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FOR RELEASE TO PM'S OF MONDAY, JUNE 28:

Cleveland, O., June 28 --- Regional directors of the War Production Board and the War Manpower Commission today voiced approval that American citizens of Japanese ancestry who are now in the 10 Japanese relocation centers in the west should be employed in areas where there are acute labor shortages.

Robert C. Goodwin, WMC chief for Ohio, Kentucky and Michigan said: "Among American citizens of Japanese ancestry in this country there are large numbers who have special skills. Many are experienced farmers, others are machine operators and craftsmen. These are American citizens.

"In addition, there are many loyal Japanese aliens in this country with similar skills, who could be placed in jobs which would assist in the production of foodstuffs and war materials.

"We urge employers in this region to consider seriously the employment of these workers to assist in the war effort."

John C. Virden, WPB chief, for Ohio, Kentucky, West Virginia, and western Pennsylvania stated: "These Americans of Japanese ancestry are loyal citizens and should be considered as such. Their employment will help relieve the strain of labor shortages in the farms and industries in this region. Their skills and trades should not be wasted because of nationalistic differences, for they are American citizens. American-Japanese who have already been brought from the camps to work in the middle west have proved themselves willing, industrious and loyal. Employers should not pass over loyal American-Japanese who are competent workers in many trades."

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Hostel accommodations in Cleveland, Ohio June 28, 1943

For center residents planning to settle in the Cleveland area, Oscar Buttedahl, one of WRA's reports officers, sends information about the hostel recently opened by the Baptist Home Mission Society at 2429 Prospect Avenue and managed by Mr. and Mrs. Max L. Franzen.

Mr. Buttedahl's letter says, "The hostel is a huge, old, three-story mansion close to YMCA headquarters, 10 minutes by street-car (3¢ fare) from downtown. The rooms are large, equipped with single and double beds, wash-basin in each room, bath on each floor. Residents are responsible for keeping their own quarters clean and for doing other work to maintain the premises. They eat at a common table, turning over their ration books to the management for the duration of their stay.

"Rates for staying at the hostel are as follows: While unemployed $1 per day per adult, 50¢ per day for children under 10. When employed, $1.50 per day per adult, 75¢ per day for children under 10. For those remaining at the hostel longer than a 10-day period after being employed the rates are $2 per day for adults, $1 per day for children. These prices include board and room."

The hostel can accommodate about 30 people, Mr. Buttedahl says. At the time he was there in the middle of June, 24 evacuees, including two families with small babies, were making it their headquarters.

Because there is a housing shortage in Cleveland and hostel facilities are limited, the report states that evacuees should make application in advance.

To apply for hostel accommodations, center residents who have received leave clearance and who plan to go to Cleveland should see a representative of the Baptist Home Mission Society at (name of center). (See the project leave officer for information). The application will be

sent by the Home Mission representative to the WRA Cleveland office where Harold Fistere, the Relocation Supervisor, will look it over, and, if the applicant has no specific job offer, will certify as to the prospects for employment. If favorable, a teletype invitation will be extended through the WRA Cleveland office to the evacuee offering him hostel accommodations.

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CLEVELAND, O. July 26--To draw existing social, recreational and religious facilities into closer working contact with the relocation program in cities where persons of Japanese ancestry have settled, Miss Louise M. Noble has been appointed Relocation Adjustment Adviser in the Great Lakes Area, Robert M. Cullum, Area Supervisor, announced here today.

A graduate of the University of Illinois and a holder of an advanced degree in Sociology from Western Reserve University, Miss Noble has for many years been engaged in social service work. She was a consultant with the Ohio State Department of Public Welfare; a supervisor of the Cuyahoga County Child Welfare Division in Cleveland; a case worker for social agencies in Cleveland; head of a nursery school in Coldwater, Michigan; and a teacher in Detroit and Ann Arbor.

"It is our hope that many of the matters in which we are now called upon to assist evacuees can eventually be handled by existing groups in the communities in which the persons of Japanese ancestry are settling," Cullum said. "For example, social service agencies are equipped to handle emergency medical care for the evacuees in all principal cities of this area. Among other things, Miss Noble will help district officers in their relations with these agencies, in setting up procedures so that it will eventually be unnecessary for the WRA to be the intermediary between the evacuee and the agency.

"Of special importance," Mr. Cullum continued, "will be the work in cities where there is no WRA office but where there are evacuees such as in Dayton, Ohio. In those cities, officials of existing agencies will be approached and, it is hoped, procedures developed for the handling of problems involving matters of finance, health, housing, recreation and the like. Then the persons of Japanese ancestry in the community will be advised of the persons to whom they can go for assistance.

"In addition to her organizational tasks, Miss Noble will be available for personal interviews with troubled evacuees when necessary," Cullum said.

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Cleveland, O., August 7, 1944---With the appointment of Wendell P. Gee to head the Detroit office of the War Relocation Authority, the Michigan staff has now been brought up to strength and is ready to function more effectively on a state-wide basis, Robert M. Cullum, Supervisor of the Great Lakes Area, announced here today.

The Michigan staff of the WRA, Cullum explained, had been disrupted by the loss of Detroit and Grand Rapids personnel through Selective Service draft and by transfer.

Consolidation and re-alignment of duties for more efficient operation has been brought about by the following moves:

APPOINTMENT of Gee to head the Detroit office which now will direct relocation for the entire state, excepting the upper peninsula.

APPOINTMENT of Lee A. Marsa, who comes to WRA from the War Food Administration, to handle all farm placements for the State of Michigan and be a field representative at such cities as Grand Rapids, Kalamazoo, Benton Harbor and Battle Creek.

TRANSFER of William J. Fluke, formerly head of the Toledo, Ohio, district, to work under Gee and with Miss Veda Satterfield in the Detroit district.

Mr. Gee has had a varied background of experience in both government and education. For a period just preceding his employment by the WRA, he was Field Representative in the Civilian War Services branch of the Office of Civilian Defense with headquarters in Chicago, and before that, he was employed by the War Department in the preparation of instructional material for pre-induction military training.

For more than twenty years, Mr. Gee was in educational work, holding positions as a teacher, school principal, and superintendent of schools in various school systems in the State of Michigan. He is on leave of absence from the Detroit Board of Education.

Mr. Marsa, 33, managed farm labor camps in Florida and Michigan for the WFA and before that, supervised the granting of credit to low income farmers under the program of the Far Security Administration. Before joining the Federal Government, he also taught school in two different Michigan communities. Marsa will make Grand Rapids a

regular stop in his travels around the state unearthing farm opportunities.

To handle problems of employment, housing, financial and medical assistance, personal difficulties when no WRA official is available, several residents of Grand Rapids have volunteered their services. Evacuees in that city have been advised of these resources and those expecting to settle there can get the information from their Relocation Planning Officers, Cullum said.

The Toledo office was closed and Mr. Fluke was assigned to the Detroit district when it was determined that it would be more efficient to administer the Toledo program from Detroit, Cullum explained. Under the present setup, Mr. Fluke spends one day a week in Toledo to handle any problems that might arise amongst the evacuees there and to speak to prospective employers and try to fill their employment needs.

Evacuees in Toledo have been advised of the names of individual residents in the city who are to be contacted in the event problems arise applying to housing, employment, medical care, emergency financial aid, travel information, and information relating to recreational and leisure time activities.

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Vital War Plant Jobs Open
to Nisei Girls in Cleveland

Cleveland, O., August 16---A very attractive job in a war plant making parts for rocket ships and bombers, has just opened up for a large number of Nisei girls in Cleveland. Inexperienced girls will be taught drilling, deburring, assembling, packing and inspecting operations at a high rate of pay, which starts at 70¢ an hour, goes to 75¢ after 30 days, and then, to 80¢ after 3 months. After these increases, further pay raises are possible based on merit. Time and a half is paid after 40 hours and a 58 hour week can be worked although it can be adjusted downward if the girls do not wish to work that many hours.

Working conditions in the light and airy factory are good. Excellent food is served by the company operated cafeteria at reasonable prices, and the woman who is in charge of the personnel department will assist girls in housing and transportation problems that might arise.

At this writing, five Nisei are already employed at the company and are apparently well satisfied with their jobs.

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Japanese Takes Pulpit

Cleveland, O., August 26, 1944---The following news release appeared in the Cleveland Plain Dealer, Saturday, August 26, 1944: "Mineo Katagiri, Japanese-American, has been called as interim pastor of the 131-year-old Dover Congregational Church of Westlake and will preach his first sermon there Sept. 10.

"The call is for a 12-week period. Katagiri, a graduate of Union Theological Seminary, New York and of the University of Hawaii, follows the former pastor, Rev. S. Utterbach, who left to accept a call in Sandusky."

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Ingham New Cleveland Relocation Officer

Cleveland, O., August 28, 1944---Earl B. Ingham, who comes here after almost two years of service at the Minidoka Relocation Center, has been appointed Relocation Officer for the Cleveland District, Robert M. Cullum, Great Lakes Area Supervisor, announced today.

Ingham will work under Fred W. Ross, Senior Officer in charge of the Cleveland District. He succeeds W. Spafford Myers who left the WRA to return to private business, Cullum said.

For the greater period of his work at Minidoka, Ingham was supervisor of business enterprises but, as he explains it, he did "a little of everything at one time or another" including the handling of selective service problems for the relocation office.

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MISS PAYNE, FORMERLY OF HEART MOUNTAIN,
JOINS GREAT LAKES AREA AS ASSISTANT CHIEF

Cleveland, O., August 29, 1944---Miss Virgil Payne, who was Director of the Social Welfare Section of the Heart Mountain Relocation Center for almost two years, has joined the Great Lakes Area staff as Assistant Supervisor, Robert M. Cullum, Area Supervisor, announced here today.

Cullum said his new assistant would share the burdens of supervising the area which consists of Ohio, Michigan, West Virginia, Kentucky, and Western New York and Pennsylvania; and be in charge of administrative details in his absences while traveling about the area.

"We are fortunate in having a person of Miss Payne's ability in our area, especially since she comes to us after so close an association with the problems of the residents in the centers," Cullum said. "We shall have a better-balanced view when we can judge our efforts with the perspective of our new assistant."

Miss Payne is a native of Iowa and a graduate of the Missouri State Teachers College. Among the positions she has held, are Associate State Director of the Federal Transient Program in Wyoming; Assistant State Director of the Wyoming Welfare Division; and State Director of Professional and Community Service Activities for the WPA. In addition to her arts degree, Miss Payne was awarded a master's degree for work at New York University.

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DETROIT PAPER DEFENDS
JAPANESE AMERICANS

Cleveland, O., September 1, 1944---The following editorial appeared in the Detroit Free Press on August 25:

"THEY FIGHT FOR WHAT?

"GRANGE MASTERS in five Western States have asked the Government to prohibit persons of Japanese extraction from returning to the West Coast after the war.

"We wonder if they ever heard of the 100th Infantry Battalion of the United States Army. This unit has had 14 enlisted men commissioned on the field for gallantry in action. Only two of its members have been captured by the enemy. Only two have been reported AWOL--they quit a field hospital before being officially discharged in order to rejoin their comrades under fire!

"The 100th Battalion has fought for nearly a year on the hardest fronts in Italy. It has received a unit citation. It has collected three Legion of Merit medals, nine D.S.C's, 31 Bronze Stars, 44 Silver Bars, and more than 1,000 Purple Hearts.

"Yet, after the war, if the Western Grange Masters have their way, these gallant Americans, their children and their children's children to the end of time, would be barred from settling on the Pacific slope of their own country.

"The 100th Battalion is composed entirely of American volunteers of Japanese extraction.

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On September 10, Richard Nakamura, 3, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Nakamura, formerly of Gila, was accidentally shot and killed by a playmate playing with a supposedly unloaded gun.

