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MILWAUKEE AND MADISON NEWS LETTER

GREETINGS

About 350 Americans from relocation centers have enriched the life of our community during the past two and a half years. Their presence in our homes, schools, churches, plants and offices has done much to strengthen the bonds of brotherhood and to revitalize democracy on our home front. Now we look forward to the arrival of more newcomers, assuring you that Milwaukee will receive you as friends and that its Citizens' Committee on Resettlement will enjoy the privilege of helping you to find a normal place in our community life. We believe in you.

Justus E. Olson
Chairman
Milwaukee Citizens' Committee on Resettlement

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OFFICERS

The Reverend Olson, who is the associate pastor of the First Methodist Church and a longtime friend of resettlers in the city—he has married the most Nisei couples here—was elected chairman of the newly organized Citizens' Committee on July 16. Elected at the same time were: D. Oakley Thompson, Milwaukee County Commander, American Legion, vice-chairman; H.O. Stenzel, head of the H.O. Stenzel Tire Co., treasurer, and Miss Elizabeth Campbell, International Institute, secretary.

On July 17, several members of the Citizens' Committee and other persons interested in resettlement held a luncheon meeting at the City Club with Robertson M. Fort of the American Friends Service Committee of Philadelphia as main speaker. The proposed establishment of a hostel was the principal subject discussed. Resettlers attending were: Mrs. Ujio Niwa, Los Angeles and Manzanar; Sudi Shinomaki, Discovery Bay, Washington, and Tule Lake; Masao Satow, Los Angeles and Granada.

FAMILY TIES

Using a very loose definition of "family"—two or more members—WRA determined that 68% of the resettlers have local family ties in Milwaukee.

The Shibata-Ochi-Gashino-Suzukawa kinship group of San Francisco and Central Utah is our prime example. The Shibatas are Mr. and Mrs. Shiro Shibata (Hisako Higashino of Sacramento, TULE LAKE and CENTRAL UTAH) of Madison, whose marriage was an event of June 10 in the Ochi home in Milwaukee; Mrs. Ichiro Shibata and her children: Eichi, a 1945 honor graduate of Milwaukee's West Division High School and a freshman engineering student since July 2 at the University of Wisconsin and Naomi and Keiji, who live with their mother in Milwaukee. Their father is presently in San Francisco. Distant cousins of the Shibatas are Mr. and Mrs. Edward Ochi. Mrs. Ochi's brother, Charles Suzukawa, lives not too far from her with his wife, Daisy, son, Donald, and dog, Sandy—the Suzukawas acquired him in Topaz.

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The Okabayashis—Takeo, Yoshiko and Jeanie, also of Milwaukee—are part of the group through Mrs. Okabayashi, who is a cousin of Mrs. Ochi and Suzukawa. Also part of the clan is Masao Isobe, Mrs. Okabayashi's brother, who is associated with the boys' department of the Milwaukee YMCA.

Other CENTRAL UTAH families relocated in Milwaukee include: Mr. and Mrs. Kazuo Date, little daughter Carolyn and Date's sister Florence; Mrs. Sadae Hamada, Fumiko and William; Mr. and Mrs. Richard Kaneshiro, Melvin and Paul; Mr. and Mrs. T. Nitta, Alice, Mary and Toshimi; Mr. and Mrs. Frank Tsuda, George and Mary.

HOUSING

Housing in Milwaukee can be found. For example: Mrs. Mary Ishii, widowed mother of a serviceman, arrived here on July 10 without advance notice from Worland, Wyoming, where she had gone as a voluntary evacuee from SEATTLE. With her were three of her children: Mary and Hattie, in their 'teens, and David, 10. On July 16, the Ishii family moved into a two-bedroom apartment, with living room, kitchen, and bathroom. The rent is about \$50 a month, including utilities, but Mrs. Ishii must supply her own stove and refrigerator. She was able to obtain this War Housing unit as the parent of a serviceman. Her landlord has had resettler tenants for almost two years and through them became interested in the relocation program and is an active member of the Milwaukee Citizens' Committee on Resettlement.

