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PHILADELPHIA DISTRICT

N E W S L E T T E R

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NOTE TO PROJECT REPORTS OFFICERS AND EDITORS: George Choichi Yamamoto, the Issei farmer from Gila River who was the central figure of the nationally publicized incident in Great Meadows, N. J., in April 1944, is now operating a 50-acre truck farm with the help of his family and two other Issei at Newtown, Pa.--only 50 miles from Great Meadows. For detailed information, see our press release of July 23, 1945.

Issei Arriving in Philadelphia

Among Issei and their families who arrived in the Philadelphia district during the last four weeks were the following:

1. Mr. and Mrs. Takaichi Kiyono and two daughters from Tule Lake.

The Kiyonos and Kazuyo Mary are now working at the Riverside Hotel, Delaware Water Gap, Pa. Kazuyo May Kiyono is working for Mrs. William Holt at Beach Haven, New Jersey.

2. Mr. and Mrs. George Katsutaro Yabuki from Topaz. They are living with their son Masao, talented young artist, at 4040 Spruce Street, Philadelphia.

3. Mr. and Mrs. Yoshiro Fujita and three children from Rohwer.

The Fujitas came to join their three daughters, Yasuko, Hiroko, and Akiko, and are living at 1414 Frankford Avenue, Philadelphia.

4. Mrs. Hatsuki Tachihara and two daughters from Gila River. They came to join their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Kenji Ota, daughter Mrs. Teiji Itow, and son Sam Tachihara. They are



now living at 1721 North Park Avenue, Philadelphia. Mrs. Ota, with the aid of Mrs. Itow, is now running her own beauty shop with great success.

5. Mrs. Kisoji Takahata and two children from Rohwer to join her husband at the Becker Farm, Croyden, Bucks County, Pa.
6. Mr. and Mrs. Jonsaku Makita and son from Minidoka. Mr. and Mrs. Makita are employed in Philadelphia at the Schoenhut Toy factory.
7. Mr. and Mrs. Yoshisaburo Matsubara and three children from Rohwer, to join their daughter Setsuko. Their address is now c/o Comly Bros. Greenhouse, Bustleton, Pa. Living with them are Mr. and Mrs. Tsuyahiko Kikuchi from Seabrook Farms, formerly of Minidoka.
8. Mr. and Mrs. Kyokuo Iko and three daughters from Heart Mountain. The Ikos have joined their daughter Yacko, a cadet nurse at the Methodist Hospital in Philadelphia. They were accompanied to Philadelphia by their son T/5 Keiji Iko, on furlough from Fort Snelling.

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#### Nisei Soldiers Help Families to Relocate to Philadelphia

Philadelphia has recently been seeing quite a few of its Nisei Army draftees as they returned on furlough, some of them to help their relocated families get settled.

Ben Saburo Ohama and Sim Susumu Endo, both formerly of Poston, have made several visits to their families before assignment to Fort Snelling. Ben Ohama, who came to Philadelphia in March, 1944, used part of his furlough to bring his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Kunzo Ohama, from Poston, where they had been living at 222-9-C. When they arrived in Philadelphia, they

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had a new grandson to inspect. He is Abraham Ohama, II, born to Mr. and Mrs. George Ohama March 17, 1945, in Lansdale, a Philadelphia suburb. He was named for his uncle, Staff Sergeant Abe Ohama, who was killed in action in France with the 442nd Infantry in October, 1944. Mr. and Mrs. George Ohama had come to Philadelphia in May, 1944, and had made plans with Ben for this family reunion. Before evacuation, the Ohama family lived in Sanger, California. Their address now is c/o Arthur Siebke, RFD #1, Vincetown, N. J.

Sim Endo, with the aid of his younger brother Burton, planned the relocation of his family to Haddonfield, New Jersey, before he went into the Army last January. Burton brought his father, Wakichi Endo, four sisters, and a brother from Poston at the end of March. The Endo family is now settled on the farm of Lewis Barton at Haddonfield, where Sim and Burton had both formerly worked. They have painted and attractively furnished their section of a large farmhouse. The younger children are enthusiastically attending daily Bible school during vacation.

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Corporal Isamu Uyehara has just arrived in Philadelphia on furlough to welcome his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Naotaka George Uyehara, who came from Rohwer to join their children.

Isamu and his brother Hiroshi relocated to Philadelphia in January, 1944. They were followed by their sister Yuriko in June, 1944. Hiroshi is employed as an engineer in the Steam Division of Westinghouse Electric in Philadelphia. Yuriko is head bookkeeper for the Social Service Exchange there. Hiroshi was recently elected chairman of the Philadelphia Nisei Council, and Yuriko has been serving as treasurer of the organization

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for some time.

The Uychara family now reside at 115 Edgemont Street, Tinicum Manor, Essington, Pennsylvania--a suburb of Philadelphia. Tinicum Manor is a housing project run by the Federal Public Housing Authority. The Uycharas report that they like it very much.

The family formerly lived at 12-8-D in Rohwer, and at 1007 South Soto Street, Los Angeles.

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Another former Philadelphian who recently spent his furlough here was Toshio Ino, who relocated to Philadelphia from Manzanar in June, 1944. He worked with the Farm Journal, nationally known farm magazine, until he was called to active duty on January 1, 1945. He reports that he is the only Japanese American in an entire Caucasian company. He has had "a swell time" with his fellow soldiers, all of whom come from the Eastern states of Maine, New Hampshire, and Vermont. His commanding officer had previously fought in Italy and was familiar with the 442nd Infantry and 100th Battalion. The Ino family live at 13-5-2, Manzanar, and before evacuation lived at Strathmore, Calif.

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N E W S L E T T E R

August 1, 1945

Having just opened an ice cream and candy store at 5821 Haverford Avenue, Philadelphia 4, Pa., Mr. and Mrs. Edward Masao Iwatate and Mr. and Mrs. Hideo B. Iwatate, formerly of Poston, report that business is "picking up" very well. Mr. Edward Iwatate is employed by the Farm Journal, nationally known farm magazine. He relocated to Philadelphia with his wife and baby daughter Midori, in May 1944. They are former residents of Oceanside, Calif.

The Hideo Iwatates were married in Philadelphia on June 10, 1944. Mrs. Iwatate was the former Mutsuko Ukogawa, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ryoze Kitagawa of Poston. They recently announced the arrival of a son, Robert Hideshi, who was born on June 5. Mr. Hideo Iwatate is employed by the Eastern Cooperative Wholesale Warehouse in Philadelphia.

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MINIDOKA GIRL GRADUATES FROM PHILADELPHIA HIGH SCHOOL

Miss Lucy M. Yoshioka, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Toraji Yoshioka, who lived at 1646 Weller Street, Seattle, and 24-3-B, Minidoka, was graduated recently from Olney High School, Philadelphia, with A's and B's in all her subjects. While at school, she was a member of the Nursing Club and the Fellowship Group, and acted in one of the school plays. She has made her home with Mrs. Leon Jonas, who says "I am so proud of her, I don't know what to do."

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All of Lucy's many friends were thrilled to learn that she had been accepted as a cadet nurse in the September class at Temple University Hospital. She brings to 33 the total number of Nisei Cadet Nurses in Philadelphia hospitals. Lucy is now visiting her sister Alice in Chicago.

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James Monji, and his cousin, Haruo Monji, formerly of 27-3-C and 19-3-B, Rohwer, recently arrived in Philadelphia. With them came Haruo's brother, Takeshi, who joined them in Milwaukee. Takeshi and James are now working for Lewis Tree Surgeons in Media, Pa., a suburb of Philadelphia. Haruo is employed as a mechanic in a garage in Media.

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Carrying lunch bags and baskets, a party of 33 Philadelphians including resettlers and their friends, gathered at noon on Sunday, July 22, for an informal outing at the Bailey farm in West Chester, Pennsylvania, about 26 miles from Philadelphia.

Among those present were Lillian Miyachi and Rose Adachi, both from Topaz, who live with the Baileys. They work in West Chester in a laboratory where, among other products, soy sauce and "Aji-no-moto" are made.

Other attendants at the outing included: Hiroshi Uyehara and his brother, Corporal Isamu Uyehara, on furlough from Fort Snelling, Minn.; Hiro Fujita and her mother, Mrs. Toku Fujita; Grayce, Kay, Ben, and Roy Kaneda and their mother, Mrs. Tomo Kaneda--Rohwer; Mari Ozaki and her mother, Mrs. Komatsu Ozaki--Minidoka; Yone Watanabe, Fuji Fujikawa and her sister JoAnn--Ht. Mountain; Lily Sakaguchi and her cousin Toshiko

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Kubota - Manzanar; Toshie Ezaki and her sister Sumiko--Poston; Ichiro Hasegawa--Tule Lake. Several non-evacuees and other friends rounded out the party.