All local papers carried a story of the accident. The day after the initial story was published, the Cleveland Press sent a reporter to the Nakamura residence on a "tip" that the neighbors had risen beautiful to the job of helping lessen their loss. The following story appeared as a three-column layout titled "They Mourn Stranger in His Own Land."

"Because of the universal love of children which cuts across all man-made barriers of race and color, Richard Nakamura will have the sort of funeral for which his mother had prayed.

"There will be flowers banked row on row. There will be the Angel Mass. And strange mourners will replace the friends who would have brought their consolation had the Nakamuras still been living in their native California.

"Richard Nakamura, 3, is a war casualty--the victim of a children's game of war. He was killed when a 6-year-old playmate pulled the trigger on a loaded pistol.

"The Nakamuras themselves are war casualties. The war made homeless people of the American Japanese of the Pacific Coast. And the Nakamuras, American-born, were placed in the Gila River Relocation camp.

"Mrs. Nakamura was educated in a private Catholic girls' school. The parting words of the parish priest were: 'Wherever you go, look

for the Cross, and God will take care of you.'

"Four days after the family arrived in Cleveland, in August, 1943, Mrs. Nakamura found St. Patrick's Church and went there to pray. And the Nakamuras became a part of the parish.

"But they have been lonely, too. Lonely because, however nice people have been to them, it's been hard to make new friends. But that wasn't the case with Richard, or with his brother, Raymond, who soon will be 5.

"Wherever the children went they became favorites. Shopkeepers and neighbors all watched for the boys, and stopped to talk to Mrs. Nakamura, as parents always do.

"Yesterday, after Sunday's tragedy became known, the neighbors began to come to the home, bringing consolation and flowers. And last night the father's fellow employees at the Clifton Coal & Supply Co. came to call.

"The Nakamuras aren't lonely anymore. The tragedy of a child's death combined with a universal love of children, has brought them into a greater intimacy with the neighborhood near their home at 1388 W. 44th Street.

"Richard will be buried from St. Patrick's Church tomorrow at 10:30. He will be the first American-Japanese ever to be buried in Calvary Cemetery.

"'Once we thought we'd go back to California after the war,' Mrs. Nakamura said. 'But now, with our boy buried here, and because of our gratitude to our neighbors, Cleveland will be our home forever.'"

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Cleveland, O., September 11, 1944---The following column appeared in the Cleveland Press today. Frank Stewart, its author, is one of the most widely-read church columnists in these parts. Accompanying the article was a half-column picture of Rev. Katagiri.

"In the peace and beauty of an Ohio countryside yesterday morning we caught a glimpse of the way this world of ours could live, if it tried.

"It was a scene in the 133-year-old Dover Congregational Church that nestles among the trees along Dover road in Westlake village.

"Nearly 200 persons gathered in the little white brick church to welcome a new pastor.

"He was Mineo Katagiri, Japanese-American, who was born 25 years ago in Hawaii, the son of Buddhist parents. For the next 12 weeks he will be the interim minister of a congregation whose history goes back to earliest days of the Western Reserve.

"His appointment at Dover began with a visit the young man made to the former pastor, the Rev. Ray S. Utterback, several weeks ago. Mr. Utterback, who accepted a call to a church in Sandusky, recommended Mr. Katagiri to the board of trustees as a temporary successor.

"They were men like Charles Bellows, Lee Burneson, Ray Perkins and A. Johnston that I met yesterday. And I think these gentlemen might have reasoned something like this:

"'The church and the preachers always talk about brotherhood and racial understanding--now let's go into action about it here in Dover Congregational.'

"They accepted the suggestion of Mr. Utterback and named Mr. Katagiri interim pastor until Dec. 1. And in so doing, it seems to me they started something that will be echoed in churches throughout the country.

"Mr. Katagiri, in the opening remarks of his sermon yesterday phrased it his way: 'Your act gives hope to a hopelessly divided world. Your act has given hope to people you know nothing about.'

"It's nothing new for Dover Church to take a positive stand on important issues. In this church, where the Rev. John C. Ingersoll--father of Bob, the agnostic--was once pastor, a group of the membership back in 1840 became militant for abolition of slavery.

"The youthful clergyman looked as American as apple pie when he stepped into the pulpit. Small in stature, he wore a brownish suit with a red and grey necktie.

"Mr. Katagiri was graduated from Union Theological Seminary, New York, last June. Previously he received his diploma from the University of Hawaii. He said his first contact with Christianity was in a Hawaiian high school.

"His voice is soft but it has vibrant carrying power. Here are a few sentences from the sermon:

"'Human relationship is not determined today by love but by hate. Has Christianity become so glib that it has no message for the world--no message for the poor?

"'Those in power have denied political freedom to the masses. Christianity itself must share some responsibility.'

"But the thing he told us, both in word and personal appearance, was that religion is for men of all colors, races, creeds and beliefs.

"That's the reason I wrote in the beginning about a picture of the way the world could live if it just tried. Here was a Japanese-American talking to a group of church people and it was the same truth Dover church has heard for all of its 133 years.

"Out of the corner of my eye, I watched the congregation closely and I want to tell you it was the best example of listening I have witnessed in months.

"Two service men were present, Lieut. William Hanlon of the Navy and Marine Dick Pease, who is home from England. There were many young people in the congregation too.

"Mr. Katagiri during the past summer was engaged in youth activities that took him to church camps in many different parts of the country.

"Now, I wouldn't for the world suggest that anyone desert their own church or parish--but some Sunday before the first of December, take a run out to Dover Congregational.

"You'll get a new inspiration and idea about the brotherhood of man. Your impressions will be totally different from those you receive in books and magazines."

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Cleveland, O., September 14, 1944---George E. Graff, who for seven months in 1943 had headed up the Detroit WRA office, has accepted reappointment as Relocation Officer in charge of the Buffalo, New York office, Robert M. Cullum, Supervisor of the Great Lakes Area, announced today.

Mr. Graff opened the Detroit office in March of 1943, leaving his position seven months later to return to a teaching job in a Long Island, New York, high school. He succeeds Harry Weiss, Area Reports Officer who has been Acting Relocation Officer in Buffalo for the last few months and who will now return to his area duties.

Mr. Graff had a wide experience in education and in other government work before joining the WRA. In addition to bringing the benefit of these experiences with him, he goes to his new post with a wide knowledge of the Buffalo territory as he was born and raised in Western New York.

Numerous opportunities exist for persons wishing to relocate in Buffalo which is a relatively unexplored territory for Japanese Americans. Thirty-eight evacuees now reside and work there. Mr. Graff urged interested persons to talk to the Project Relocation Program Officer about having him make special efforts in Buffalo to find opportunities for them.

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Cincinnati, O., September 20, 1944---Miss Anne Schneider, a native of Cincinnati and a member of the Society of Friends, has taken over as supervisor of the Hostel here, Harry E. Titus, Relocation Officer for the Southern Ohio District, revealed today.

Miss Schneider succeeds Mr. Arthur Brinton who has returned to a teaching job in the Philadelphia area from which he was on a leave of absence.

The hostel is located at 2820 Winslow Avenue and is operated by the American Friends Service Committee. It has functioned very successfully in providing new arrivals with a homey, comfortable place to live until permanent quarters could be found.

"While we regret very much the loss of Mr. and Mrs. Brinton who have been here from the start, we are pleased to see a native Cincinnatian get the post," Titus said, adding that Miss Schneider through her numerous contacts in the city would be in an excellent position to help evacuees get settled.

The new hostel supervisor is a graduate in sociology from Guilford College in North Carolina.

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Cleveland, Ohio, September 29, 1944---A new policy designed to help families come to Cleveland as complete units and have immediate security of housing was announced today by Max L. Franzen, Director of the Cleveland Baptist Hostel here.

The new setup, worked out through a joint effort by Franzen, the Cleveland War Relocation Authority, the Cleveland Resettlement Committee and the Cleveland Federation of Churches, calls for progressively turning over the facilities of the hostel to family groups.

Under the plan, a man, his wife and children would live together in the hostel as long as it was necessary until adequate housing was found. The cost would be moderate, calling for $1.00 a day for each adult and 50¢ a day for each child.

Rooms are equipped with double and single beds, running water and dresser space. In addition the hostel has ample lounging facilities. Meals are eaten in a group with other hostel residents and housecleaning chores are shared by all.

"I will have no hesitation in turning the whole hostel over to families if the demand calls for it," Mr. Franzen said. "Our present facilities will provide residence for four sizeable families."

Fred W. Ross, Relocation Officer for Northeastern Ohio, said families living in the hostel could expect assistance in finding permanent housing through the recently-announced program of the Federal Council of Churches to get 100 local churches each to assume the task of getting one family permanently resettled.

Franzen suggested that interested family heads contact the hostel representative or leave officer at each project to make the necessary arrangements.

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NISEI NEWLYWEDS GREETED IN BUFFALO BY MRS. ROOSEVELT

BUFFALO, N. Y., October 24, 1944----As far as Mr. and Mrs. Sadao Baishiki are concerned no relocation office in the country could have given them a better reception than they received upon arriving in Buffalo.

As they got off the elevator on the eleventh floor of the Rand Building, they looked up and saw Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt, the wife of the President of the United States, approaching them with outstretched hand.

Mrs. Roosevelt shook both their hands and said to them; "Hello. I'm so glad to see you." Then she entered the elevator and was gone.

The Baishikis, who are newlyweds, had just arrived from the Rohwer Relocation Center. The reception so startled and pleased them that they said they were speechless and couldn't believe their eyes.

What they didn't know was that Mrs. Roosevelt had just been visiting a friend in an office next to the WRA. Earlier Mrs. Roosevelt had met Miss Rose Sakata, also of Rohwer and now a WRA stenographer in the Buffalo office.

"From the warm and friendly way she greeted me," said Rose, "I knew she understood our problem and I felt good all over about it."

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PITTSBURGH CHURCH COUNCIL
ENDORSES RELOCATION PROGRAM

Pittsburgh, Pa., November 24, 1944---On the recommendation of Council of Churches of Allegheny County, steps are being taken to open a War Relocation Authority office in the city of Pittsburgh in the heart of the "arsenal of democracy", Robert M. Cullum, Great Lakes Area Supervisor, announced today.

The executive committee of the Council last week unanimously endorsed the program to relocate Japanese Americans, and announced its action publicly in the three daily metropolitan papers. Prominent, favorable publicity was given to the story on the front pages of the papers.

Steps are now being taken by the Council to form a citizens resettlement committee of prominent residents in all walks of life to assist the WRA in obtaining employment and housing for the evacuees.

Pittsburgh is a labor shortage area. The classified advertisement in the papers show a great need for men as laborers in the steel mills, as accountants, cooks, auto-mechanics, machine operators, bakery workers, domestics, as professional people, radio service men, stock clerks, produce workers, and others. Ads for women also are endless calling for such artisans as bookkeepers, beauticians, bakery workers, commercial artists, domestics, clerks, cooks, dental assistants, factory workers, clothing workers, nurses, vegetable trimmers, and others.

Many of these jobs will undoubtedly be opened up for evacuees as soon as a permanent WRA official is appointed and an office is established, Mr. Cullum said. He added he expected to open such an office in a few days.

Pittsburgh is a city of almost 700,000 people with about 1,500,000 in Allegheny County of which it is a part. It is located in the heart of the famous "Golden Triangle" formed by the Allegheny and Monongahela rivers as they flow

together to form the mighty Ohio River. It is the home of six colleges and universities; and the heart of the iron steel industry which specializes in turning out heavy metals and equipment. Here is located the country's second largest manufacturer of electrical goods and supplies, and also is located one of the world's largest food canning plants.

More detailed facts about the Western Pennsylvania district will be gathered together into pamphlets for distribution to the centers in the near future, Mr. Cullum said. Pittsburgh is the last of the great cities to open its door to relocation.

The delay was explained primarily by the inability on the part of Great Lakes area to turn its attention to the city before this although numerous inquiries had been received from residents in the course of last year.