ARRIVALS

Milwaukee. Minoru Akiyoshi and Yasumitsu Furuya of CENTRAL UTAH; Kaise Kubo, Shiro Sato, Masami Goto, Mrs. Hiro Matsuyama, Mrs. Fred Ouchi, all of COLORADO RIVER; Mrs. Shimako Naruo and Richard, Fumiko Masuda, Mrs. Victor Iseri and Donald, Hiroshi Joe Morita, GILA RIVER; George Okubo, GRANADA; Paul Okabayashi, HEART MOUNTAIN; Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hoshizaki, Tsuginaro Sakata, MANZANAR; Mrs. Yutaka Kuge and Mark, Yuriko and Yukiiko Ishibashi, Mary Yasuda, Marie Ozawa, MINIDOKA; Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Moriya, Lancaster, Wisconsin; the Ichii family from Worland, Wyoming.

Madison. Kikuyo Louise Munemore, MANZANAR; Mrs. Haruyo Kakuichi, Mr. and Mrs. Moriiji Yamashita, GILA RIVER.

Hartford. Mrs. Sensaburo Kamagai and Hideki James, Morio Bobby and Arlene, CENTRAL UTAH; Shingoro and Noboru Sakuda, ROHNER.

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PERSONALS

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According to reports, the recently formed Milwaukee JACL chapter has approximately 110 members. Different phases of the relocation program were presented at the organization meeting of the Citizens' Committee by Sam Minami, formerly of Los Angeles and ROYER, Milwaukee Nisei Council chairman; Masumi Kondo, Seattle and MINIDOKA, JACL president, and Masao Satow, National YMCA. Approximately 60 persons were in attendance at the meeting held at the YMCA on July 12. Pvt. James C. Ikeda, Los Angeles and GILA RIVER, was a recent visitor here. John H. Putz, former relocation officer of this district now with UNRRA in Italy, writes: Occasionally, I see some of the fellows from the 442nd in Naples, probably on their way home. Have spoken to a few....They certainly have an enviable record over here.

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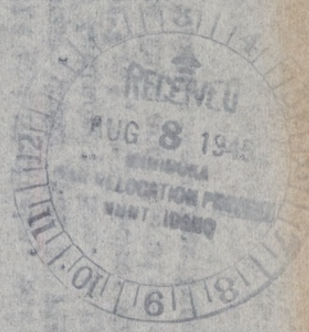
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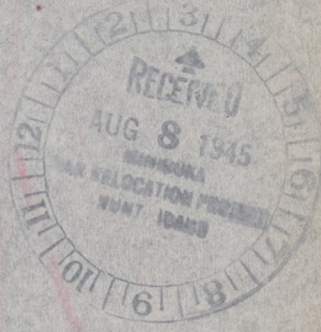
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On Behalf of Those Behind Barbed Wire

Editor, The State Journal: Many of Madison's residents sent Christmas gifts to the relocation centers for distribution among Japanese Americans at Christmas time. On behalf of these children, I extend my sincere appreciation and thanks.

I received a letter recently which told of Christmas in the Manzanar Relocation center where I lived for a year and a half. My friend wrote, "If the people could have seen the faces of the children, they would have cried. The gifts enabled them to keep a very strong faith in Old "St. Nick." Most of them expected to be forgotten. Now they see that Americans on the "outside" are working and praying for them. And that is the greatest gift that can be offered to anyone."

I know that the spirit of goodwill that traveled across our broad land with the gifts to Manzanar, Calif., is overcoming the disillusionment and frustrations that does exist in the center.

My thanks again for the generosity and tolerance of Madison, not only on behalf of the youngsters but for those of us who are making our homes in Madison we will not forget our Christmas behind barb-wires but through the experiences, strive to become better Americans in a greater America.

-- Sue Kunitomi.

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