The afternoons program at the picnic included swimming and a community singing period in the Bailey's living room with Kay Kaneda at the piano. The Issei mothers spent much of the time on the porch, where they chatted and admired the scenery.

H. Leon Yager, senior relocation officer of the Philadelphia WRA office, dropped in to say "Hello" and chauffeured the party in shifts to the railroad station when it was finally time to say goodbye. Everybody had a "wonderful time."

- By Mariko Ozaki

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#### Nisei Secretary Makes Good in Philadelphia

Minidoka friends of Yoshie Patricia Yoneyama should see a new folder published in Philadelphia which prominently displays "Pat's" name as the Finance Secretary of the United Peace Chest. Her mother and father, Mr. and Mrs. Mantaro Yoneyama, sister Yaeko, and brother Isamu are still living at 8-3-B in Minidoka.

"Pat" came to Philadelphia in December, 1944, and started her job with the United Peace Chest almost immediately. The initial arrangement was that the job would last until April or May, 1945. However, Pat says, "One day in April, I was asked whether I would stay and take charge of the entire office. I hesitated at first, even though a good raise was involved, because it meant great responsibility on my part. Finally, I accepted it. I love working here mainly because the

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persons with whom I work are very friendly. They make me feel as though I actually did belong, and it gives me a sense of keen enjoyment and enthusiasm for my work."

"Pat" is now living at the Brudercoop, 759 North 26th Street, Philadelphia. Her brother Hiroshi is in the U. S. Army. The Yoneyama family formerly lived at 322 17th Avenue, Seattle.

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EIGHT ISSEI RESETTLERS NOW WORKING AT SCHOENHUT TOY,  
INC. IN PHILADELPHIA

Eight Issei men and women and one Nisei woman are now employed at the Schoenhut Toy Factory in Philadelphia. The toy factory wants two more men and any number of women for their light assembly work. The following are currently employed there:

1. Mr. and Mrs. Jack Koheiji Saoka work at Schoenhuts together. Former residents of Seattle, they relocated from Minidoka to Philadelphia last May and are now living at 1904 North 13th St.
2. Mr. and Mrs. Yuichi Scott Nakayama came to Philadelphia from Minidoka in May to join their daughter, Taya Rose. She has been in Philadelphia for a year and is now a freshman at Temple University. The Nakayamas now live at 1747 North 15th Street, Philadelphia. They formerly lived in Seattle.
3. Mr. and Mrs. Junsaku Makita also work at Schoenhuts. They came to Philadelphia in June from Minidoka (39-11-F) with their 16-year-old son, Tamano. Former residents of Portland, Oregon, the Makitas now live at 1721 Spruce St., Philadelphia.

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4. Mrs. George Kato came to Philadelphia in March to join her husband, who had relocated from Minidoka in December, 1944. Mr. and Mrs. Kato were employed as domestics until Mr. Kato took up training as an X-ray technician. Mrs. Kato then decided to work at Schoenhuts to help her husband continue his education. Mrs. Kato usually earns from \$7.50 to \$8 a day on piece work and, according to the president of the company, is one of their most adept workers.
5. Mr. John Tomio Yagura, recent relocatee from Gila River with his wife and two small sons. Mr. Yagura works only part-time as an instrument tuner at the Philadelphia factory because he is also a language instructor at the University of Pennsylvania. The Yaguras are living at 2370 East Cumberland St., Philadelphia, Pa..
6. Mr. Tamotsu Gorai is one of the head spray painters. Mr. and Mrs. Gorai and their daughter Mabel came to Philadelphia from Heart Mountain in June to join their married daughter, Mrs. Margaret Shigetomi. Mrs. Shigetomi's husband is in the United States Army.
7. Mr. Harukichi Takahashi came to Philadelphia in June from Manzanar, where he lived at 2-14-3.

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Issei Arriving in Philadelphia

Among Issei and their families who have arrived in Philadelphia in the last two weeks were the following:

1. Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Yajiro Kimura, son Kenneth, and daughter

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Sachi from Poston. The Kimuras are now living with Mr. Herbert Sinclair at Villa Nova, Pa., a suburb of Philadelphia.

2. Mr. and Mrs. Senkichi Sugeno and daughter Florence Toshiko from Minidoka to Philadelphia.
3. Mr. and Mrs. Kinshiro Kato and son John Seichi from Poston to Philadelphia.
4. Mr. and Mrs. Hideichi Mochizuki from Minidoka to Moorestown, New Jersey, 10 miles from Philadelphia. The Mochizukis are living with Dr. Howard Curtis, 224 E. Main St., Moorestown.
5. Mr. and Mrs. Norio Takeuchi and Mr. and Mrs. Giichiro Tanaka, who relocated from Manzanar to Newark in June have just moved to Philadelphia. Mr. Takeuchi is now working for Sterling Warner and Company Jewelers, Suburban Station Bldg., as a watch repairman.
6. Mr. Harry Nishimura and son are visiting Philadelphia on short term leave from Gila River.
7. Mr. and Mrs. Risuke Matsuda from Rohwer to Philadelphia. The Matsudas can now be addressed c/o Charles N. Anderson, Noretta Farms, Ivyland, Bucks County, Pa. Ivyland is just outside Philadelphia, and the couple report that they are very pleased with their employers, their work, and their modern furnished apartment.
8. Mr. and Mrs. Iwazo Tanaka from Granada to Haddonfield, New Jersey, where they are employed on the Barton Farm, Route 1, Box 158. Also employed there are their old friends, Mr. and Mrs. Heijiro Moriuchi, who came to the Barton Farm in March, 1944. Haddonfield is 10 miles outside Philadelphia. The Tanakas have had several visits from their daughter, Miss Yuki Tanaka, who works for the Department of Agriculture in Washington, D. C.

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TWO RESETTLERS HAVE EXCELLENT JOBS WITH THE  
UNITED STATES ARMY SIGNAL CORPS

Miss Lillian Oda, formerly of 32-3-C, Minidoka, and Miss Kazuko Yeya, formerly of 17-14-B, Heart Mountain, are now working as clerk-typists with the United States Army Signal Corps in Philadelphia. Miss Oda, who relocated to Philadelphia in July 1944, entered the freshman class of the University of Maine last fall. She recently returned to Philadelphia and obtained her present job one day after her arrival. She expects to continue her college education in September. Miss Oda's mother, Mrs. Hayano Oda, and her sister, Elizabeth, are still in Mini-  
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doka. The family lived/The Dalles, Oregon, prior to evacuation.

Miss Yeya accompanied her father, Ryozo Yeya, to Philadelphia in June from Heart Mountain. Soon after her arrival, she obtained her job with the Signal Corps. The Yeyas, who lived in Sacramento, Calif., prior to evacuation, came to Philadelphia to join another daughter, Terry, who has been attending the University of Connecticut during the past year. Terry is currently employed by the Family Society of Philadelphia as an ediphone-typist.

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Tadao Miyake, who arrived in Philadelphia last December from Manzanar, has already made quite a record for himself in Philadelphia. Mr. Miyake, who formerly lived at 23-7-1, obtained employment soon after

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his arrival. He is an engineering draftsman in one of Philadelphia's essential war plants, Aero Service Corporation. He has been getting an excellent salary, and has had two raises. In a recent letter he wrote, "I like the work very much, everyone is swell to me, and I am very happy at work."

In addition to having "made good" in his job, "Tad" has just received notification that he has been accepted by the University of Pennsylvania, which he will enter in November. He hopes to major in either civil or mechanical engineering, and to return, after graduation, to the same kind of work he is doing now.

In April, "Tad's" father, Kakuzo Miyake, relocated to Seabrook Farms, N. J.. In June, his mother, his brothers Setsuo and Nobuo, and his sister, Aiko, followed them East.

The Miyake family lived at 919 Broadway, Santa Monica, Calif., before evacuation,

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Mr. Masaru Harada, who relocated to Philadelphia from 16-5-E, Minidoka in June, has just rented a house in Philadelphia for his family. He soon expects to send for his wife, Hatsumi, and their three children, George, Arthur, and Stanley.

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#### "AS NICE AS CALIFORNIA"

Miss Toshiko Miyakawa, who relocated from Hcart Mountain in April, is spending the summer in Pocono Lake Preserve, Pennsylvania, in the employ of Mr. W. B. Bell. Pocono Lake Preserve is a cottage colony and private club on a beautiful lake in the mountains about 100 miles from Philadelphia.

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Also spending part of the summer at Pocono Lake Preserve are Miss. Mary Yamamoto from Granada and Emiko Ogata from Poston. All three girls report that it's a lovely spot---"really as nice as California."