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FACTS ABOUT CLEVELAND
TRANSLATED INTO THE JAPANESE
AVAILABLE AT RELOCATION OFFICE

Cleveland, Ohio, December 6, 1944---Copies of a 12-page pamphlet, "Facts About Cleveland", has been received by the Relocation Planning Officer for distribution amongst the Issei. It is the Japanese language translation of an earlier bulletin put out by the Great Lakes area.

The pamphlet contains nine pictures showing different aspects of life in the Northern Ohio city of Cleveland. It tells about the cost of living, housing conditions, industrial and commercial opportunities, and the education, cultural and business life of the city.

The pamphlet is part of the Facts About America Series put out by the War Relocation Authority to help the evacuees in the centers learn more about the different parts of the country where relocation is desirable.

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The following editorial appeared in the December 7, 1944, issue of the Detroit, Michigan Free Press:

A DESERVED LEGION PROTEST

It is good to learn that Wolverine Post 360, the American Legion, of Reading, Michigan, has made strong protest to the recent indefensible act of the Hood River (Ore.) Post of the Legion in removing the names of 16 Japanese-Americans from the Hood River Community Honor Roll.

Reading's Post 360 sends notice of its "disgust and alarm." It suggests to the Hood River commander that "you and your Post review the reports of the actions of the Japanese-American regiment in Italy, where the larger per cent of the personnel hold the Purple Heart medal, and their decorations for valor exceed most other organizations."

It proposes, too, that the Constitution of the American Legion be re-read to "see if your reported action conforms to the spirit of tolerance, democracy and 100 per cent Americanism" as set forth in that document.

Commander Leonard F. Grimm, of Reading, declares also:

> "It is the opinion of this Post that your reported action is not only an insult to these men whose names were removed, but also to every member of our armed forces and to the American Legion as well, upon whom this action has brought discredit and shame."

Strong words, these; but no stronger than the occasion merits. It is acts like that reported from Hood River that make one wonder when, if ever, democracy will truly flower everywhere in America.

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DETROIT HOSTEL OPENS SUITE
FOR USE BY COMPLETE FAMILY UNITS

Detroit, Mich., December 9, 1944---In order to make it possible for families to relocate to Detroit as complete units, Fellowship House, the hostel in the city of Detroit, has set aside a suite including cooking facilities for use by the family. A special rental of $12.50 a week will be charged for the rooms and no time limit will be placed on the length of occupancy.

Inquiries regarding this suite should be made to Rev. Shigeo Tanabe at the Fellowship House located at 130 East Grand Avenue, Detroit, Michigan. This move closely mirrors what has been done by the hostels in both Cincinnati and Cleveland.

Rev. Tanabe said that should sufficient requests be received from family groups serious consideration would be given to opening up more suites to families.

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FIRST BUDDHIST MEETING HELD IN CLEVELAND
FAVORABLY REPORTED IN NEWSPAPERS

Cleveland, O., December 16, 1944---A group of 35 Japanese Americans resettled in Cleveland assembled Sunday, December 10, for the first Buddhist service to be held in the city. The service was conducted in the city's First Unitarian Church where a room has been provided to them for regular use.

Present at the meeting were several Caucasians including two newspaper reporters. Following is the column-long story that appeared in the Cleveland Press of December 11.

Mentioned in the story are Tokuo Yamamoto of Clovis, Harvey Iwata of Reedley, and Masashi Tazumi of Salinas. These were all former Poston residents. Also mentioned was Marie Kyogoku of Lompoc, Berkeley and Topaz.

Here is the Press story:

A STRANGER GOES TO CHURCH

By Frank Stewart

For the first time in Cleveland's history, a Buddhist worship service was conducted here yesterday.

It was held in the First Unitarian Church, E. 82d street and Euclid Avenue, under sponsorship of young Americans of Japanese descent.

The congregation, which was the opening assembly of followers of Buddha in Greater Cleveland, included about 35 young men and women. They are among hundreds of Nisei living and working in the city of their adoption.

This rambling reporter of religion was invited to attend and was graciously received by the chairman, Tokuo Yamamoto, a Cleveland war worker.

We should tell you it was a lay service. Later, we were informed, a Buddhist priest may come here at intervals from Chicago, where services are regularly held.

For the devotions, Channing Hall of the Unitarian Church was converted into a Buddhist "temple" with a shrine erected before a large yellow screen.

In the center of the shrine was a small painting of Gautama, who became the Lord Buddha. It was placed at the eye level for concentration and meditation.

From Miss Marie Kyogoku, who is employed at Woman's Hospital, I learned the picture is not considered as an image, neither is it worshipped. Buddhists say the picture of Gautama is like a mirror which must be kept clean to reflect purely that which is before it.

In the center of the shrine one saw a great bouquet of flowers--chrysanthemums--and at the side were two flickering candles. The flowers, it was explained, symbolized that "in their life there is death, in their growth is decay, and even in their beauty are ashes to be."

The teaching of Buddha says, "the candles burn away impurities; there remains but the pure element. We, too, should burn away the dross accumulating through the years of wrong thinking, so that we may have only thoughts of purest essence."

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The service was in English with one exception. That was the chanting of a psalm of praise called Juni Rai.

Very curiously, it was chanted in archaic Chinese. If I remember religious history correctly, Buddhist missionaries went into Japan from China in the Sixth Century, and many arts and sciences of the Chinese were introduced, including the Chinese language. So that probably accounts for the chant in Chinese.

Mr. Yamamoto presided and made the opening remarks, after which a gatha, or hymn, was sung. The words went like this: "Sweet hour of meditation, the quiet hour of peace, when from life's care and turmoil I find a blest release."

Then came a meditation--resembling a silent period of prayer--after which Masashi Tazumi led the chant. Miss Kyogoku read the sutra or scriptures.

This was followed with an address by Harvey Iwata, also engaged in war activities in Cleveland. Mr. Iwata spoke of the cordial reception Cleveland had given Americans of Japanese descent, and he urged the young people to expand friendships and contacts in their new community.

Mr. Iwata pointed out the assembly was not that of a racial group, but "simply a religious meeting."

In a closing talk, Mr. Yamamoto asked for co-operation in continuing work of the group. Miss Kyogoku, who was a valuable helper to this reporter, said it was planned to have meetings every other Sunday.

All Americans of Japanese descent in Greater Cleveland who are interested in the teaching of Buddhism will be welcomed, the young people ammounced.

One of the interesting sides of this story concerns Dr. Everett Moore Baker, minister at First Unitarian Church, who was present at the start of the service.

He reported the young people asked him several weeks ago if they might have a room. Dr. Baker's answer was:

"Certainly. You are interested in a religion. This is a house of religion and this is the right kind of a place to meet. We are here to serve the community."

And so the first Buddhist service has been held in Cleveland--a city that insists men of all beliefs and faiths have a right to worship according to the dictates of their own conscience.

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Pittsburgh, Pa., December 22, 1944--Wholeheartedly endorsing the program to assist evacuees in getting established in Pittsburgh, a group of forty leading residents met in that Western Pennsylvania industrial city on Wednesday, December 20, and formed the Pittsburgh Citizens Committee on Resettlement.

Among the Committee members were representatives of labor, industry, social and welfare agencies, governmental bureaus and churches of several denominations. Also a member is the wife of the mayor of the city.

Speakers at the meeting, which was attended by reporters from each of the city's three newspapers, included Dr. A. B. Kinsolving, chairman of the Committee and leading Episcopal clergyman; Rev. Shunji F. Nishi, also an Episcopal clergyman, who works with the Cleveland Federation of Churches on relocation problem; and Robert M. Cullum, Great Lakes Area Supervisor of the WRA. Mr. Cullum discussed the Government's program; Rev. Nishi, the evacuees viewpoint; and Dr. Kinsolving, the attitude of the residents of Pittsburgh.

Outcome of the meeting was the appointment of a nominating committee which was empowered to formulate sub-committees on housing, public information, community participation and employment.

The papers reported the proceedings very favorably and one prominent person in attendance commented that he had rarely seen so representative and influential a group take so determined a stand on a program as had been taken at this meeting.

The only other person of Japanese extraction present besides Rev. Nishi was Miss Minna Iwamoto, formerly of Tule Lake and Sacramento, temporarily loaned to the Pittsburgh office from Cincinnati where she is employed as a WRA secretary.

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Cleveland, Ohio, January 4, 1945---Reverend Howard E. Mather, active in civic, industrial, labor and religious affairs in Pittsburgh, has been appointed relocation officer in charge of the Western Pennsylvania Office in the City of Pittsburgh, Robert M. Cullum announced here today. The new office is located in the Fulton Building and was established after repeated requests by residents that they have an opportunity to participate in the relocation program.

Though continuously in charge of a pastorate in Pittsburgh, Mr. Mather has held numerous important positions in addition. He was most recently employed in the Labor Division of the Pittsburgh War Fund and before that was in the Personnel Division at the Farrell Works of the Carnegie Illinois Steel Corporation.

He has studied at New York and Drew Universities in this country and at the Intercollegiate University in London, England. He has at one time or another taught in high school, edited and published two New York State weeklies and been a member of the Detroit Conference on Social Problems and the Dayton, Ohio Conference of Social Workers, in which he was active in intercultural problems.

He has three sons in the armed forces: one an infantryman in Gen. Patton's Army in France; a second, a fighter pilot in the Third Fighter Command; and the third, a marine fighting in the South Pacific.

Information will shortly be forthcoming to the centers about the City of Pittsburgh and the opportunities therein. As job openings are made, word of them will likewise be flashed to the centers so that evacuees wishing to relocate to a new and relatively unexplored community will have a chance to do so in the near future. As Pittsburgh is a labor short area and as it is highly industrialized, there is much confidence that many opportunities will be made available.

Any inquiries can be made through the relocation planning officers to Mr. Mather.

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Cleveland, Ohio, January 23, 1945---"Pittsburgh, Pa., The Heart of Industrial America" is the name of a mimeographed pamphlet just received by the relocation division office, _____, Center Relocation Program Officer, announced today. The pamphlet is a six-page description of the city of Pittsburgh where the Great Lakes Area has just opened up a new district office.

On page 1 of the bulletin is a map of the downtown area of the city, commonly known as the "Golden Triangle" because it is bounded on two sides by the Allegheny and Mongahela Rivers which run together to form the Ohio River.

Population Make-up; Industry and Commerce; History and Geography; Educational Opportunities; Living Conditions; Housing Supply; Health Services; Business and Professional Opportunities and Community Reception are among the topics discussed.

The Pittsburgh office has just issued its first list of job opportunities including openings for an athletic instructor, factory hands, domestic service and others. Some farm openings have already been received by the office and are in the process of being checked before being transmitted to the Centers.

Mr. Howard E. Mather, Relocation Officer, will welcome inquiries made through the Relocation Program Officer.

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Detroit, Michigan, February 1, 1945 --- The Detroit WRA's efforts to meet the problem of housing resettlers has met with some favorable results, Wendell P. Gee, head of the WRA for Michigan, revealed here today.

"Although the housing we have obtained is not within the corporate limits of the city of Detroit itself," Gee explained, "it is not so far away in terms of elapsing transportation time."

The new housing now open to war-working evacuees is within the limits of two war housing projects: one at the famous Willow Run offering temporary or semi-permanent housing and situated 24 miles west of the city limits; and the other at Norwayne offering housing to 20 families in permanent-type dwellings. There is frequent and rapid bus service from both of these projects.

In keeping with the opening of these west side housing opportunities, the Detroit WRA has also opened up essential job opportunities on the West side of the city and these establishments are within 30 minutes of the Norwayne project at 30 cents a trip.

Mr. Gee said, however, that car-pools and swap-riding arrangements would be put in operation by the evacuees and others living at the projects and that, consequently, the transportation set-up would be considerably lightened. Willow Run offers particularly attractive housing to those working in Ann Arbor which is but 10 miles away.

