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WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA DISTRICT
429 Fulton Building
Pittsburgh 22, Pennsylvania

Howard E. Mather, Relocation Officer

There is every evidence of a widening interest by employers of Pittsburgh in the relocation of persons of Japanese ancestry. To capitalize effectively on this increasing interest it is necessary that a definite response be registered by evacuees in the centers. We, therefore, urge that center residents read these job offers carefully and consider the merits of settling in a new and relatively unexplored community as compared with an older one where there are already concentrations of persons of Japanese descent.

Pittsburgh is a rich industrial city with a vast store of untapped opportunities so far as Issei and Nisei are concerned. Wages are comparable to those in other leading cities of the Great Lakes Area, with the additional attraction to those seeking to open up new resources for themselves and their friends.

Persons with special skills who have not been successful in obtaining attractive job opportunities in other cities are urged to have inquiries sent to Mr. Mather in charge of the Pittsburgh office to enable him to make special efforts on their behalf. Talk to your relocation program officer. Tell him your employment desires and have him correspond immediately with Mr. Mather.

CURRENT HOUSING SITUATION

One other way in which Pittsburgh is more attractive than other industrial centers in this area is the fact that the housing shortage is not as serious as it is in the other cities, although acceptable living quarters are not plentiful. Various government housing projects report that low cost residential units are available to families in moderate income brackets.

The estimated cost, throughout the city, for approved housing of the type acceptable to business people and junior executives in industry averages from \$10 to \$12 per room depending on the location in the city. While houses may be obtained by those with lower incomes at a per room cost of from \$5 to \$8, the general rental for a 5-room apartment in most sections will be \$30 to \$45.

Numerous reasonable price hotels and rooming houses conveniently accessible to downtown centers and railway terminals provide a pleasant reception for any relocatee arriving in Pittsburgh.

JOB OFFER DIGEST

ASSISTANT DENTAL
TECHNICIAN

Issei or Nisei man. One or two year's experience. 40-hour week. Some overtime at time and a half. \$30-\$40 weekly.

ATHLETIC DIRECTOR

A Christian center in Weirton, West Virginia, very near Pittsburgh, is in need of an evacuee to teach boys in craft and shop work, lead them in club activities and direct athletic programs. The young man should be a member of a Christian church and come well recommended as to character.

~~ing \$1700 a year plus living quarters which are provided in the~~
center -- adequate for a single man or a family of two.
Might be asked to teach Sunday school, if he desired to do
so. Person need not be skilled in all of the mentioned
fields so long as he can relieve the director of his duties
in some of the fields.

BOOKKEEPER-STENOGRAPHER Nisei girl with good educational background. Christian
Center on the order of YWCA. \$125 a month and room at the
Center. Women social workers have a cooperative dining
room arrangement whereby the living costs are at a minimum
(about \$20 a month).

CLERK-STENOGRAPHER Nisei girl. Social Service Center. \$85 to \$90 a month to
start with advancement as earned. Room available at the
Center for few hours additional work. Nisei girl social
worker now connected with the Center.

CLERK-STENOGRAPHER Nisei girl for President's Fair Employment Practices
Committee. \$1900 a year. Civil Service status will be
acquired if position is taken. Acceptance would greatly
aid Pittsburgh Resettlement Program. In same building with
WRA office.

DRAFTSMEN AND
ENGINEERS Issei or Nisei men as draftsmen and engineers in structural
steel work for Westinghouse Electric and Manufacturing Co.
\$150 to \$250 a month depending upon experience and ability.

Issei technician now working at Sharon Pennsylvania -
Westinghouse plant.

DRAFTSMAN Issei or Nisei man as draftsman for Pressed Steel Car Co.,
Pittsburgh. \$150 to \$250 a month depending on training
and experience. Must have letters of recommendation certi-
fying previous experience.

MECHANICS? AUTO Third Service Command, Pittsburgh Motor Pool. \$1.16 an hour
hour with 48-hour week. Eight hours overtime weekly at
time and a half.

(Civil Service Positions)

SCIENTIFIC AIDE Nisei girl as scientific aide - coal analysis section in
Bureau of Mines, Pittsburgh. \$1970 per annum. 48-hour
week. The following is a list of some of the routine tests
used in making the analyses of coal, coke, mine dusts, tar,
rock dusts, pitches and related products: moisture, ash,
volatile matter, sulfur, sampling, size, calorific value.

The employee follows definite instructions outlining the
work to be performed. High school graduate plus one year's
experience in a chemical laboratory or one year college
chemistry. Working hours are from 8 A.M. to 4:30 P.M.

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Pittsburgh and Vicinity

Graham,

Pittsburgh's family hostel is now open to resettlers as originally planned. This large building with spacious dining rooms and living rooms as well as family accommodations for a number of families, sets in the center of a five-acre plot of ground just on the edge of one of Pittsburgh's finest parks.