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Mr. and Mrs. Kyokuo Iko, who relocated from Heart Mountain in June with their three daughters, Minako, Sonoko, and Homoko, have accepted employment on the farm of Byron T. Roberts, Marleton, N. J. They have a five-room house which was just repainted inside, and they are now busy doing the necessary scrubbing and other painting. Getting settled is somewhat hard work and there are such things to be built as a bath-room and a new front porch. Mr. Roberts is planning ~~with~~ the Ikos for the future. The Iko family joined their daughter Yaeko, who has been in Philadelphia for a year and is now a Cadet Nurse at the Methodist Hospital in the city. The Ikos formerly lived in Wapato, Wash.

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#### RECENT ARRIVALS IN PHILADELPHIA

Among arrivals in Philadelphia during the week of July 23 were the following:

From Minidoka: Mrs. Sotaro Mitsuda and daughter, Mary Sumi, who came to join Mr. Mitsuda, now a language instructor at the University of Pennsylvania. They are living at 3407 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia, 4, Pa.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Ogawa and children, Lila and Melvin.

Yasuo Nomiyama, who came to Philadelphia to join his two sisters, Sachi and Keiko. They have been in Philadelphia for a year. Sachi is an assistant house-mother at Sleighton Farms, Darlington Post Office, Delaware County, Pa., and Keiko is attending Ursinus College. Her address

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is 203 Ninth Avenue, Collegeville, Pa. Sachi, Keiko, and Yasuo are the children of Mrs. Chiyono Nomiyama of 15-10-E, Minidoka.

From Gila River: Mr. and Mrs. George Seisuke Yanaginuma, who came to Philadelphia to join their three daughters, Denko, Sumiko, and Frances. Travelling with them from Gila was Kazuye Yamaguchi, daughter of Sengo Yamaguchi, 73-13-B.

From Manzanar: Mr. and Mrs. Hitoshi Marumoto and Mrs. Marumoto's sister, Margaret Kamimura. Mrs. Marumoto and Miss Kamimura came to join a third sister, Mrs. John Nakaji, who relocated from Manzanar last December. Mrs. Nakaji is one of the secretaries in the Philadelphia WRA office, and her husband is now working as a dental technician at the Rodin Dental Laboratory. The Nakajis live at 3921 Pine Street, Philadelphia 4, Pa. Mrs. Nakaji had located an apartment for the new arrivals. The Marumotos and Miss Kamimura can now be addressed at 3944 Pine Street, Philadelphia, Pa.

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NEWSLETTER

August 20, 1945

CADET NURSES OPEN FACTORY JOBS  
IN ROUND ABOUT WAYS

The 31 Cadet Nurses in training in Philadelphia hospitals do more than soothe the patients with their gentle manners and efficient actions. They recently helped open up jobs for Nisei and Issei in manufacturing plants in Philadelphia.

One manufacturer met Japanese Americans for the first time at the Methodist Hospital, conferred with one of the doctors about them, and promptly called the Philadelphia WRA office offering jobs to 30 or 40 people. Another manufacturer, while a patient at Episcopal Hospital, was so impressed by the Nisei Cadet Nurses there that he asked WRA's help in filling several jobs, both clerical and semi-skilled, at his plant.

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A Philadelphia textile manufacturer recently expressed a desire to employ 30 evacuees. The production foreman decided, on his own initiative, to present the plan to his workers so that there would be no misunderstanding when the resettlers appeared. He figured out his own arguments to show that the employees should give the newcomers a "square deal." In his talk the foreman pointed out that he himself was of German descent, as were many of the other employees in the plant. Some of them were Italians, too. He stated: "I would have resented being put into a center just because my parents happened to be born in

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a country with which the United States was at war. I am sure that all of you who have Italian or German parents would equally resent such procedure."

When the foreman told the WRA office of the meeting, he said that his employees were very much impressed by the argument and agreed that the Japanese Americans were deserving of sympathetic treatment. They all hope, he added, that some evacuees will soon become their fellow workers.

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Among arrivals in Philadelphia during the weeks of July 30 and August 6 were:

From Gila River: Miss Fujiko Sameshima, who came to join her cousin, Alice Toshiko Sameshima. Fujiko is temporarily living at the hostel. Her cousin has been in Philadelphia for a year and is employed by one of Philadelphia's largest department stores.

From Minidoka: Takako and Chiharu Nagai who originally relocated to New York City in July and moved to Philadelphia last week. They hope to enter hospitals in Philadelphia as Cadet Nurses soon.

Yoshiko Shitamae, who arrived in Philadelphia to join her sisters, Fumi and Miyo. They have been in Philadelphia for over a year. Miss Fumi has been employed as a research chemist at the Wyeth Institute of Applied Bio Chemistry, whose company first produced penicillin. Miss Miyo Shitamae is a Cadet Nurse at the Episcopal Hospital.

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Yoshiko is currently living with her sister at 643 North 15th Street, Philadelphia. Their parents are still residing at 36-10-C, Minidoka.

From Rohwer: Mr. and Mrs. Hiseki Miyasaki, who came to Philadelphia to join their son, Kosh Miyasaki. A non-evacuee, Kosh has lived in Philadelphia for several years and is very active as an insurance broker. Kosh has been prominent on the Nisei Resettlement Council and has been chairman of the Council's high school group. A keen fisherman, he is a member of the nationally known Isaak Walton League. The Miyasakis are living at 3934 Spruce St., Philadelphia.

Melvin Mamoru Fukumoto, who arrived in Philadelphia on short term leave.

Mrs. Masuyo Tanaka; son, James; and daughter, June. They have joined their daughter, Mary, who has been in Philadelphia since June.

Mr. and Mrs. Yasaburo Saiki; sons, Masaru and Tetsuo; and daughter, Mrs. Chiyoko Alice Tahara, and grandchildren, Dick and Jeanette, to join two other sons, George and Kiyoshi, at the Becker Farms, Groydon, Pa.--just outside the city limits of Philadelphia. Eight resettled families are employed there.

From Poston: Miss Setsuko Mukai, who arrived in Philadelphia to join her friend, Miss Lynn Baba. Miss Mukai is living at 675 North 15th Street, Philadelphia.

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From Manzanar: Joe Akita, formerly of 3-3-12, who arrived in Philadelphia recently, is now employed at the Schoenhut Toy Factory.

Satoru Morioka, formerly of 33-5-4, who has just arrived in Philadelphia to seek employment in the dry-cleaning business. He was formerly employed in that line of work in Los Angeles.

From Tule Lake: Mr. and Mrs. Takaichi Kiyono and daughter, Kazuyo Mary, who relocated to the Delaware Water Gap in June, are now employed in Philadelphia.. Their new address is c/o Mr. J. A. Lafore, Narberth, Pennsylvania.

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A New World

The Philadelphia Record recently featured an illustrated article entitled "Mira is Living in a New World." Three-year-old Mira is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Nakashima, formerly of Minidoka. The Nakashimas relocated to New Hope, Pa., about 25 miles from Philadelphia, over a year ago. Mr. Nakashima, who has traveled and worked all over the world, has successfully started his own business as a furniture designer in New Hope.

Since the article was published, Mr. Nakashima has purchased several acres of land at New Hope, and will shortly build a new house and workshop three times larger than the present one. Mira is now truly "living in a new world."

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Son Born to Resettlers from Gila River

A son, Tad Richard, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Ted Eikichi Miyamura, formerly of Gila River (66-5-B), on July 27 at Newtown, Pa.

Mr. Miyamura originally relocated to Great Meadows, N. J., with George Yamamoto, also of Gila River. When neighbors protested their employment, they transferred to the farm of Herman Heston, which is located only 50 miles from Great Meadows and 25 miles from Philadelphia. Mr. Miyamura recently worked out a sharecropping arrangement with Mr.

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Heston, and is planning to raise a family with roots in the rich soil of Bucks County, Pa.

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Social Agencies of Philadelphia Discuss  
Aid to Local Resettlers

Representatives of a group of Philadelphia's social agencies recently met to discuss how they could best pool their resources and exchange information to aid the many resettlers who are coming to Philadelphia with the closing of the camps. Represented at the meeting were the Young Men's Christian Association, Young Women's Christian Association, Family Society, International Institute, Department of Public Assistance, Philadelphia Council of Social Agencies, and WRA.

Another meeting will soon take place of representatives from these agencies and the following additional organizations: Philadelphia Hostel, Advisory Board, Philadelphia Citizens Cooperating Committee for Japanese-Americans, American Friends Service Committee, Philadelphia Federation of Churches, National Japanese-American Student Relocation Council, Immigration and Naturalization Service, United States Employment Service, and Salvation Army. All of these organizations have given aid and advice to resettlers in the Philadelphia area. The great concern of the group is to maintain continuing and efficient service to all resettlers in the Philadelphia area after the closing of the War Relocation Authority's local office.

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New Pamphlets on Philadelphia Sent to All Centers

Two new pamphlets on Philadelphia, both almost entirely the work of resettlers themselves, have recently been sent to all centers.