Each project is a complete community in itself with running water, electricity and gas in the dwellings. There are well laid out streets, playgrounds, chain grocery stores, doctors' and dentists' offices, schools, churches, theaters, barber shops, cleaning shops, etc.

Inquiries should be addressed to Mr. Gee.

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Cleveland, O., February 4, 1945--Mrs. Dorothy G. Barber, who had nine years experience in a relocation program with the Tennessee Valley Authority, has been appointed Relocation Officer in charge of the Northern Ohio District with headquarters in Cleveland, Robert M. Cullum, Great Lakes Area Supervisor, announced today.

Mrs. Barber succeeds Fred W. Ross who has been transferred to San Francisco where he will be in charge of the district relocation office for that part of California. Ross served in Cleveland from the start of the relocation program here.

Mrs. Barber worked in the TVA program which resettled 60,000 persons in the TVA district whose homes were in the construction zones and had to be removed.

She is a graduate of Smith College and of the Chicago School of Social Service and Administration. She is the mother of two children; Pfc. Carroll Barber, 20, of the Army Medical Corps, now at Fort Ord, California; and Mary, 24, of Tuscon, Arizona.

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HARRY E. TITUS

FOR RELEASE ON RECEIPT: To All Area Offices

Chicago, Ill. -- Miss Prudence Ross, Acting Relocation Supervisor of the North Central Area, has announced the appointment of Miss Mary E. Brooks, formerly Assistant Counsellor at the Minidoka Relocation Center, Hunt, Idaho, to the position of District Relocation Officer with headquarters at St. Louis, Missouri. Miss Brooks entered on February 16, 1945. Her offices are located at 1415 Paul Brown Building, St. Louis.

Previous to her work with Japanese-Americans, Miss Brooks directed an educational program for the Chicago Health Department. A graduate of the University of Minnesota, Miss Brooks was employed over a ten-year period in St. Paul as social worker and later as a supervisor of social services.

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Cleveland, O., March 2, 1945 -- A 12-page pamphlet on "Ohio Farming" has been prepared by the Great Lakes Area of the WRA and is now available for distribution at the Relocation Program Office, _____, Relocation
(Name)
Program Officer, announced today.

The pamphlet begins with a blue colored cover page depicting the various agricultural products of the state of Ohio. It continues with three pages of pictures of evacuees who have relocated in Ohio and who are making their living from agriculture. There is also a map showing the sections of the state best suited to fruit growing and to nurseries and greenhouses.

The written material covers the experiences of evacuee farmers in Ohio; describes farming in general throughout the state and lists the types of opportunities that are currently available.

In addition mention is made of an Ohio Farming Information Kit which is available for study in the Relocation Program Office. The kit consists of pamphlets on loans to farmers; growing chicks and turkeys; Ohio Co-operatives; fruit varieties in the state, etc.

The pamphlet points out that NOW is the time for prospective Ohio farmers to get started on the 1945 growing program.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE TO PROJECT PAPERS

Cleveland, O., March 8, 1945 -- A handy pocket-sized guide to the City of Cleveland has been prepared by and at the expense of a group of Nisei in Cleveland for use by new arrivals to acquaint them with the city.

A number of copies of the guide called "Cleveland", have been received by the Relocation Program Office, and are available for examination.

The guide is a 16-page pamphlet with a grey cardboard cover on which is printed a picture of the Terminal Tower in the heart of the large Ohio city. Contents include descriptions of transportation lines; eating places; amusement centers; marketing areas; service bureaus; and church facilities.

In addition it contains two maps: one of the downtown area showing spots of special interest to the evacuees; the other a recreation map showing outstanding points of amusement in the city.

There is other material such as suggested budgets for new arrivals; job opportunities and the like.

Most of the work of preparation was done by Kaye Uyeda; Rev. and Mrs. Shunji Nishi; Emi Kimura, Stella Asawa and Nappy Sekiguchi.

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Cleveland, Ohio, March 28, 1945 -- Family groups are wanted immediately to work on a number of Lorain County farms, 25 miles west of Cleveland, Dorothy G. Barber, Relocation Officer for Northern Ohio, announced today.

At a meeting called recently by several Lorain County farmers, the Relocation Officers were asked if evacuees would be interested in working on these farms. Besides general farming, there is orchard and greenhouse work. The jobs are year round. The farms are all located within a few miles of each other. Most of these offers have housing now or will build this Spring. See your Relocation Program Officer for more particulars.

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Cleveland, O., ~~March 20, 1945~~ 31 -- Cincinnati's recently opened second hostel will be called "The Family House" and will be reserved for evacuee family groups, according to Harry E. Titus, Relocation Officer for Southern Ohio. Reverend John Yamazaki will be in charge of the new hostel.

The hostel is located two doors from the American Friends Service Committee Hostel at Winslow and Oak Streets. It is a large well constructed 3-story dwelling house and, until recently, used for graduate theological students by the Episcopal Church. The Family House is located in a fine residential section with good transportation leading to the downtown area.

The rent for adults is $16.00 a month; for children, rent begins at $6.00 a month. Arrangements can be made for preparing meals.

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Happy Relocators

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Cincinnati, Ohio., March 28, 1945 -- Mrs. Jack Y. Kiba, formerly of Rohwer Center, was recently elected publicity chairman of the Cincinnati, Ohio, St. Andrews School Parent Teachers Association.

She has two children -- Lorraine, 11, and William, 9 -- attending St. Andrews. Mr. Kiba was formerly in the wholesale produce business in Los Angeles.

When asked about community acceptance in the city where she now lives, Mrs. Kiba answered,

> "Cincinnati is not wonderful; it is just normal. The whole thing is this, the people whom we do value as friends here have been proven in time of need. They are not 'hello', 'goodbye' folks. I am gratified to be chosen an official in the PTA. Our children play with other children of the school and they fight once in a while. The school discovered that the Cub Troop was full and Billy couldn't join so they organized another group so he could get in. We trade in the neighborhood stores -- I get some cigarettes and even Kleenex. There isn't much to say. I don't want the people at the centers to think this is a 'prop'. Acceptance depends on the individual no matter where he goes."

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Cleveland, O., March 30, 1945 -- A special Job Bulletin containing offers for domestics, cooks, gardeners and caretakers in the Great Lakes Area has just been received by the Relocation Program Office, _____, (Name) Relocation Program Officer announced today.

In a foreword letter to the bulletin, Robert M. Cullum, Great Lakes Area Supervisor, stresses the advantages of these jobs:

"These selected jobs -- many of them for Issei with children--are typical of a great number of such offers in the district files. All these situations include maintenance thus eliminating the housing problem. Not only does such employment afford immediate security in terms of board and housing, but it also enables the newcomer to get a breathing spell when he may look around and decide what he might better do in the new community on a permanent basis.

"In many instances after six months or a year of such work, resettlers have been able to find employment more suited to their desires and have moved on with their employers' goodwill. In other cases, relocatees have taken domestic help situations and remained in them finding their particular job pleasant, secure and profitable. In the Cleveland and Detroit Districts, there are hundreds of domestic help offers. In other Districts, there are as many openings as there are takers. It is possible in many cases for the interested person to describe in detail the kind of domestic employment desired, and to find just such an opening in a short while.

"It is urged that center residents study these offers and ask their Relocation Program Officers to write the districts where the jobs are located for more particulars if necessary."

This bulletin will be available in the _____.

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Cincinnati, O., March 31, 1945 -- Bill Sasagawa's BTO team became champs of the Greater Cincinnati, Ohio, All Women's Basketball League by winning its last scheduled game with the Pepsi-Colas, last week.

Bill, who coaches this all girl team, took the job last December and this has been one of his chief recreational activities ever since. It is the first time the team has won the championship. The Pepsi's had the enviable reputation of not losing a game for five years--until Sasagawa came along.

A former basketball star at college, Sasagawa finds plenty of leisure time for athletics and social work. "I have a great deal of faith", says Bill, "in athletics as a common denominator and agency of goodwill." He also coaches and plays on an all Nisei basketball team. "My all Nisei team didn't make an impressive showing in games won this year." Bill remarked, "but others have said it was a popular team with the players and spectators because their first rule was to practice fair play."

Formerly a resident of Palo Alto and the Topaz Relocation Center, he resettled first in Kansas City then moved on to Cincinnati, in the fall of 1944.

Only 27, Sasagawa was recently elected into the Cincinnati Society of Engineers. He works for the city as a city planner.

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Detroit, Michigan, April 2, 1945 -- The International Institute held its first "Get Acquainted" meeting at which 237 Nisei attended here March 17.

Alice Sickels, Executive Director of the Institute, extended greetings to the Nisei and "hoped that this would be a regular social event in Detroit". Speakers included Florence Cassidy of the Council of Social Agencies and Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Adcock, Area Director of Immigration and Naturalization Service. Miss Louise Noble, Great Lakes Area Relocation Adjustment Adviser also attended.

With the cooperation of Fern S. Gunkel, Activity Director of the Institute, evacuees planned the decorations and entertainment for the evening. James Nagatani lead the program of games.

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Cleveland, O., April 3, 1945 -- At a dance attended by over 200 evacuees, March 31st, at the Central YWCA; a net profit of $90.00 was made and turned over to the current Red Cross Drive.

The dance was sponsored by a young Cleveland Nisei group which included the following committee members:

Jimmy Akiya and Nappy Sekiguchi, formerly of the Heart Mountain Relocation Center; Joe Shigezane from Gila; and Craig Ikami and Riki Momii, who came to Cleveland from Central Utah Center.

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Cleveland, O., April 17, 1945 -- A 15 page booklet dealing with resettlement assistance and community services in the Great Lakes Area has just been received by _____ Relocation Program Officer.
name

This is a subject which will be of interest to all evacuees. The informative booklet is divided into 10 sections: 1. Health 2. Financial Assistance 3. Family Resettlement and Reunion 4. Legal Aid 5. Day Care 6. Vocational Guidance 7. Service to War Wives 8. Schools 9. Housing 10. Recreation.

Actual cases illustrate each section. The identity of the person receiving the assistance in each case is concealed. This is in keeping with the policy generally followed in assistance of this kind - to keep the personal nature of the cases confidential and out of the public eye.

A typical example of assistance cited under Family Reunion and Resettlement is captioned Furniture for His Home. The case begins "Mr. N relocated to Detroit and accepted work in a war plant. He was saving for the day when his family could join him. With the lifting of the exclusion ban on the West Coast and the announcement of the closing of the centers, Mr. N became more anxious than ever to bring his family to the city.

"In February, Mr. N was referred to the Wayne County Bureau of Social Aid for assistance in establishing his home. Through the War Housing Center, Mr. N was able to secure a housing unit suitable for his family. At the suggestion of the Wayne County Bureau of Social Aid, Mr. N shopped for furniture and took a list of his essential needs to this agency. This was carefully considered and the funds were approved. Mr. N had the furniture in the new home when he left for the center the middle of March to bring his wife and two children to Detroit."

On the whole, in the Great Lakes Area, if services are available to any other local residents, they are available to evacuees on the same basis.

A Japanese translation of this booklet is being prepared now and should be in the center library very shortly.

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Cleveland, O., April 23, 1945 -- The Resettlement Committee here has just opened an office in the Community Services Building, 1001 Huron Road, Cleveland, and hired an executive secretary to help coordinate resettlement services for evacuees.

When WRA no longer exists this office will fully assume any necessary coordinating community services.

Miss Beatrice Burr is the new executive secretary and her office will be open part time in the Community Services Building. Miss Burr was formerly chairman of the housing sub-committee. She has served as a Northern Ohio Director of W.P.A.

