCURS.

When a direct, or attempted, or threatened offense occurs against your safety or property promptly notify

- 1) Your nearest peace officer
- 2) Your nearest W.R.A. representative
- 3) Your nearest State Department of Justice Agent.

Use the most prompt method of transmittal at your disposal. Accurately give your name and address, address of the place where attack occurred, the names of persons present and their address and a brief report of what happened.

An attempted or threatened offense may be made either by direct action or verbally or in writing, or by telephone. Make notes in writing of what was said or done. Be accurate and honest in reporting.

The following persons in the California Department of Justice should be notified:

IN THE SACRAMENTO AREA: (As far south as Merced)

H. Gillette, office phone - Sacto 2-4711, local 2450
address --State Office Building. #1, Rm. 502, Sacramento.

Residence phone - Sacto 5-6619
address --2726 31st St. Sacramento.

IN THE SAN FRANCISCO AREA: (Includes Sonoma, Fresno, & Tulare Counties)

G. W. Griffin, office phone - Underhill 8700, Local 705
address - 600 State Bldg., San Francisco,

Residence phone - Berkeley 8480
address - 2332 Virginia St. Berkeley

IN THE LOS ANGELES AREA: (from Bakersfield south)

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June 13, 1945

MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
Of The
PACIFIC COAST COMMITTEE ON AMERICAN PRINCIPLES AND FAIR PLAY
Held
December 12, 1945, Berkeley, California

Present: Dr. Paul S. Taylor, Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman, Miss Leila Anderson, Mrs. Mary B. Alexander, Dr. Galen M. Fisher. Visitor: Mr. Harry W. Kingman.

Dr. Fisher: The Sub-committee recommended that:

- (1) Effort be made to coordinate efforts of all agencies dealing with minority problems, including those of Japanese Americans.
- (2) Good-will of Fair Play Committee be transferred to any such organization as might result from efforts toward such coordination.

Motion made by Miss Anderson, seconded and carried, that recommendation of Sub-committee be accepted.

Financial Report by Dr. Fisher (Assistant-Treasurer). Cash on hand, December 1, 1945, \$1818.94. Agreement with Los Angeles to pay \$700.00 to meet their \$700.00 between September 1945 and December 1945. Met in full by both parties. Audit of Committee's books now being made, by Long & Wyman, of San Francisco, will be available for closing of books. Columbia Foundation grant of \$700.00 for conferences not used in toto. Balance will be returned to Foundation. Only current bills outstanding.

Motion made by Mrs. Kingman, seconded and carried, that the Financial Report be accepted.

Report of Executive Secretary:

- (1) Account of New York Conference.
- (2) Report on Washington contacts.
- (3) Recommendation that office close in December.
- (4) Resignation offered, effective December 31, 1945.

Motion made by Dr. Fisher, seconded and carried, that Executive Secretary be instructed to make final contacts with federal agencies, suggesting to them that any concluding surveys they may make as to evacuee needs shall provide as complete a fiscal record as possible, this record to be made available for any possible future computation of evacuee losses.

Executive Secretary instructed to confer with the Executive Director of the Columbia Foundation concerning possibility of retaining remaining funds for future emergency purposes. California Councils for Civic Unity.

Discussion: Brought out the following points of agreement.

- (1) Proposal, as presented to 35 organizations, is considered workable.
- (2) Proposed organization is acceptable provided that the American Council on Race Relations, as guiding agency, will provide, in addition to counseling, clearing house, and other such special service, one staff member who can act as coordinator for the program.
- (3) Dr. Fisher should write a letter to the American Council on Race Relations, incorporating the foregoing points.

Dissolution of Committee

Discussion: Satisfaction was expressed in the work accomplished by the Committee.

- (1) Any tendency toward gradual weakening of Committee should be avoided.
- (2) The Committee should dissolve while it is still a live organization so that it will not lose its prestige.
- (3) Committee should be in existence as moral force.

Motion made by Dr. Fisher, seconded by Mrs. Alexander, and carried unanimously, in recognition of the fact that the major contribution the Committee intended to make at its inception has been completed.

- (1) Discontinue active program, close executive office, as of Dec. 20, 1945.
- (2) Accept resignation of Executive Secretary, effective December 31, 1945.
- (3) Send out notices of this action to all Advisory Board members.
- (4) Send out news release, stating: (a) Office closure, Dec. 20, 1945, (b) Executive Secretary resignation, Dec. 31, 1945, (c) The Advisory Board and Executive Committee to disband at a later date.
- (5) News release not to be made until American Council on Race Relations feels that California Council of Civic Unity is on its way toward effective organization.

Motion made by Mrs. Kingman, seconded and carried.

- (1) Files and official papers of the Committee be transported to the Pacific School of Religion in Berkeley, there to be held for at least two years.
- (2) The ultimate intention is that all documents of historical value be placed in the Bancroft Library or other appropriate place.
- (3) The present Executive Committee hold itself ready to be called together to vote final disposition of such papers.

Motion made by Dr. Fisher, seconded and carried.

Granting Power of Attorney to Glen M. Fisher and Paul S. Taylor for purpose of signing statement re eligibility of contributors to exemption from income tax on contribution to Committee.

Dr. Taylor expressed deep appreciation of Committee of all of the effort and time given to its work by the Executive Committee, and spoke particularly of the work of the Executive Secretary. The members present joined Dr. Taylor in expressing the latter.

Dr. Fisher proposed that resignation of Executive Secretary be accepted with deep appreciation and admiration for effective service.

Meeting adjourned: 5:45 p.m., December 12, 1945.

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MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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- I. Review by Dr. Fisher of sub-committee findings in discussion on July 16, 1945, as to "Where does Committee go From Here?"
- II. Financial Report - Dr. Fisher, Assistant Treasurer.
- III. Report of Executive Secretary.
 - A. Developments in Resettlement.
 - B. State Councils of Civic Unity.
- IV. Consideration of Dissolution of Committee.
 - A. When?
 - B. Disposition of files and surplus materials.
 - C. Disposition of remaining funds.
- V. Adjournment.