"Philadelphia, 1945," with an attractive cover by Mas Yabuki, formerly

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of Topaz Relocation Center, was published by the Philadelphia Nisei Council with Hiroshi Uyehara, formerly of Rohwer, as editor. The cover represents a young Philadelphian and a young Nisei planting a tree of friendship, and the pamphlet is well-illustrated with maps and sketches. The purpose of the pamphlet is indicated in <sup>the foreword</sup> "If Philadelphia be your choice, this booklet that we have compiled out of our actual experiences and up-to-date facts may be of help in introducing you to the 'ins and outs' of this city that we have come to love and has become home to us." The second booklet, entitled "Philadelphia," also has a cover by Mr. Yabuki. Though published by WRA, the pamphlet consists largely of statements by resettlers and long-time Japanese-American residents of Philadelphia.

Philadelphia has the highest percentage of family relocation in the country (75 per cent of all relocatees in Philadelphia are in family groups), and this publication gives reasons why prospective resettler families chose this area above others. Among the reasons are: the outstandingly friendly attitude of Philadelphia's citizens, the wide range of permanent employment opportunities, unusual educational advantages, cooperating groups who have ably assisted resettlers over the hard places, and post-war security offered by a section of the country where less prejudice is to be found.

Among contributors to the pamphlet were: Ichiro Hasogawa, Tule Lake; Mr. and Mrs. Kanoo Hasogawa, Mr. and Mrs. Michiyoshi Kohno, Masatsugu Larry Miyakawa, Heart Mountain; George Kazuo Ikeda, Tetsuo Iwasaki, Poston; Mr. and Mrs. Saburo Inouye, Jerome; Miss Grayce Kaneda, Mr. and Mrs. Dwight Uchida, Hiroshi Uyehara, Rohwer; Rev.

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Anos Kashitani, Mrs. Mary Nakaji, Manzanar; Toshiyuki Koiwai, Miss Mariko Ozaki, Minidoka; Lafayette Noda, Granada; Masao Yabuki, Topaz; Mrs. H. Higuchi, Koshi Miyasaki, and Mrs. Fuku Thurn, non-evacuees.

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Housing Situation Easing in Philadelphia,  
Says Housing Worker

Robertson M. Fort of the American Friends Service Committee, who has been handling most of the housing problems of resettlers in the Philadelphia district, believes that the housing situation is easing in the Philadelphia area. Resettlers themselves have also commented that since the end of the war, the lists of advertised apartments for rent have been increasing.

Following is a listing of apartments recently rented or inspected by resettlers:

1. West Philadelphia, one block from Hostel: Furnished 3-room apartment, living room, kitchenette, bathroom, and bedroom, \$50.
2. In the very desirable University of Penna. section: Furnished 1-room apartment, kitchenette and bath, \$35.
3. West Philadelphia, 20 blocks from Hostel: Furnished apartment, living room, kitchen, bedroom, and bath, \$40. (Now occupied by a Japanese-American family of three.)
4. West Philadelphia, 10 blocks from Hostel: Furnished 5-room apartment, 3 bedrooms, living room, kitchen, and bath, \$75. (Now occupied by a Japanese-American family of four).
5. Germantown, Pennsylvania: Furnished 2-room apartment, bedroom-livingroom combination, kitchen, and bath, \$42.50. (Now occupied by two Nisei girls).

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6. Temple University section, North Philadelphia: Furnished apartment, 2 bedrooms, living room, kitchen, and bath, \$45.  
(Now occupied by four Nisei girls.)
7. Swarthmore, Pa., suburb 10 miles from Philadelphia, (largely settled by Quakers, and with excellent educational facilities):  
Furnished 2-room bedroom-livingroom combination, kitchen and bath, \$47.50.

Vacancies in small furnished apartments have been on the increase for several months now. Larger furnished apartments for rent have recently been becoming more numerous. Houses for rent are scarce, but there is a large number of houses for sale.

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Employer Concerned with Placing Resettlers

Shortly before the end of the war, a manufacturer of safety glass gave the Philadelphia WRA office an order for a number of Issei and Nisei workers, including 40 men for general work, 40 women assemblers and glass cutters, 1 shop maintenance mechanic, and 2 male clerk-typists. When peace came and while the employment situation was temporarily uncertain, the company's personnel manager called the WRA office to ask that more resettlers be referred to him. He pointed out that the jobs in his plant were not affected by the end of the war, that they promised post-war security, and that he was very much interested in adding resettlers to his group. In the course of the conversation, he asked if there was any detail of the job to which resettlers objected, and if there were anything further that he could do to interest them.

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New Arrivals in the Philadelphia District

Among recent arrivals in the Philadelphia area were Mr. and Mrs. Roy Nomura, son Hisashi, and daughter Sadako from Minidoka, to Philadelphia.

Mrs. Kagano Kimura and daughter, Martha, formerly of 21-2-E, Minidoka, to Philadelphia to join daughter Florence, daughter Mrs. Irene Takazawa, and son Ben Kimura, who had been living in Philadelphia for over a year. The Kimura family may be addressed at 257 So. 46th St., Philadelphia. The Kimura family formerly lived in Ketchikan, Alaska.

Mr. Ichiro Yanagihara from Cleveland, was joined by his mother, Mrs. Tsu Yanagihara, his wife Kazuko, and son Ken Richard, all of whom lived at 39-11-E, Gila River. Also accompanying the Yanagiharas from Gila was another daughter, Mrs. Hiko Yanagibashi, who had employed on a farm in Hatboro, Pa., since May. The Yanagihara and Yanagibashi families, who formerly lived at Santa Maria, Calif., may now be addressed care of Walter Lajeski, Hatboro, Pa.

Frank Ono arrived recently from Manzanar, to Philadelphia.

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NEWSLETTER

September 28, 1945

PHILADELPHIA ISSEI PLAN BUSY FALL SEASON

A discussion on "Business Opportunities in Philadelphia" was recently held at the International Institute in Philadelphia under the chairmanship of Dwight K. Uchida, formerly of Topaz and San Francisco. Twenty-two Issei and four Nisei attended the first "zadankai", a round-table discussion, which was sponsored by the Philadelphia Nisei Council in cooperation with a number of Issei.

Mr. Seno, an old-time Philadelphian, related his business experiences and observations on future possibilities. George Sakai reported that Masao Iwatate, formerly of Poston, who had recently opened a soda-fountain-candy-store, found his lead in the business opportunities column in the classified ads. People who had formerly operated groceries, cleaning shops, shoe shops, and other businesses gave their opinion as to possibilities of re-establishing themselves here. Shungo Shimomura, a lettuce farmer from Salinas and Poston, told of his farming experiences in Riverton, N.J.

Another discussion will soon be held.

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A group of Issei and Nisei attended a joint lecture meeting at the International Institute in Philadelphia on Sunday, September 22 at which Dr. Hachiro Yuasa, former president of the Doshisha University in Kyoto, and now with the New York Church Committee for Japanese Americans, was speaker. His subject was "The Spiritual Salvation of Japan".

The Issei and Nisei Councils are planning a showing of the Japanese

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movie, "Lily of the Valley Wife", on October 6. In addition to this feature length picture, there will be Japanese classical dancing and songs by resettlers. Guests at the performance will be Japanese language students from the University of Pennsylvania.

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PHILADELPHIA NISEI GIVE BENEFIT DANCE FOR  
AMERICAN FRIENDS SERVICE COMMITTEE

At a dance recently given by the Philadelphia Nisei, \$116.51 was raised to support the resettlement program of the American Friends Service Committee, which has its national headquarters in Philadelphia. The Friends Resettlement Committee, headed by Robertson Fort, does valuable service throughout the country. They have sponsored many of the hostels, given freely of their time for counseling and job-finding, and done much to mold favorable public opinion. In Philadelphia, Mr. Fort gives a sizeable share of his time to assisting resettlers in locating housing.

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Twenty-seven teen-agers were present at the most recent monthly party, featured by games and dancing, of the Teen-Age Group of the Philadelphia Nisei Resettlement Council.

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"AGE" BUSINESS STARTED IN PHILADELPHIA

Kameo Hasegawa of Heart Mountain, who relocated to Philadelphia in January 1944, has just started an "age" business, in connection with the Kikushima Restaurant at 1620 Spruce Street, Philadelphia. His new business is keeping Mr. Hasegawa very busy. Mrs. Hasegawa has been employed for some time as a language instructor at the University of Pennsylvania. Their daughter, Mitsu, is a cadet nurse at Protestant Episcopal Hospital. The Hasegawas live at Pendle Hill, Quaker graduate school, At Wallingford,  
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Pa., and are active members of the group who spend much of their time in welcoming Issei newcomers to the city.