The Resettlement Committee is voluntary in nature and represents a cross-section of prominent Clevelanders and some evacuees who are interested in the WRA program in Cleveland. Funds to defray overhead expenses were collected by the Committee, under the chairmanship of Mr. George Trundle, Jr., from Issei and Nisei groups, Committee members themselves and from Clevelanders at large. The many varied services and assistances rendered to relocatees are described in a recent booklet titled, "Community Services in the Great Lakes Area", which is now available at your center.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE TO PROJECT PAPERS:

Cleveland, O., April 26, 1945 -- "Family groups should make hostel reservations at least one month ahead of time," stated Max Franzen, Cleveland Baptist Hostel Director.

The reason for this is the recent increased use of the hostel by families and the anticipated demand for its facilities during the next few months.

In a six-month report, covering the period from October 1, 1944, to April 1, 1945, Mr. Franzen revealed these figures for the Cleveland Hostel: 28 families comprising 78 persons have lived in the hostel during this period; the size of families ranged from two to seven members; the average length of stay was ten days -- the spread being, one family stayed one day and another family stayed two months before housing was finally obtained.

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Cleveland, O., April 27, 1945 -- "There are many factors which favor Ohio as a good region for Issei farming," began Tony Takashima, agricultural chemist for the State of Ohio, in a recent interview.

"I understand there are 700,000 acres of idle, undeveloped tillable soil -- much of which could be used for general farming," he continued.

Takashima believes that the industrial cities in Ohio and the Middle West afford good markets for farm produce. He stated further that Issei should be encouraged to relocate over this area because of the good public sentiment.

Ohio's acreage of greenhouse tomatoes (700 acres) is the largest in the nation. Takashima, who has been employed as a soil and plant chemist at the State Agricultural Experiment Station at Wooster, Ohio, since June, 1944, is working on a research project dealing with tomatoes.

He received his degree in agricultural chemistry from the Oregon State College and is a member of the American Chemical Society. He relocated from the Tule Lake Relocation Center and formerly lived in Gresham, Oregon.

He told this reporter, "If anyone reading this item would like to have more information on agriculture in Ohio, please have them write to me here at the Ohio State Experiment Station, Agronomy Department, Wooster, Ohio."

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Pittsburgh, Pa., April 27, 1945 -- Masaichi Fujita and his sister, Sakuyo, arrived here on April 9th from the Gila River Relocation Center, to work on a farm in the fertile Shenango Valley. The farm is located near Sharon, Pa., one of the richest farming sections in the state.

The Fujitas lead other family groups relocating in the Pittsburgh district. The Pittsburgh WRA office opened in January 1945.

Mr. Fujita will work on the farm and his sister will take care of the housekeeping. They are living in a four room house located on the farm.

The Mercer County Department of Public Assistance furnished the home with essential furniture and utensils to re-establish the evacuees in normal home life again. Members of the Pittsburgh WRA staff set the Fujitas off to a surprise start with a bouquet of flowers.

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SASABUNE SASAKI, ISSEI WRITER,
VISITS MIDDLE WEST ON TOUR

Cleveland, O., May 2, 1945 -- Sasabune Sasaki, contributing editor to the Utah Nippo and a noted writer, stopped off here on a personal observation tour of the Middle West to gather information for a series of forthcoming articles on relocation.

"On my tour I found evacuees a pretty happy and comfortable group," he stated, "Issei are making a success of relocation all over the Middle West. Public feeling is very favorable and I believe now is the best time to leave the centers and resettle while jobs are plentiful. It is fantastic," he continued, "what rumors can make you dream up about the outside world when you are in the center -- only to find those rumors unsubstantiated."

Sasaki has visited Chicago, Toledo and Cleveland. He leaves this week for Buffalo where he will visit Issei and Nisei there and continue on to Cincinnati, Detroit and Ann Arbor.

He has six children, two in the service and four have resettled in various parts of the country. He is the author of two books, "American Life" and "Biography of Poet Tanaka". Sasaki is a resident of the Granada Relocation Center where he has voluntarily assisted many evacuees in relocating. He intends to relocate himself very soon.

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(Reprint of Ohio State Journal Story)

LITTLE GEORGE HEADS FOR UNCLE SAM'S TEAM

Columbus, O., May 9, 1945 -- "If George Hinoki makes the kind of hit in the Army he's made at University High School, the pleasant, half-pint little Nisei should be a general in less than no time.

"George, who was 18 in February, reports to selective service board No. 21 Thursday morning for his physical examination.

"A native of Colusa, California, moved to Amache, Colorado, relocation center when war broke, George has been in University High, where he is a senior since October.

"In those brief months his athletic ability has landed him on the football team and the basketball team and his teammates on the baseball team recently elected him captain. He usually plays shortstop, but sometimes plays second or third base, too.

"In other words, both faculty and students have taken him to their hearts. Teachers describe him as a "good, all-around boy" and an "all-around athlete." Students chuckle at his deceptive baseball tactics and recently put their stamp of approval on him as a person when they elected him vice president of the student body.

"George, who stands 5 feet 3, returns their compliments with the reminder that he chose University High because "it is so liberal." He is equally appreciative of Columbus. He says:

'It is just fine. The people here are awfully nice.'

"His sister, Rizi Hinoki, found them cordial, too, and it is through her that he came to Columbus.

"Miss Hinoki, 24, came here last May, and is now a stenographer for a social agency.

"Their father, Frank Hinoki, also has come to Columbus and is employed by a florist. The three live together at 18 W. Brighton Road. Their mother has remained in the relocation center. Both parents were born in Japan."

"George is all set for the Army, but he hopes to realize one wish first: To finish his course at University High."

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INDUSTRIAL HOURS DECREASE IN DETROIT
FOCUS NOW ON AGRICULTURE

Detroit, Mich., May 11, 1945--Curtailment of industrial working hours is taking place here and, according to Wendell P. Gee, Detroit Relocation Officer, many evacuees are now focusing their interest on Michigan farming.

The industrial situation has not directly affected Michigan resettlers yet, but the 60-hour-plus war overtime week is gradually being trimmed down to the standard 48-hour war week, and some plants have been granted permission to cut back to 40 hours per week. Reconversion to civilian goods is moving slowly in Detroit and it will be several months before those idle because of cutbacks are re-employed.

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A pamphlet entitled Farming in Michigan produced by the Great Lakes Area office, in both Japanese and English, gives center residents a clear picture of the rich agricultural opportunities in this state.

For example, Michigan ranks first in the production of late crop market strawberries and celery in the nation for 1943; second, in late crop cantaloupe and third, in late crop asparagus production.

For more information on industrial or agricultural opportunities in the state of Michigan, have your relocation program officer write to Wendell P. Gee, Relocation Officer, 1417 Penobscot Building, Detroit 26, Michigan.

The Detroit WRA office can furnish any center resident who might be interested in Michigan farming with a list of names and addresses of evacuees who are at present engaged in agriculture in the state.

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STATEMENT OF WASHINGTON COLUMNIST DENIED

Cleveland, O., May 12, 1945--Akron, Ohio, rubber companies and manpower officials have flatly denied the recent charges made by Columnist John O'Donnell of the Washington Times-Herald that 200 Japanese Americans had worked in an Akron factory and their output had exceeded that of white workers, and that the government would not permit publication of reports or pictures of it.

In the Akron Beacon-Journal of April 27, 1945, the refutation said, in part:

> "Executives of rubber companies, U. S. employment and manpower officials, labor leaders and army officers who have intimate knowledge of operating conditions in the rubber factories here have given flat denials that any Jap-Americans ever were tried out here on any production jobs."

The Great Lakes Area WRA office made a check and found less than 15 evacuees working in Akron at the present time.

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CINCINNATI RELOCATION HEAD
ASSUMES HOUSING DUTIES IN CLEVELAND

Cleveland, O., May 28, 1945 - An investigation of ways and means of finding more housing for evacuees in Cleveland will be handled by Harry E. Titus, former Cincinnati Relocation Officer, who has just been transferred to the Northeastern Ohio District.

"Mr. Titus will assume his new duties today," Robert M. Cullum, Great Lakes Area Supervisor, announced. "Virgil Payne, Assistant Area Supervisor, will continue for the time being as Relocation Officer for the Southern Ohio District at Cincinnati."

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A I R M A I L

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Cleveland, O., June 4, 1945--Of special interest to center Issei is the "CLEVELAND ISSEI CLUB REPORT", which is about Issei resettlement here. It is prepared and written in Japanese by the club.

This report, in booklet form, is now in your center library and the relocation office. The publication describes the Cleveland district, the experiences of some of the city's Issei and, in general, tells about living conditions here.

The four officers of the Issei Club who edited the pamphlet are President, George Tange (Cleveland, Ohio); Vice President, H. Matsushige (Hollywood, California and Ht. Mountain R.C.); Secretary, Masao Kondo (Long Beach, California, and Jerome R.C.); and Treasurer, S. Imori (Olympia, Washington, and Minidoka R.C.).

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NISEI BRAVERY HAILED BY FAMOUS CAMERA MAN

New York, March 31—Americans of Japanese ancestry who are serving with the Pacific assault forces have proved their loyalty to the United States thru heroism that has won the praises of all who have seen them in action.

This was the message brought back from the Pacific today by Joe Rosenthal, Associated Press photographer who made the historic picture of the marines raising the Stars and Stripes at the crater rim of Mount Suribachi after the bloody battle for Iwo Island.

"There are thousands of Japanese-Americans in United States service in all theaters," Rosenthal said in an interview. "All of those with whom I came into contact are anxious to prove their loyalty to this country. Often their anxiety is touching, for they volunteer for all sorts of dangerous missions.

Many Pay With Lives.

"Many have paid with their lives and many more have been wounded. They have done an outstanding job for the allied cause and their heroism should be recognized. It has been recognized by the marine commanders where I saw them in action at Guam, Peleliu, and Iwo.

"Usually they work with headquarters in serving as interpreters. Armed with hand grenades at the entrances to Jap pillboxes or caves, they often convince the enemy to surrender where American officers, lacking the proper diction of the Jap language, would fail.

"They work so close to the enemy on these missions that, along with the danger of being killed by Japs, they run the risk of being shot, unintentially, by our own marines. From a distance it's hard to tell them from the enemy. Their dungarees soon become ragged in rough country and the similarity of their physical appearance makes their job that much tougher."

Shifts to Pacific Asked.

Rosenthal said many of the Jap-Americans in service in Europe had clamored for transfer to the Pacific where, lent to the marines, their linguistic and other talents could be put to better use. He said virtually all were serving with special units rather than with regular fighting units.

"And they get along fine with the marines, who are pushing their way to Tokyo," he added.

Rosenthal condemned isolated instances of antagonism toward Jap-American fighting men by United States groups. He termed a "crying shame" the action by the Hood River, Wash., American Legion post in removing the names of Japanese-Americans from the city's honor roll.

Rosenthal is preparing to return to the Pacific soon.

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RESETTLEMENT WORKERS
CONVENE IN CLEVELAND

Cleveland, O., June 7, 1945--At the call of the Cleveland Resettlement Committee, delegates of similar committees from ten cities in the Great Lakes Area convened here on June 1st and 2nd for a regional conference to discuss relocation.

Eighteen separate recommendations dealing with community adjustment, housing, employment and community services summarized the findings of the two-day meeting. The conference directed these be sent to the community councils as well as to WRA personnel in the centers. A number of committees were established to give life to these recommendations.

"Many of the resettlement workers said that this was the most profitable meeting they had ever attended," stated Beatrice Burr, Executive Secretary of the Cleveland Resettlement Committee for Japanese Americans, who had made arrangements for the conference.

Delegates came from Ann Arbor and Detroit, Michigan; Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; Buffalo, New York; Columbus, Cincinnati, Wooster, Dayton, Warren, Toledo and Cleveland, Ohio.

The highlight of the two-day meeting which was held at the Trinity Cathedral was the Friday evening dinner attended by over 100 resettlement workers, evacuees and WRA personnel.