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The WRA office as a result of the publicity connected with the opening of the hostel has been deluged with splendid farm job offers. Over a dozen of these job offers, each one supplying modern housing, await takers. The standard wage in the Pittsburgh area for an experienced farmer is \$100 for each working member of the family plus housing which, in most cases, is modern including electric lights, gas and plumbing.

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George Kimura, whose family originally resettled from Poston to Denver, Colorado, came on to Pittsburgh in January and has now enrolled at Pitt University for the fall term. George has a splendid job at the University working for one of the professors and is also employed at the faculty club dining room. In addition to making a full time salary George is carrying a full term's work at the University.

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Hana Ejima resettled in Pittsburgh from Granada in June. She has enrolled at Pitt University for the fall term and has part-time employment. Hana came from San Diego, California.

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Mr. and Mrs. Edward Kiyoshi Shimizu came to Pittsburgh from Tule Lake, 4518-C, in early July and are very happily located on the staff of a large Jewish temple in Pittsburgh. They came originally from Loomis, California. Their Pittsburgh address is 5911 Beacon Street, Pittsburgh 17, Pa.

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Mr. and Mrs. Robert Shigeru Ishimoto of 25-5-AB at Rohwer, formerly from Isleton, California, have accepted summer work on a large poultry farm near Pittsburgh. While their household goods were in transit the housing sub-committee of the Pittsburgh Resettlement Committee was able to secure furniture and utensils for their use from the Pittsburgh Red Cross Flood Relief Pool. They are very comfortably located and are planning to resettle permanently in the Pittsburgh district.

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WAR RELOCATION PROJECT
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August 3, 1945

Mr. and Mrs. Toyoki Omori, LOE-10, Granada, relocated to Pittsburgh in May. They have accepted the Salvation Army Social Center position where Mr. Omori has charge of the kitchen and dining room. The Omori's have a pleasant 6-room house at 45th and Plummer Streets, Pittsburgh, Pa. The Omori's came here to join their son Thomas who lives at 6732 Caton Street. They formerly lived in Long Beach, California, where Mr. Omori had a restaurant.

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Mr. and Mrs. Seiji Henry Sameshima, father and mother of Mrs. Thomas Omori, have resettled in Pittsburgh and are living with their daughter on Caton Street. They relocated from Granada. Prior to evacuation they lived at 1932 37th Street, Los Angeles, California.

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The WRA Officer in Pittsburgh, Howard E. Mather, is being deluged with requests from service clubs and school and church groups for the showing of the technicolor film "Challenge to Democracy". The demands for the showing of this film together with the Nisei war film of the 100th Battalion in Italy reveals the great interest of Pittsburgh in the evacuees and their problems.

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The Pittsburgh Hostel has opened and is in full operation with the Ishimoto family of nine still in residence in spite of every effort of a small group of residents of the Ward to block it. Many expressions of sympathy and much active cooperation is being given by neighbors in the community.

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Miss Molly Ohashi, Colorado River Relocation Center, Poston, has enrolled for the fall term at the Pennsylvania College for Women.

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The family of Kishitaro Fujihara from Tule Lake Relocation Center has gone to work at Centerville, Pa., on a 1,000 acre farm of Mr. A. J. Williams, Regional OPA Director. They have a 10-room house fully furnished and seem very happily located in this beautiful mountain section of Pennsylvania.

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Mr. Robert Shigeru Ishimoto, Rohwer Relocation Center, has accepted a position in charge of the produce department of the successful Wilkinsburg Cooperative in Pittsburgh. This position has large promise for development and future advancement.

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Many splendid farm offers providing improved housing continue to come in from the field to the Pittsburgh War Relocation Office. In addition to these immediate openings there are several of the finest farm openings available as soon as the summer season is past -- October 1st. These are worth investigating, first come, first served.

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A very interesting incident came to light last week demonstrating how well the Japanese Americans are received in the farming communities of Western Pennsylvania. One of our families working on a farm traded at the village store. Every courtesy was shown them at the store. The storekeeper and the clerk were very solicitous for their welfare. Recently the farm manager complained that they were unable to get soap or soap powder because

of the current shortage. When Mrs. Ishimoto went to the store that same day the wife of the proprietor whispered to her, "I saved you some soap and soap powder", and when she completed the grocery order she placed the bag containing these necessities among the purchases.

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Mr. Masami Shusho, Tule Lake, arrived in Pittsburgh on Friday, August 17, and after spending the weekend at the hostel has secured a very satisfactory position on the small poultry ranch of a Pittsburgh businessman. There are many more positions like this available to single Japanese Americans in the Pittsburgh area.

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Mr. Godfrey Frankel, Reports Officer of the WRA Area Office in Cleveland and Miss Hana Eejima, Granada Relocation Center, who is entering Pitt University this fall made a very splendid radio broadcast discussing Japanese American evacuation and relocation over radio station KQV on Monday. By all reports, it has been well received.

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Public sentiment in Pittsburgh is very cordial and every cooperation is being given by citizens' groups.

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