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RECENT ARRIVALS IN THE PHILADELPHIA DISTRICT

Among recent arrivals in the Philadelphia area were:

From Topaz: Mr. and Mrs. Tamon Katase, formerly of 28-8-F. The Katases were accompanied to Philadelphia by their daughter, Frances, who visited Topaz this summer as a representative of the National Japanese-American Student Relocation Council. After visiting New York and seeing the sights of Philadelphia and its suburbs, Mr. and Mrs. Katase recently accepted employment with Mr. and Mrs. William F. Gross, College Avenue and Tunbridge Road, Haverford, Pa. They have expressed great delight with their new home, which is located in a suburb of Philadelphia and close to the well-known Haverford College. Mr. Katase has already interested himself in Issei affairs. Miss Katase returned to her classes at Heidelberg College, Tiffin, Ohio, on September 9. The family formerly lived at 1849 Laguna Street, San Francisco.

Mr. and Mrs. Toshio Murata, formerly of 14-12-A, Topaz, are now employed by Mr. and Mrs. Harry Ehle, Hobbs Road, Radnor, Pa., where they have their own comfortable quarters. They have sent for all their freight and are expecting to settle down permanently. Mrs. Ehle, who has done radio work in behalf of Japanese-Americans, says that "Mr. and Mrs. Murata are among the nicest people we have ever known. We hope that they like us as well as we like them." The Muratas formerly lived at 1421 California Street, San Francisco.

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Mr. and Mrs. Wakichi Abey and their children, Doris, George, Kazuo and Miyoko arrived in Philadelphia from Topaz on September 9. After a flurry of furniture buying, they are now settled in an attractive six-room cottage on the estate of Mr. and Mrs. John Price Jones, Pineville, Pa. Pineville is located about twenty-five miles from Philadelphia. Mr. Abey is employed as head gardener on the estate, and his children have already started school. They report that it's "lots of fun". Also living on the estate are Mr. and Mrs. George Nagata and three children, formerly of Gila River, who relocated to Philadelphia in May.

From Minidoka: Mr. and Mrs. Suichi Tamaki, formerly of 2-3-F, Minidoka, recently <sup>joined</sup> found their daughter, Mrs. Eichi Karl Koiwai, in Philadelphia. She was married in Philadelphia to Mr. Koiwai, also from Minidoka, in the summer of 1944. The couple have been living with Mr. Koiwai's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Eishichiro George Koiwai, at 244 Harvey Street, Philadelphia. Young Mrs. Koiwai is a surgical nurse at the Germantown Hospital, and her husband is receiving his medical training from the Army at Hahneman Hospital. Their picture recently appeared on the front of the pamphlet entitled "Invitation to Philadelphia".

From Gila River: Thomas Tsutomu Shibuya and his sister Margaret Toshiko, recently came from Gila River to join their sister Laura and brothers Bill and Fred in Philadelphia, where they have been living for the past year. The Shibuyas may be addressed at 504 South 41st Street., Philadelphia. They formerly lived at 500 North "A" Street, Lompoc, Calif.

From Manzanar and Tule Lake: Mrs. Toyono Ryono and her two  
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daughters, Misuko and Chizuko, formerly of 10-11-3, Manzanar, recently arrived in Philadelphia to join her two other children, Bob and Katsumi, who have been living there for over two years. The Ryonos were joined a week later by another son, John M. Ryono and his wife Mary, and son Hideki Edward, 3, who relocated from Tule Lake. The entire Ryono family formerly lived in Terminal Island, Calif. The Ryono family is planning to buy a house in Germantown, one of the nicest residential sections of Philadelphia. Robert Ryono is a dental student at Temple University, and Katsumi Ryono is an auto mechanic. The family may be addressed at 1718 No. 15 Street, Philadelphia.

Among other recent arrivals from Tule Lake were: Noboru Robert Shirai, formerly of 704-B, who has accepted a position as language instructor at the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia. Mr. Shirai hopes to be able to send for his family. His present address is 313-41 Street, Philadelphia

Tsuneo Moriki of Tule Lake is also a language instructor at the University of Pennsylvania. He is living with Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Henney at 7908 Pine Road, Chestnut Hill, Pa., a suburb of Philadelphia. The Henneys are very much interested in Japanese Americans, and in the past other young teachers and students of Japanese ancestry have lived with them. The rest of Mr. Moriki's family has relocated to Pueblo, Colo.

From Rohwer: Rohwer residents Masaaki Ichino Narita, 29-5-A, and Haruji Sato, 40-5-E, recently came East to explore farm placement possibilities in Pennsylvania and New Jersey for some 100 families in Rohwer, whom they represent. They arrived in the  
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Philadelphia district on September 17, and were driven to the five farm counties which immediately surround the city of Philadelphia, by Robert G. H. Tallman, of the field section of the Philadelphia WRA office. They left for Hartford, Conn. on September 20.

From Poston: Mr. and Mrs. Sakugiro Yamauchi, of 219-3-C, Poston, recently accompanied their daughter Dorothy to Philadelphia. A secretary for the National Japanese American Student Relocation Council, Dorothy has been living in Philadelphia for quite some time, as has her brother, Shige George, an honorably discharged veteran. Completing the Yamauchi family group in their trip across the country was their dog, Mimi, which has the honor of being the first dog to take up residence at the Philadelphia Hostel. The Yamauchis formerly lived in Watsonville, Calif.

Mr. and Mrs. Genroku Ikeda and their two small sons arrived in Philadelphia from Poston early in September. Their two sons, Kazuo George and Mitsuo, have been living in Philadelphia for a year and a half. Kazuo George, an engineer, is employed by the York Refrigeration Company. Mitsuo, who had a scholarship for his senior year and was a four-letter man, has just returned from a summer job at a camp in New Hampshire. The elder Ikedas first went to Seabrook Farms, but they didn't stay there very long, for Mr. Ikeda was offered a job as foreman on the farm of Byron Roberts at Marleton, Burlington County, N. J. -- about ten miles from Philadelphia. Accompanied by Mitsuo, they moved into their attractive five-room house on September 20.

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They have sent for their furniture on the West Coast and plan to remain in the East permanently. Mr. Ikeda has already started his work, and Mitsuo and Kazuo have been discussing plans with Mr. Roberts for changes in the irrigation system next spring. The Roberts are very friendly people, according to the Ikedas. Mr. Roberts' daughter helped at the Evergreen Hostel in Los Angeles during the past summer.

From Granada: Mr. and Mrs. Zenshin Watanabe, their son Frank, his wife, Tsugine, and their two daughters, Betty and Mary, arrived in Philadelphia from Granada on September 11. Both couples have found domestic employment in Philadelphia. Mr. and Mrs. Zenshin Watanabe are now employed by Mr. and Mrs. Karr, 1114 Stratford Avenue, Melrose Park, Pa. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Watanabe are with Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Unger, Gunea Lane, Warrington, Pa. The two daughters, Betty and Mary, are employed as stenographers in the Philadelphia headquarters of the American Friends Service Committee.

Carol K. Ikeda, originally of the Tulare Assembly Center, arrived in Philadelphia from Nebraska with his wife Ruth, and three-year old daughter, Karren, on September 19. Mr. Ikeda was graduated from the University of Nebraska with M.A. and Ph.D. degrees in chemistry. Through his own efforts, he obtained excellent employment as a chemist at Dupont. The Ikedas are now residing at 434 North 34 Street, Philadelphia. They formerly lived at 804 Lincoln Avenue, Pasadena, Calif.

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PHILADELPHIA DISTRICT

NEWSLETTER

Oct. 5, 1945

PHILADELPHIA HOSTEL HAS ROOM FOR NEWCOMERS AS FORMER  
RESIDENTS FIND PERMANENT QUARTERS

While statistics do not always tell a complete story, they give a good picture of the busy life at the Philadelphia Hostel. During the 12 months ending October 1, 1945 a total of 1,148 persons enjoyed the hospitality of the Hostel. Last month an average of 35 persons, stayed there daily, the average stay lasting nine days. The residents in September included 12 family groups, and among them were six children attending grade schools of Philadelphia, three high school pupils, and three tots of one, two, and three years, respectively. There was also one pet dog, which accompanied one family to the Hostel.

There was a heavy turnover at the Hostel during the last week in September, when 30 people left for permanent homes and jobs in the Philadelphia district. This group included five families numbering 20 persons, and ten unattached individuals. Although the housing situation in Philadelphia is not easy, it is better than what prevails in many other cities. The fact that 30 people, including five families, left the Hostel in one week, is proof that apartments and homes can be found after diligent search.

Effective October 1, the Hostel rates were changed as follows:

Unemployed adults: \$1 per day for first ten days.

\$1.50 per day thereafter.

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Employed adults: \$2 per day.

Children under 10: \$.75 per day.