George T. Trundle, Jr., President of the Trundle Engineering Company of Cleveland, presided. A vocal supporter of Japanese Americans from his first visit to assembly centers early in 1942, he has served as chairman of the local resettlement committee since its founding in 1943. To resettlers present, he said, "You've been grand people, we like you and we hope you'll stay."

Robert M. Cullum, Area Supervisor, was the main speaker. He commended the practical accomplishments of the resettlement committee workers. "Busy and important people have given their time generously to assist in finding housing, to help with employment and to let their communities know the true facts about the evacuated people. Without your help this program could not have developed as it has. As more families come out, the need for vigorous help from community figures becomes ever greater, and it is gratifying to know that everywhere the committees are becoming more active than ever before. You are democracy in action," he concluded.

Robert Y. Kodama, delegate from Dayton, was chosen as representative to the national conference in New York this month. Kodama, formerly of Los Angeles, California, relocated from the Heart Mountain Center with his family and is now employed at the McCall Publishing Company in Dayton, Ohio.

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Cleveland, O., June 12, 1945 -- Examples of actual relocations, with pictures, and a complete list of names and addresses of evacuee residents are featured in the two pamphlets recently received by _____, Reports Officer, from the Great Lakes Area. The booklets tell of the experiences and undertakings of evacuees as they resumed normal life again in the typical American cities of Cincinnati and Columbus, Ohio.

CINCINNATI, A CITY FOR FAMILIES concerns several hundred newcomers from Relocation Centers in America's seventeenth largest city. In a foreword, Robert M. Cullum, Area Supervisor, says "Recently we checked to see how many evacuee married men were in the city without their wives and children....and found none. Those who have settled in Cincinnati did not hesitate to bring their families out."

The booklet about Columbus, Ohio, is in Japanese. The pictures and text tell about evacuees who left the centers curious and wondering about the strange destination they had picked; and it tells about their adjustments, not always easy, as they found jobs, homes, and friends. Mr. Sugiura, an Issei, works in an orchid greenhouse; Mrs. Nishimura is a soldier's wife; Aiko is a popular coed; and Bill Ishida, a family man and a union member, finds victory gardening a satisfying hobby -- these are some of the typical relocation stories found in NEW OPPORTUNITIES FOR ISSEI-NISEI IN CENTRAL OHIO.

Copies of these two booklets are available at the center library and at the relocation program office.

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Cleveland, Ohio, June 21, 1945 -- The Fukuda family, formerly of Long Beach, California, and the Gila River Center, are now established in their home at 342 Connecticut Street, Buffalo 13, New York.

While looking for their own home, the family stayed at the temporary Buffalo Hostel, located at 39 St. John's Place, Buffalo, New York.

The children of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Fukuda, Milton, 17; Robert, 14; and Lorraine, 10; are happy in their new schools. On June 10th they attended the Children's Day Service at the Emmanuel Baptist Church.

Joe Genei Tamaki, formerly of Los Angeles, California, and the Heart Mountain Center, relocated to Buffalo, New York, on May 21, 1945. Mrs. Tamaki and the two children, Joseph, 8; and Eiko, 6; were reunited on June 8, 1945, with Mr. Tamaki. At present, they are making their home at the temporary Buffalo Hostel. Mr. Tamaki is employed at Park School, Snyder, New York.

The temporary hostel, a 5-room apartment on the third floor, has served well in housing newly arrived families. It is a furnished apartment with dishes and necessary linens. Facilities are available for cooking. The charge for a family is $10 a week; a married man who is waiting for his family to join him may arrange to stay at the hostel for $5 a week.

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Cleveland, O., June 25, 1945 - "Carl L. Spicer, Relocation Officer in Columbus for the past two years, will divide his time between his present station in Central Ohio and the Cincinnati office in Southern Ohio until further notice," announced Robert M. Cullum, Great Lakes Area Supervisor, today.

"The direction of the two offices by a relocation officer of Mr. Spicer's experience will be especially beneficial to resettlers coming from the centers," he continued, "as it will enable them to consider opportunities in both localities before making permanent plans."

Both of the offices will remain open and fully staffed -- Louise Fletemeyer will continue full time in her capacity as Associate Relocation Officer in Cincinnati and William Mackey, Associate Relocation Officer, will be at the Columbus office.

In Cincinnati, two hostels are maintained for the convenience of newcomers: the Friends' Hostel, 2820 Winslow Avenue, and the Family House at the corner of Winslow and Oak Streets.

Columbus and Cincinnati are stable, fair-sized Middle Western cities, whose reputations have been established by the number of family reunions and relocations which have resulted there. Center residents desiring pertinent information and instances of actual relocation should ask for the pamphlets, "CINCINNATI - A City For Families" (in English) and "New Opportunities for Issei and Nisei in Central Ohio" (in Japanese) at the center library or at the Relocation Program Office.

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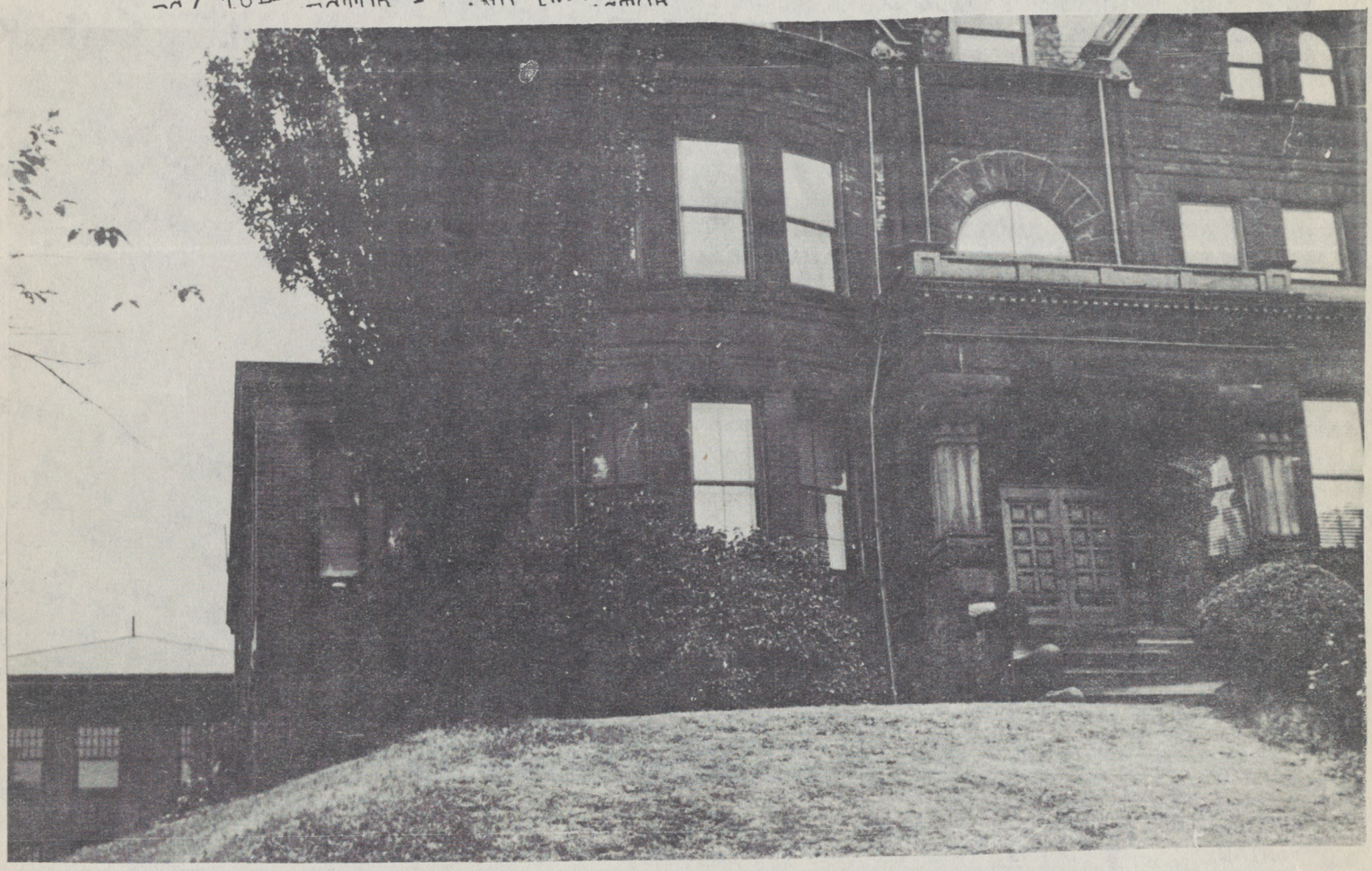

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OFFICIAL GOV'T BUSINESS

TO ALL RELOCATION CENTERS

IMMEDIATE OPENINGS FOR EIGHT FARM FAMILIES, ISSEI OR NISEI, IN BUTLER COUNTY, WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA. PAY IS $100 A MONTH PLUS IMPROVED HOME, ELECTRIC, GAS AND BATH IN MOST RESIDENCES. HOUSES OFFERED ARE IN EXCELLENT STATE OF UPKEEP, AND RUN FROM THREE ROOMS TO EIGHT. THIS IS NOT LARGE FARM, BUT REPRESENTS OFFERS MADE BY INDIVIDUAL FARMERS IN COMMUNITY, SO THAT FAMILIES WOULD BE SCATTERED OVER THE CENTRAL PART OF THE COUNTY. BEST FACILITIES FOR TRADING, SOCIAL LIFE AND EDUCATION FROM RURAL ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS THRU COLLEGE CONVENIENTLY AVAILABLE.

THIS OPENING OFFERS EVERYTHING, FINE HOUSING, GOOD RATE OF PAY FOR HEAD OF FAMILY, WITH OPENINGS FOR OTHER MEMBERS TO WORK AT HOURLY RATES, PLEASANT COUNTRY, GOOD SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES, AND AN OPENING FOR A GROUP OF FARMERS TO SETTLE TOGETHER IN THE SAME GENERAL COMMUNITY.

HOWARD E MATHER RELOC. OFFICER WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA WRA PG AG 225 P

WANTED: DRAFTSMAN (Issei or Nisei) for Pressed Steel Car Company in Pittsburgh. $150 to $250 per month depending on training and experience. Must have letters of recommendation certifying previous experience.

WANTED: 3 POULTRY FARM WORKERS for 400-acre farm devoted exclusively to poultry and vegetables. (no cows). Located 20 miles west of Pittsburgh. There are no accommodations for children at present. $100 per month, plus 2 chickens and 2 dozen eggs per week and vegetables in season for each worker. 7-room house with free gas for cooking and heating. (Owner has own gas well on place.) House has bath and electricity. Year round employment.

WANTED: ISSEI FARM FAMILY for 10-acre truck farm, ½ mile from beautiful village of 3,000 people and 4 miles from industrial community of 70,000 people. 3-room, furnished house with gas, electricity and water. Use of chicken coups, income from orchards. This farm may be secured rent free for 3-hour service of wife daily in home of owner. Soil is now being prepared in this section and early acceptance is desirable. Family may have children. Good public and high school in the village.

USE THE HOSTEL

WHILE CHECKING THESE JOBS

WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY
429 Fulton Building
Pittsburgh 22, Pennsylvania

June 20, 1945

AN INVITATION TO PITTSBURGH --

I wish to add my invitation to that of Dr. Smith and Mr. Watford.

The hostel will provide security at a low cost while you are choosing a job. Of all the basic industries, steel will convert most quickly and there is every indication that work will be plentiful in Western Pennsylvania for many months to come.

In addition to its rich industrial sections, there are fine farming areas close to Pittsburgh. Already many offers have been received from farmers in need of tenants.

Finally, housing is not quite as difficult to find in Pittsburgh as in many other primary industrial areas.