Transients: \$2 per day.

(All rates include meals.)

At times in September the Hostel was crowded, but at present, only 16 persons are staying there. This means there are empty beds available, and a cordial invitation awaits center families and individuals.

The directors are Mrs. Esther Meyering and Mr. and Mrs. Saburo Inouye, the latter formerly of Tule Lake and Jerome.

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SOLDIER FROM POSTON IS AWARDED  
SILVER STAR POSTHUMOUSLY

Mr. and Mrs. Funzo Ohama, formerly of Poston 222-9-C and Sanger, Calif., and now of Vinetown, N. J., recently were informed by the War Department that the Silver Star had been posthumously awarded to their son, T/Sgt. Abraham G. Ohama, Infantry. The citation is as follows:

"For gallantry in action on 20 October 1944 in the vicinity of \*\*\*\*, \*\*\*\*. While making a forward reconnaissance to determine the enemy's disposition, Sergeant Ohama and his men encountered machine gun fire in the vicinity of emplacements occupied by one of the forward companies. Placing his men under cover he crawled to within 20 yards from the enemy and threw two hand grenades which neutralized the machine gun nest. When another machine gun opened fire upon him, he momentarily silenced it with his sub-machine gun and then completely put it out of action

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with hand grenades. Subsequently, when a comrade was wounded, and left exposed to further injury, he disregarded enemy sniper fire to go to his aid, and as he reached the fallen man's side was mortally wounded."

Mr. and Mrs. Ohama relocated to the Philadelphia district last April to join their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. George Ohama. They were accompanied eastward by another son, Private Ben Ohama, who had relocated to the Philadelphia district in the spring of 1944. He is stationed at Fort Snelling, Minn. A son, Abraham II, was born to Mr. and Mrs. George Ohama last March. The Ohama family is living on the farm of G. Arthur Siebke, RFD #1, Vincetown, N. J.

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PHILADELPHIA EMPLOYER MAKES ADDITIONAL PLACE FOR NISEI WORKER

A Philadelphia employer's sense of responsibility and concern over the welfare of resettlers recently resulted in a job for Jiro Kobuki, formerly of Rohwer, 5-10-C.

Jiro wanted a job as an apprentice dental technician, but when he applied, there were not many available places left. The above-mentioned employer had one available apprenticeship, but it was being held for a returning veteran. The WRA interviewer suggested that the employer make an additional place for a Japanese American as "an individual of a displaced minority is also a kind of casualty of this war." The employer said he would consider the question, and a few minutes later, he called back, stating, "my conscience has just made the additional place for the Japanese American boy. Send him up!"

Jiro is the son of Mrs. Kimie Kobuki and formerly lived at 1644 South Western, Moneta, Calif. He is staying temporarily at the Philadelphia Hostel and soon plans to relocate his family to the Philadelphia district.

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RESETTLERS FROM MINIDOKA AND POSTON UNITED  
IN PHILADELPHIA WEDDING

Former Minidoka Dorothy Mitsu Hayasaka and Takeo Takeuchi of Poston were married October 7 at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Haines Price, of Whitemarsh, Pa. A reception in the house followed the ceremony.

The bride wore a colonial-period white satin gown with hoop skirt and short train, and a veil of fingertip length. The maid of honor, Miss Chizuko Ikeda of New York City, formerly of Minidoka and Seattle, wore a dress of light blue net, with matching hat, and carried roses.

The best man was Private Sim Endo, of Poston, now on furlough from Fort Snelling. He is the son of Wakichi Endo, who recently relocated with other members of the family from Poston to Haddonfield, N. J.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Hayasaka and formerly lived with her family at 3020 23rd Street South, Seattle. She is a graduate of Franklin High School and Wilson's Business College in Seattle. The Hayasaka family resided at 40-2-B in Minidoka. Dorothy relocated to Philadelphia in November 1943 and has been employed as a secretary. Her parents arrived in Philadelphia a few weeks ago in the middle of September.

The bridegroom is the son of Mrs. Takai Takeuchi and formerly lived in Sacramento and at 229-10-A Poston. Takeo Takeuchi formerly managed his father's farm in Sacramento. At Poston he was foreman of the truck corps and crew foreman of the field corps. He relocated to Philadelphia in April 1944 and has been employed on the farm of Lewis Barton in Haddonfield, N. J.

After a wedding trip to Niagara Falls, the couple will settle down in Haddonfield in an attractively furnished apartment which they recently rented.

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N E W S L E T T E R

Oct. 19, 1945

NISEI GIRL APPOINTED TO STAFF OF PHILADELPHIA INTERNATIONAL  
INSTITUTE TO ASSIST RESETTLERS

Miss Grayce Kaneda, formerly of Rohwer, was recently appointed to the staff of the Philadelphia International Institute as a group worker specializing in assistance to resettlers. In her new position Miss Kaneda will plan social activities, counsel resettlers about community resources, visit newcomers in their homes, and otherwise aid Nisei and Issei in making their adjustment from a relocation center to a new city. The Philadelphia International Institute has been the meeting place for most of the activities of local resettlers.

Miss Kaneda was previously employed as a secretary by the Family Society of Philadelphia. A graduate of the College of the Pacific, she studied later at Minnesota State Teachers College and is now working for her master's degree in social work at the Pennsylvania School of Social Work, an affiliate of the University of Pennsylvania. She is an active member of the Philadelphia Nisei Council.

The entire Kaneda family, including Grayce's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tsunayoshi George Kaneda, relocated more than a year ago to Philadelphia, where Mr. Kaneda is first chef at the Whittier Hotel. The Kanedas are now living at 1431 Brown Street, Philadelphia. They previously lived at 40-7-A, Rohwer, and 316 West Anderson Street, Stockton, Calif.

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PHILADELPHIA FAMILY LEARNS  
ART OF JAPANESE COOKING

Mrs. Sadano Taketa, a recent resettler to Philadelphia from 22-12-E, Minidoka, is teaching her employers in suburban Bryn Mawr the art of Japanese cooking. One of the employers, Miss Helen Duffy, is teaching Mrs. Taketa additional English in exchange. This happy arrangement resulted from an equally happy reunion when Mrs. Taketa joined her only daughter Kay, in Philadelphia. Miss Taketa, who came to Philadelphia last March, is a student at the Berte Dressmaking School and a part time domestic worker.

Mrs. Taketa found the kind of position she wanted -- light domestic work -- several days after her arrival in Philadelphia. Her employers were so anxious to make her comfortable that they questioned the WRA office regarding the kind of food Mrs. Taketa would prefer.

Mrs. Taketa and her daughter formerly lived at Route 1, Box 337, Sumner, Wash.

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COUPLE WITH YEAR-OLD BABY FINDS  
NEW HOME IN ONE DAY

Within a day after Mr. and Mrs. Tadami Ted Kurumaji arrived in Philadelphia from Poston with their 1-year-old son, Gary, late in September, they were comfortably established in the country home of their new employers, Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Wagner, at Ambler, Pa., 10 miles from Philadelphia.

As little Gary grows older, he will have as playmates the two young children of Mr. and Mrs. Wagner. It was Mrs. Wagner's suggestion that Mrs. Kurumaji's job be that of taking care of the three children together.

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The Kurumajis like the arrangement and like Philadelphia, for many Poston families have resettled there. Mr. and Mrs. Kurumaji formerly lived at 326-14-E, Poston, and at Route 1, Box 156, Cutler, Calif.

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BABIES BORN TO TWO POSTON FAMILIES  
IN PHILADELPHIA

A daughter, since named Jean Emiko was born on September 9 to Mr. and Mrs. Tetsuo Iwasaki; now of Philadelphia and formerly of 6-11-C, Poston, and 2057 W. 30th Street, Los Angeles. The Iwasakis, who relocated in July 1944, have another daughter, Marsha.

Mr. Iwasaki is employed as an electrical engineer at the Atlantic Refining Company, one of the largest in the country. He is a prominent member of the Philadelphia Nisei Council. The Iwasakis now live at 1302 N. 59th Street, Philadelphia.

Another baby, Ronald Hisao Hirokawa, was born late in August to Mr. and Mrs. James Hirokawa, who relocated from Poston last December. He is their first child. The Hirokawas, who formerly lived at Route 3, Box 478, Watsonville, Calif., were recently joined in Philadelphia by Mr. Hirokawa's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Riutaro Hirokawa, and their 17-year-old son, George. Mr. and Mrs. James Hirokawa were employed until recently on the farm of Mr. A. L. Richie at Riverton, New Jersey. They have now completed a share-cropping arrangement with Mr. C. N. Turman, and the family may be addressed at RFD #1, North Wales, Pa.

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N E W S L E T T E R

Oct. 30, 1945

TULE LAKE MAN OBTAINS CHEF'S JOB IN PHILADELPHIA

Henry M. Fujitaki, formerly of 73-07-C, Tule Lake, arrived in Philadelphia on October 13 at the invitation of his friend, Noboru Shirai, also formerly of Tule Lake and now a language instructor at the University of Pennsylvania. With the assistance of the WRA, Mr. Fujitaki has obtained a job as first cook at the Hotel Whittier in Philadelphia. He will work under the head chef, Mr. George Kaneda of Rohwer, who has been in Philadelphia with his family for nearly two years. Also employed at the Hotel Whittier are: Gohei Shoji, Poston, who has relocated to Philadelphia with his family; Joe Inui Kobayashi, Minidoka; and Yoshiro Fujita, Rohwer, who has also come to Philadelphia with his family.

Mr. Fujitaki was formerly a mess hall cook at Tule Lake and a restaurant cook in West Los Angeles, where he lived at 1922 Beloit Avenue. He was accompanied to Philadelphia by Kusuo Shiota, who expects to be placed soon in a board and room job so that he may continue his education in the English language. Mr. Fujitaki and Mr. Shiota may be addressed at 313 South 41st Street, Philadelphia.

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TULE LAKE BLOCK MANAGER FINDS JOB  
WITH EXCELLENT HOUSING NEAR PHILADELPHIA

Tadanori Ito, formerly block manager at 1907-C, Tule Lake, has accepted employment with James P. Clark, Pineville Road, Brownsberg, Bucks County, Penna. He left for Philadelphia on short term leave on September 11. Before accepting his present position, Mr. Ito investigated resettlement opportunities for himself and for other in several Eastern cities. Tule Lake residents/ Mr. Ito's wife and three children will soon come from Tule Lake to join him.

Mr. Clark has a 240-acre grain farm, but Mr. and Mrs. Ito will be responsible only for maintaining the house and raising vegetables on a few acres of land. Mr. and Mrs. Ito will receive a monthly salary, but the outstanding feature of this offer is the separate eight room house which they and their three children will occupy. The house is of modern construction and the rooms are well furnished. The house has hardwood floors, steam heat, and electricity. Mr. Clark has made a station wagon available to Mr. Ito for transporting his children to school until arrangements are made with the school board to have the school bus stop at the Clark address.

The Clark farm is located in the New Hope, Pa., section where a number of other evacuee families have resettled.

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PHILADELPHIA COST OF LIVING STILL REMAINS  
BELOW NATIONAL AVERAGE

According to statistics recently released by the United States Department of Labor, Philadelphia still holds its place as one of the cities with a lower-than-average cost of living. On a chart showing the cost of living in the 34 largest cities in the United States, Philadelphia is the eighth lowest on all items, including food, clothing, fuel, electricity, and house furnishings.  
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RESETTLERS FIND HOUSING IN PHILADELPHIA DISTRICT

Ninety-six resettlers found housing in Philadelphia and vicinity during September, according to Robertson M. Fort of the American Friends Service Committee. Mr. Fort, whose office serves as a clearing house for housing information in the Philadelphia district, also said that during September, 98 people requested assistance in finding housing. Several families found quarters in Federal Public Housing units, where other apartments are still available.

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TULE LAKE RESETTLERS FIND WELCOMING GROUP  
AT PHILADELPHIA STATION

On October 18, a party of 34 Tuleans headed by Shuyo Tamamoto arrived at the Baltimore and Ohio Station in Philadelphia on a train that was several hours overdue. As they were bound for Seabrook Farms at Bridgeton, N. J. they probably did not expect to be greeted by the group of Philadelphians who had been waiting patiently at the station for some time. The welcoming group from the "City of Brotherly Love" included: Miss McCoven, Travelers Aid Society; Henry Lee Willett, Chairman, Board of Directors of the Philadelphia Hostel, and Chairman of the local Citizens' Cooperating Committee; Miss Grayce Kaneda, formerly of Rohwer, representing the Philadelphia Nisei Council and the International Institute, and Miss Mary Hobson Jones, head of the Reception Service in the Philadelphia WRA office.

The travel-worn resettlers were escorted to the Philadelphia Hostel to tidy up, and then were given a delicious Japanese-style luncheon of raw fish, osushi, shrimps, sandwiches, and tea. Mrs. Saburo Inouye, hostel housemother, and Mrs. Esther Meyerdig, directoress,

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were assisted in preparing the luncheon by Mrs. George Kaneda of the Philadelphia Issei Committee and Mrs. John Arnett of the Hostel Board.

When the Tuleans got aboard the Seabrook Farms bus, it was with the realization that the 45 miles between Seabrook and Philadelphia was but a short trip, and that they had many friends to visit in Philadelphia.

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ROY YOSHIDA, FORMERLY OF POSTON, FLIES TO JAPAN

Roy T. Yoshida, formerly of 5-12-B, Poston, has just flown to Japan on a scientific expedition, with the temporary rank of Captain in the United States Army.

Mr. Yoshida was an executive assistant leave officer at Poston until he relocated in April 1944. After his arrival in Philadelphia, he was employed first by the Eastern Cooperative and since last March as a language instructor at the University of Pennsylvania. Mr. and Mrs. Yoshida and their son Dennis have been living at 218 South 23rd St., Philadelphia. Mrs. Yoshida, who has been employed as a part-time secretary for the American Friends Service Committee, will take her husband's place as a language instructor at the University of Pennsylvania during his six months' absence. Dennis attends a private nursery school near his home.

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N E W S L E T T E R

November 1, 1945

PHILADELPHIA RESETTLER PURCHASES FARM IN NEW JERSEY

Takashi Moriuchi, formerly of Granada and Livingston, Calif., has just purchased a 100-acre vegetable farm in Moorestown, N. J., ten miles from the center of Philadelphia.

Mr. Moriuchi, who relocated to Philadelphia in February 1944 thereafter and was shortly/joined by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Heijiro Moriuchi, has worked until now as a foreman on the farm of Lewis Barton in Haddonfield, J. J.

Moriuchi  
The/farm, which was purchased through a local real estate agent, was formerly owned by an immigrant couple from Europe. The property contains a ten-room white-frame house, with all modern conveniences and in excellent condition, several attractively wooded acres, and a sizable brook.

Mr. Moriuchi reports that the real estate agent who aided him in the purchase of the farm was extremely friendly and cooperative, that in all of the business connected with the purchase he has had the aid and support of the local community, and that he has experienced no unpleasantness of any kind. He is now interested in finding a large farm family who would like to relocate to his farm and work for him. A number of other resettlers have been working for some time on farms within a radius of five miles of Mr. Moriuchi's farm.

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Mr. Moriuchi is currently at Rohwer on his way home from the West Coast, where he has just sold his farm at Livingston.

Since his arrival in Philadelphia, he has become an outstanding member of the resettler community. He was one of the founders of the Philadelphia Nisei Council

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FARM OPPORTUNITIES IN PHILADELPHIA DISTRICT  
OFFER INCOMES ON LEVEL WITH CITY JOBS

The Philadelphia district of the WRA has recently obtained a large number of excellent farm offers for resettlers on truck farms, poultry farms, and dairy farms. Most of these offers are within ten miles of the center of the city, and near places where many resettlers are already living. Evacuees who have come to Philadelphia to take up farming have been well pleased with what they found. They comment frequently, in comparison with the west Coast, upon the larger marketing possibilities, the ease with which truck crops can be marketed without refrigeration or fancy packing, and the wide diversity of crops. Although farm wages are lower in the East than in California, they state that the cost of living is lower and that the benefits given in addition to the salary enable a farmer to save considerably more. Actually, from the point of view of gross and net incomes, these farm offers compare favorably with jobs in Philadelphia itself. Note the following analysis of a typical farm offer.

The offer pays \$25 per week plus a yearly bonus of \$104. It includes a house with bath, toilet, fuel, and electricity, two quarts of milk a day; space for raising a garden and chickens; and fruit in season. In terms of income, therefore, the average  
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farm offer with only one person working can be compared with a city job paying around \$2,000 a year.

The farmlands near Philadelphia provide excellent educational facilities for children, including a free school bus system. In many cases, the traveling time from the farm to the center of Philadelphia is only half an hour.

In addition to the truck, fruit, and poultry farming offers, there are many excellent opportunities on dairy farms. Although the hours are longer on a dairy farm, as a rule the work is not so heavy. Many dairy farmers are willing to employ inexperienced workers. This field offers very good opportunities for advancement as managers of dairy farms, herdsmen, and experts in the development of pure-bred dairy cattle.

Resettlers interested in farm opportunities in the Philadelphia area should consult their center relocation officer immediately.