Sincerely yours,

Howard E. Mather

Howard E. Mather
Relocation Officer

WANTED: COOKS AND ASSISTANT COOKS (Issei or Nisei) for William Penn Hotel. Salaries correspond with classifications and range from $3.72 per day for apprentice cook to $6.51 per day for full fledged cooks - salaries quoted include board, but rooms must be found elsewhere.

WANTED: ISSEI COUPLE for cook and assistant in Salvation Army Social Center. Pays $150 per month with full family maintenance and modern 6-room house. Work would be entirely in kitchen and cafeteria on the second floor. Light, high ceiling, airy room. Modern equipment: electric refrigeration; polished steel top, hotel style gas range and work tables.

WANTED: DRAFTSMEN AND ENGINEERS (Issei or Nisei) in structural steel work for Westinghouse Electric and Mfg. Co. $150 to $250 monthly depending on experience and ability. Issei technician now working at Sharon, Pa., plant.

Pictured above is the spacious dining room of the hostel.

DR. JOHN C SMITH, CHAIRMAN OF THE PITTSBURGH CITIZENS RESETTLEMENT COMMITTEE AND MR. CLYDE WATFORD, CHAIRMAN OF THE HOUSING SUB-COMMITTEE ANNOUNCED TODAY THE OPENING OF THE PITTSBURGH HOSTEL WITH FACILITIES FOR THE IMMEDIATE HOUSING OF FROM TWELVE TO FIFTEEN FAMILIES.

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The Pittsburgh Hostel, located on Perrysville Avenue, is a spacious building set in the middle of a five-acre tract of land immediately adjoining one of Pittsburgh's finest parks. It is conveniently located with good transportation facilities to the down-town sections.

The facilities of the home include spacious dining rooms, bath rooms and kitchens fully equipped. There are large recreation rooms and children's play rooms. On the five-acre lot are tennis courts, an open-air pavilion (pictured below), children's play-ground equipment, etc.

This building was formerly a children's home, and it has very generously been made available for the use of Japanese American families. Those who have visited other cities say that this is without doubt the FINEST AND MOST CONVENIENT FAMILY HOSTEL IN THE COUNTRY.

Western Pennsylvania offers a wide variety of employment opportunities. Center residents looking toward satisfactory re-location are urged to write Howard E. Mather, Relocation Officer, 429 Fulton Building, Pittsburgh 22, Pennsylvania, for information regarding jobs and hostel accommodations.

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...RATES...

The usual hostel rates will prevail. One dollar a day for rooms and board will be the charge for an adult; fifty-cents per day for children. These rates apply during the period of temporary hostel residence -- there will be a slight advance after employment is secured.

Housing is available in Pittsburgh at reasonable rentals and families in temporary residence at the hostel have a reasonable assurance of securing the type of residence they desire after employment is found.

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NISEI CHOSEN VALEDICTORIAN
AT GROSSE ILE HIGH SCHOOL

Detroit, Mich., June 26, 1945 - Rose Kitazawa, formerly of San Jose, California, and Heart Mountain Center, was recently chosen valedictorian of her high school graduating class at Grosse Ile, Michigan.

During the past year she served as the secretary of the student council and the year before as her junior class secretary, both elective offices. In the three different schools she has attended since leaving the Heart Mountain Center, Rose has maintained a nearly straight "A" average.

"She has consistently shown outstanding qualities in scholarship and leadership, and she has been well accepted by her fellow students - is popular and respected," stated D. C. Baldwin, Superintendent of the Grosse Ile Schools.

In addition to school work and activities, this popular "teen-age" Nisei worked part time.

Miss Kitazawa hopes to return to California and attend the University of California.

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WRA ANNOUNCES OFFICE HOURS IN ROCHESTER, N. Y.
HOSTEL AVAILABLE FOR RESERVATION

Buffalo, N. Y., June 27, 1945 - WRA assistance with relocation in Rochester, New York, and vicinity is now under the direction of George E. Graff, Relocation Officer, at 1126 Rand Building, Buffalo 3, New York.

"Office hours will be maintained in Rochester for the convenience of evacuee residents and newcomers in the district at the Brick Church, 121 North Fitzhugh Street (Telephone Main 1783)," Mr. Graff announced, "on the following days and hours:

Tuesday - 7:00 to 9:00 P.M. By appointment only
Wednesday - 2:30 to 5:30 P.M. and 7:00 to 9:00 P.M.
Thursday - By appointment only"

For the convenience of newcomers, the "Rochester One-Family Hostel", which is located at the Baptist Parish House, 43 N. Fitzhugh Street, is available for reservation. The hostel is presently occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Shigetoshi Shigio, Mr. Shigio's mother and their two children. Mr. Shigio is employed as a linotypist at the Rochester Monotype Company.

Center residents desiring hostel reservations should communicate with Mr. Graff at the Buffalo WRA office.

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Cleveland, O., July 9, 1945- Virgil Payne, Assistant Supervisor of the Great Lakes Area WRA, has resigned her position to accept an overseas assignment with UNRRA.

"Louise Noble, Relocation Adjustment Adviser, will become Assistant Supervisor, effective July 16," announced Robert M. Cullum, Area Supervisor.

Miss Payne has been with this area office since September, 1944, when she transferred from the Heart Mountain Relocation Center where she served as the welfare director.

Through her interest in people and the understanding she gave evacuees, Miss Payne became one of the most popular members of the Heart Mountain staff.

She was personally instrumental in bringing about the relocation of many center residents to the Great Lakes Area.

Her new assignment will give her the opportunity, she had hoped for, to participate in the rehabilitation of Europe. She is now at the UNRRA Training Center, University of Maryland, College Park, Maryland.

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PITTSBURGH HOSTEL SUPPORT ASSURED

Cleveland, O., July 13, 1945 - A situation has developed in Pittsburgh, Pa., caused by a small band of residents in the 26th Ward, who are protesting the reopening of the Gusky Home as a hostel for the Japanese Americans. This group consists of 36 residents out of the Ward population of 24,982.

The three daily papers in Pittsburgh, the CIO Industrial Union Council, and various city service clubs have all been outspoken against these protestants. Approximately fifty letters have been written to editors of the three papers -- every letter in favor of the opening of this hostel, which has been loaned for the use of evacuees.

As a result of this newspaper publicity additional contributions have been mailed in for the upkeep of the hostel, even though the money has been subscribed and the campaign for donations closed.

"I have never seen democracy work better than in Pittsburgh," Robert M. Cullum, Great Lakes Area Supervisor, began, "where the man-on-the-street with no apparent background of our problems saw the issues clearly defined and voiced his objections to the super patriotic cries of those who would encroach upon our civil liberties."

We are quoting two excerpts of typical letters that have been sent to the editors of Pittsburgh papers.

"My head is bowed down with shame," says one resident, "for those Northside people who have organized opposition to their fellow-citizens of Japanese descent moving into the neighborhood."

Writes another Pittsburgher, "Your stands in the past in behalf of minority groups have long deserved the support of all Pittsburghers interested in seeing democracy work in everyday life."

The City of Pittsburgh, it appears, is overwhelmingly in favor of this hostel project. It is expected that the situation will be settled very shortly and (your center paper) will be informed. Relocation to Pittsburgh is continuing. Evacuees interested in this district should write to Howard E. Mather, Relocation Officer, 429 Fulton Building, Pittsburgh 22, Pa.

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WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY
226 West Jackson Boulevard
Chicago 6, Illinois

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July 24, 1945

FOR RELEASE: All Project Newspapers

ISSEI SOCIAL - HUGE SUCCESS

July 20 in Omaha, Nebraska, marked the date of a successful Issei social. There were 60 persons in attendance, consisting of Issei, Nisei, and their Caucasian friends.

The affair was given at the Y.W.C.A. by the Omaha Evacuee Reception Committee under the able chairmanship of Emcee Kazuo Ikebasu, formerly of the Rohwer Center. His assistants were Patrick Okura, Chairman of the Omaha Evacuee Committee, and formerly of the San Anita Assembly Center; Hideo Ito, George Suzuki, Ray Suzuki, and Mrs. Kazuo Ikebasu, all of Rohwer; Ruth Tokimura, Gila River; Lucie Kawafune, Minidoka; and George Yoden, son of Mr. and Mrs. Sato Yoden, long-time Issei residents of the city of Omaha where they have lived for over twenty years.

Hideo Ito, program chairman, extended a word of welcome to the Issei, addressing them in Japanese. Interest was great when Mr. Ito announced the showing of two Japanese movie films, one being a travelogue film on Japan, the other being a famous Japanese movie entitled "Haha Wo Tazunete". Both were received with much applause. Mr. Ito did a fine job as commentator, and George Yoden operated the movie projector. The two films were loaned by George Sato of Rohwer Center, to whom is extended sincere appreciation by the committee.

Ever popular vocalist, Sachiye Endo, formerly of Poston and Salinas, California, highlighted the program with several songs in Japanese.

Informal visiting followed the serving of refreshments by the hostesses.

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PITTSBURGHERS WELCOME
EVACUEE FAMILY TO CITY

Pittsburgh, Pa., July 28, 1945--Pittsburghers offered not only jobs and housing, but hospitality and friendship, this week to the newly arrived Robert Ishimoto family. Father, mother and six children, former residents of the Rohwer Relocation Center, will live and work on a poultry farm just outside the city.

The family arrived ahead of their household furnishings and faced the possibility of living in an empty house until the housing sub-committee of the Pittsburgh Resettlement Committee heard about it and went into action. Arrangements were immediately made for a loan of necessary furniture with the Red Cross Flood Emergency Pool.

In addition, a committee secured baskets of groceries, canned goods and provisions of various kinds from three church and civic organizations in the 26th Ward; sufficient supplies to take care of the family over a ten-day period -- until the new No. 4 ration books arrived -- were provided. Beds, chairs, tables, linen, blankets, mattresses, cooking utensils and dishes and an oil cooking stove were made available for their use.

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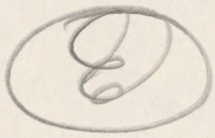

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RE-ORGANIZED DETROIT COMMITTEE
APPOINTS HEAD AT LARGE MEETING

Detroit, Mich., July 30, 1945--At a large meeting of the newly re-organized Detroit Relocation Committee for Americans of Japanese Ancestry held here on July 19, the Reverend H. G. Bovenkerk was appointed chairman.

The new chairman spent two years assisting evacuees at the Manzanar Center before coming to Detroit, where he is now the Assistant Pastor at the First Presbyterian Church.

More than 60 persons attended the meeting from public and private agencies, the board of education, labor and church groups. They are primarily interested in seeing that center residents who resettle in the Detroit district make happy adjustments.

One of the purposes of the committee is to insure continuity of service when WRA no longer exists. Most of the members of the committee are associated with permanent agencies and are in positions where they can see that services to resettlers will be given in the years to come.

A complete program with emphasis on employment, housing, case work, health, recreation and public understanding has been worked out. The Detroit Council of Social Agencies has provided the services of a permanent secretary.

Speakers at this meeting included Dillon S. Myer, WRA Director; Robert M. Cullum, Great Lakes Area Supervisor; Reverend Shigeo Tanabe, Detroit; Florence Cassidy, Detroit Council of Social Agencies, and Dr. T. T. Brumbaugh, Detroit Council of Churches.

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All Project Newspapers

The following story from the July 26 issue of "Brighton Park Life", a neighborhood newspaper in Chicago, is illustrative of the success of the Speakers' Program sponsored by the Chicago WRA office. Some 30 speechs were made to neighborhood organizations by WRA staff members and volunteer Nisei speakers during the month of July:

"Kiwanians Hear, See Story of Jap-American Patriotism"

"The story of the part Japanese-Americans have played in helping this country's war effort was told before the Archer Road Kiwanis club at its luncheon meeting last Thursday noon by T. Kushida, a representative of the War Relocation Authority.

A native born American of Japanese parentage and a graduate of the University of Southern California, Kushida could be described as an illustration of what Franklin D. Roosevelt probably had in mind when he said, "Americanism is not, and never was, a matter of race or ancestry."