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AMALGAMATED CLOTHING WORKERS UNION  
PLACES ROHWER GIRL IN PHILADELPHIA JOB

Through the local Amalgamated Clothing Workers Union, Yukiko Ota Kobuki, 21, of Rohwer, recently got a job with one of Philadelphia's largest manufacturers of men's clothing, even though the

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industry was in a slow season. Miss Kobuki relocated to Philadelphia with her mother, Mrs. Kimie Kobuki, and her sister Yachiyo early in October. A short while ago Yukiko's brother Hiro arrived in Philadelphia from Chicago. The family is now living at 3808 Walnut Street, Philadelphia. The Kobukis formerly lived at 16501 South Western Avenue, Moneta, Calif.

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TULE LAKE BOY ENTERS QUAKER GRADUATE SCHOOL  
IN PHILADELPHIA

Kusuo Shiota, formerly of 73-07-C, Tule Lake, who relocated to Philadelphia in October, has enrolled in the graduate school of the Society of Friends at Pendle Hill, a suburb of Philadelphia.

Mr. Shiota, who was educated in Japan, came to Philadelphia with the intention of studying the English language, and then going into the field of radio engineering.

Mr. Shiota will work for his board and room at Pendle Hill. He shares an attractive double room with John Rue, a graduate of the University of Minnesota, who has come to Pendle Hill to learn the Japanese language. The roommates will help each other in the two languages. In addition, Mr. Shiota will have special tutoring in English from members of the staff of Pendle Hill, which includes Mr. and Mrs. Kameo Hasegawa, who relocated from Heart Mountain, early in 1944. T. J. George Oye, Poston, a Japanese language instructor at the University of Pennsylvania who lives near Pendle Hill, will also help Mr. Shiota.

Near Pendle Hill there are a well-known Quaker college and excellent grade and high schools. Because of its many advantages, more than 40 resettlers have chosen it for their place of residence.  
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The Philadelphia WRA office will be glad to assist other persons handicapped by little knowledge of the English language who are also interested in attending Pendle Hill.

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22 PHILADELPHIA NISEI ENTER COLLEGE

Twenty-two Nisei students from Philadelphia commenced their quest for a higher education this fall. They joined a group of approximately 65 college and nursing students in Philadelphia, who had started their education in the past two years.

Five girls commenced training as cadet nurses in Philadelphia. They are: Janet Yamamoto, Poston, and Toshio Uneki, Manzanar, at Pennsylvania Hospital; and Virginia Yamagisako, Poston, Miss Ellen Ono of Manzanar and Miss Florence Kimura, Minidoka, at Episcopal Hospital. Miss Crys Kubota, formerly of St. Louis, began her medical training at the Women's Medical College in Philadelphia.

Miss Sechi Shimomura, Poston, and Miss Kikuye Kikichi, Minidoka, entered the freshman class at Temple University in Philadelphia. Miss Grayce Kaneda, Rohwer, Nao Takasugi, Gila River, and Tadao Miyake, Manzanar, are attending the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia. They are the first three students to enroll full time in this famous university. New students at the Drexel Institute of Technology in Philadelphia include Lillian Oda and Toshi Nomura, Minidoka, Miss Frances Yanaginuma, Gila River, and Katsumi Kusumi, Heart Mountain.

Other Nisei are attending some of the many colleges located within 30 miles to 50 miles of Philadelphia. Among them are Kazuko Yeya, Heart Mountain, at Ursinus College, Collegeville, Pa., Yoshiko Asaba, Minidoka, at Beaver College, Jenkintown, Pa.; and Sechi Nomiyama, Minidoka, and Kazuye Kiyono, Tule Lake, at Albright College, Reading, Pa.

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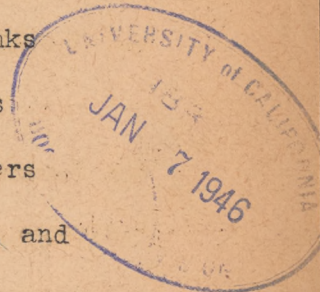
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TULEANS WELCOMED ON ARRIVAL AT PHILADELPHIA STATION

When former Tuleans Mr. and Mrs. Shig Fukushima and their seven children and Mr. Konai Nagano descended to the platform of the North Philadelphia Station, the hearty welcome accorded them made the trip across the country from Tule Lake seem completely rewarding. Thanks to a busy but interested station master who had checked all trains arriving that morning to ascertain their whereabouts, the resettlers were instantly greeted by Tak Moriuchi, Haddonfield, N.J., farmer, and Sam Risk of the Philadelphia WRA staff.

They went at once to the Philadelphia Hostel for a hot breakfast. A tour of the city and a Japanese dinner had been arranged for them by friendly Philadelphians, but as they felt somewhat tired, they went instead to Mr. Moriuchi's home. The ten-mile drive to Haddonfield interested them greatly because it took them through the heart of Philadelphia's business section over the big Delaware River Bridge, which reminded them of the Golden Gate Bridge, and into the rich flat truck section of New Jersey. Akira, the 15-year-old son, repeatedly commented upon the attractive farm homes that he saw. Both Mr. Fukushima and Mr. Nagano, after looking around their new home at the truck farm operated by Joseph Battaglia of Hammonton, N.J., expressed their belief that here

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at last they could be very happy. Mr. and Mrs. Fukushima and their children -- Emiko, Akira, Masao, Takeshi, Satoshi, Matoko, and baby Yoshiaki -- formerly lived at 3702-A,B, Tule Lake, and before evacuation at Walnut Grove, Calif. Mr. Nagano formerly resided at Isleton, Calif., and 604B, Tule Lake.

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KIYONORI YAMAGUCHI FAMILY NOW HAPPILY RESETTLED IN PHILADELPHIA

Mr. and Mrs. Kiyonori Yamaguchi, formerly of Tacoma, Wash., and 5713-E,F, Tule Lake, arrived in Philadelphia from the center on December 3, with their five children, Edward, 19, Alice, 18, Edith, 16, James, 15, and Louise, 9. They were met at the station and taken to the Hostel.

Mr. Yamaguchi for many years previous to evacuation was a cook at the Tacoma Hotel. He has also cooked in other hotels in Washington and California.

After considering various job possibilities and the housing situation, Mr. and Mrs. Yamaguchi decided to accept a domestic position with Mr. and Mrs. William L. Batt of Wyncote, Pa., a suburb of Philadelphia. They will receive a good salary and full maintenance for themselves and the three youngest children. They will have an apartment consisting of two bedrooms and a large living room and bath in the Batt home. Good high and elementary schools are available for the children.

Mr. Batt, an engineer and manufacturer, is in Government service and at one time was national head of the War Production Board. The Batt children are away from home. This is an instance of one home serving the needs of two families because the attitude of each family is one of understanding and appreciation.

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Within three days after arrival, Alice secured a position as a typist and a board and room job which will enable her to save money to enter college next year. Edward, who has been assisting his parents explore job possibilities, is now looking for the same type of arrangement in order that he may enter college too.

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NISEI COUNCIL SERVES OVER 2800 RESETTLERS IN PHILADELPHIA  
AND VICINITY -- INVITES MORE TULEANS TO JOIN GROUP

The Philadelphia Nisei Council has again asked that Tuleans be reassured of the Council's sincere desire to help them either in their relocation plans or after their arrival in Philadelphia. It also hopes to welcome more Tuleans as members of the Council.

The Philadelphia Council, founded in June, 1944, has long had the reputation of being one of the most helpful and active groups in the country. It has served as a clearing house for the voicing of resettlers' needs and has had an excellent working relationship with all people interested in the welfare of Japanese Americans. The Council has rounded up housing vacancies and special jobs, sponsored get-acquainted socials, and helped newcomers to get adjusted to their new community. The Council sponsors programs for various age groups, such as the Issei and the teen-agers. Two current projects are the bringing of a Japanese minister to Philadelphia to serve as an inter-denominational counselor, and the establishment of a Buddhist Church.

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PHILADELPHIA RESETTLER ON RADIO PROGRAM

On December 18 Hiroshi Uyehara, Nisei leader in Philadelphia, was featured on the "United Nations Speak" program on Station WHAT.

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Mr. Uyehara has been employed in the Engineering Department of the Westinghouse Electric Company for over a year and has brought his parents and a sister to Philadelphia. A brother Isamu is now in Tokyo with the U. S. Army. The Uyeharas formerly lived in Los Angeles and Rohwer.

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ISSEI TO SAIL ON ARMY TRANSPORT AS COOK

Satoru Mitsudo, Issei, formerly of Minidoka and Puyallup, Wash., recently arranged to serve as a second cook aboard an Army transport sailing from New York Harbor late in December. He will help shuttle servicemen from Europe to the United States.

Mrs. Mitsudo and their two children, Ray, 17, and Mary, 15, will continue to live at 426 North 34th Street, Philadelphia, where both children are attending high school.

Since August Mr. Mitsudo had been teaching the Japanese language to Army boys at the University of Pennsylvania.

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