The speaker did not attempt any defense of Japanese disloyalty to this country, whether by native born Americans or otherwise. He presented no apology for being of Japanese ancestry. The purpose of his remarks was to appeal to the American sense of fair play, summed up in the question, "What difference does it make what a man's name is, or how his eyes are slanted, as long as he faithfully performs his work in accordance with the American program?"

Kushida admitted that some bitterness had naturally arisen among the thousands of Nisei who, because of national defense needs at a period when time did not permit individual discrimination, were forcibly deprived of their property and citizenship rights and concentrated into relocation centers.

Time, however, he explained, had served the purpose of enabling the Nisei to demonstrate their desires and capacity to be good Americans when given a fair chance. In proof he presented government-made motion pictures showing the rescue of the famed "Lost Battalion" in Italy, for which 29 Nisei soldiers were decorated, with posthumous decorations awarded to eight others who died in effecting the rescue.

Kushida also showed films of the Japanese in process of first being transplanted to their one-room barracks, and their later diffusion into avenue of war production, agriculture, government service and other work."

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The following story appeared in the Minneapolis Morning Tribune dated August 3, 1945:

"Morale of Japs Low, Says Returned Nisei Veteran"

"He didn't know it until Wednesday, but Sgt. Samuel Rokutani, 1725 James Avenue, St. Paul, Minnesota, and (formerly of Alameda, Calif., and Colorado River Relocation Center) is one of the first Japanese American soldiers wounded in Pacific action to return to the United States.

He arrived Wednesday after 31 months in the Pacific for a 30-day visit with his mother, Mrs. Tsuruyo Rokutani, and his brother, George, who were relocated in St. Paul from California two years ago.

Veteran of Saipan and Leyte, Rokutani was wounded the last day of organized Japanese resistance on Okinawa by the explosion of an enemy mortar shell a few feet from where he and fellow Nisei GI's were trying to ferret two fugitive Japanese generals from a cave.

Japanese soldiers surrendered "in droves" on Okinawa in contrast to the very few who gave in to earlier American invaders, Rokutani said.

He insisted the Japanese have no special feeling of hate for Japanese Americans fighting against them, but "just take them for granted.

"They have the fighting spirit, and I think their training is about the same as ours, but their morale is going down and they are just not equipped as we are."

Rokutani expects to rejoin his outfit, the Seventh "Hour Glass" division of the Thirty-second Infantry, August 28.

Wearer of the purple heart, combat infantry badge and good-conduct medal, the St. Paul Nisei is a commerce and accounting graduate of the University of California where he played varsity baseball in 1939."

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A I R M A I L. . . . .

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Cleveland, O., August 13, 1945 - An intensive study of business opportunities for evacuees in the Great Lakes Area is being made by Mr. Thomas Sashihara and Dr. Everett Dakan, WRA Special Relocation Officers.

Survey trips have been made to Columbus, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Buffalo, Pittsburgh and Detroit; resettlers already established in business have been interviewed and a study was made to learn what types of business are most needed.

"Our investigations so far seem to indicate that there are numerous opportunities in these cities for evacuee businessmen," Mr. Sashihara began. "We found almost fifty evacuees already established in this area in such businesses as hotels, apartment and rooming houses, restaurants, dry cleaning, food stores, gift and novelty stores, beauty salons, soy bean products, and chop suey wholesalers."

Every businessman interviewed by Mr. Sashihara and Dr. Dakan expressed their satisfaction as to business conditions and public acceptance. A hotel man in Detroit who started his business only last October has already earned his investment and said that he had recently received an offer for the hotel at double the amount that he had paid.

An apartment house owner in Cleveland stated that none of his Caucasian American tenants moved from his apartment contrary to his fears at the time he acquired this business. "In fact," the owner stated, "I cannot accommodate any evacuees because none of my Caucasian American tenants will move."

A dry cleaning man who opened shop in Cleveland just a month ago is swamped with orders - more business than he and his wife can handle; he has added a colored helper and is looking for another.

A fruit and vegetable store operated by a resettler in Cincinnati is firmly established in a Jewish neighborhood. He employs two Caucasian Americans and two evacuees. Since opening ~~his business~~ its about six months ago, his business has doubled.

Mr. Sashihara, Cleveland Issei, is a former Los Angeles businessman who relocated from the Heart Mountain Center. He is serving as a Special Relocation Officer to assist resettlers in opening up businesses.

He expects to leave for the centers soon to interview center residents who might be interested in opening small businesses here.

(Note: Attached are some typical opportunities in the Detroit District)

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DETROIT BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES

ROOMING HOUSE in middle class district
13 rooms and 4 baths, steam stoker, running water in every room, new washing machine
Two rooms for owner
Price: $2850 - Terms: $1000 down, balance payable in 40 months
Rent: $62.50 per month
Income: $230 per month

ROOMING HOUSE in middle class district
17 rooms and 2 baths
Two rooms for owner
Price: $5500 - Terms: $700 down, balance payable in 40 months
Rent: $100 per month
Income: $300 per month

RESTAURANT
Price: $3850 - Terms: $2000 down, balance payable $150 monthly
Rent: $80 per month
Equipment: 16 tables, 55 chairs, complete kitchen equipment, etc.
Income: $600 per week

CLEANING-PRESSING-SHOE SHINING & REPAIRING
HAT PRESSING at downtown location, office building
Price: $3300 with equipment - Terms: $2000 down
Income: $350 per week - net about $200 to $250
Pay shine boys (colored) 25¢ hourly

BICYCLE REPAIR & RENTAL
Price: $1660 cash
Rent: $25 per month with heat free
Stock: About $900
Income: About $100 per week

HAND LAUNDRY
Price: $800 - Terms: $600 down, balance payable $50 monthly
Equipment: Complete
Income: Net about $100 per week

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FIRST FAMILIES MOVE
INTO PITTSBURGH HOSTEL

Cleveland, O., August 22, 1945--The first evacuee families to occupy the Pittsburgh Hostel moved in this week.

They are the Ishimoto's, family of nine, from the Rohwer Center and the Fujihara's, family of fourteen, from the Tule Lake Center; both families formerly lived in the Sacramento region of California. The Fujihara's arrived recently in Pittsburgh, while the Ishimoto's have been on a farm nearby since June.

Many neighbors of the residential North Side, where the hostel is located, were on hand to formally welcome the hostel's first guests. It wasn't long before the children of both families were using the recreational and playground facilities on the five-acre tract.

The three city newspapers gave very friendly reports to the opening of the hostel and the arrival of the evacuees. An excerpt from the Pittsburgh Press editorial of August 20 appropriately indicates their feeling: "In this country Americans are Americans -- and to hell with ancestry."

It is apparent by all this overwhelming support that public sentiment is definitely favorable. It is also clear that the small handful of residents of the Twenty-Sixth Ward (where the hostel is located), who had first protested the opening of the hostel, are losing ground. Their attempts to secure a temporary injunction have been rejected by the court, and the small protesting committee has been submitted to wide public censure.

Regular meals are being served at the hostel under the direction of competent members of the Pittsburgh Resettlement Committee.

Hostel reservations can be made through Howard Mather, Relocation Officer, 429 Fulton Building, Pittsburgh 22, Pa. See your Relocation Program Officer about the many attractive farm and domestic offers, with housing included, in this district.

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Cleveland, O., September 4, 1945 -- In line with War Relocation Authority directive order all offices of the Great Lakes Area will go on a 40 hour week September 9, 1945. All offices will be closed on Saturdays.

Center residents expecting to visit any offices in this area (Cleveland, Detroit, Cincinnati, Columbus, Buffalo, Pittsburgh) on a Saturday should make these arrangements before leaving the center.

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HOUSING SPECIALIST
ADDED TO CINCINNATI STAFF

Cleveland, O., September 10, 1945 -- A full time specialist in housing has been added to the Cincinnati district office, Miss Louise M. Noble, Acting WRA Great Lakes Area Supervisor, announced today.

Mrs. Margaret Lattimer of Cincinnati is the new staff member. Her particular assignment is in looking for suitable living quarters for evacuees. Mrs. Lattimer will work closely with the Housing Sub-Committee group of the Cincinnati Resettlement Committee.

She has had wide experience as a counsellor in public and private agencies in Ohio.

Requests for reservations at the Friends Hostel, which affords temporary housing, for individuals or family groups should be made at the WRA office, 1005 Union Trust Building, Cincinnati, Ohio.

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HOSTEL OPENS
IN
COLUMBUS, OHIO

Cleveland, O., September 10, 1945 -- A hostel for individuals and family groups opened in Columbus this week according to word received here from the Great Lakes Area WRA Office.

The hostel is located at 627 Lazelle Street; and is sponsored by the North Columbus Friends Meeting. Facilities for cooking are available -- the rent is $5.00 a week for family groups, up to four people; above that, the charge is $1.00 a week for each additional member of the family.

Furniture and the initial cost of opening the hostel were paid for by many interested citizens and supporters of the WRA program in Central Ohio.

Reservations for this hostel should be made through the WRA office, 3660 A.I.U. Bldg., Columbus, Ohio.

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OFFICE POSITIONS OPEN

AT FISK UNIVERSITY

Cleveland, O., October 9, 1945 -- Fisk University, one of the nation's best known interracial schools, is seeking the services of three office workers.

The openings are for two stenographers and a bookkeeper. The salary for the stenographer is $100.00 per month and for the bookkeeper, $125.00 per month. According to Mr. Isaiah T. Creswell, Comptroller of the University, living costs in Nashville, where the University is located, is $40.00 per month on the average.

This University is devoted primarily to the training of Negro youth; its faculty and staff is interracial. Dr. Jitsuichi Masuoka is a member of the faculty.

Anyone interested in these positions should write to:

Mr. Isaiah T. Creswell
Comptroller
Fisk University
Nashville 8, Tennessee

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FIRST NISEI G. I.

TO JOIN VETERAN'S ADMINISTRATION

Cleveland, O., October 16, 1945 -- The first Nisei G. I. in this area and one of the first in the country to accept a job with the Veteran's Administration is Pfc. Karl Nakazawa.

Karl used to live in Los Angeles and just before his discharge from the Army took a tour through Western New York State looking for a place to resettle.

Formerly working in a legal agency on the West Coast, Nakazawa made application for a personnel position in the Veteran's Administration. He was accepted and assigned to the Rochester office.

"It seems to me that Rochester has the conveniences of larger cities without the congestion", Karl began, "As soon as I get settled in an apartment or house, I'll send for my wife, Florence, and my 14-month-old son, Roger, who are living in Chicago."

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ELECTED PRESIDENT OF FORUM

AT WOOSTER COLLEGE

Cleveland, O., October 18, 1945 -- Symon Satow, who relocated in July, 1945 with his family from Gila River, was elected president of the Freshmen Forum, Wooster College, Wooster, Ohio.

The forum is considered the most important organization for first year students at the college. Mr. Satow is the son of Rev. and Mrs. Katsuichi Satow of Cleveland. The family formerly lived in Pasadena, California.

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EVACUEE WRITES FOR

OHIO P.T.A. MAGAZINE

Cleveland, O., October 18, 1945 -- An article by Mrs. Tom Sashihara, formerly of Heart Mountain and now of Cleveland, Ohio, has been printed in the Ohio Parent Teacher's Magazine for October.

Mrs. Sashihara, mother of three children, is a member of the Wilson Junior High Parent Teacher's Council, Cleveland, and holds the office of corresponding secretary.

Her article is on the evacuation and her personal observations since relocating.

"When we relocated to Cleveland", Mrs. Sashihara writes, "we found our housing in a cosmopolitan neighborhood. The pupils who attended the school, Wilson Junior High, Cleveland, in this district come from homes which are rich in international cultures and traditions. There are about thirty-three nationalities represented by them. A program of international goodwill was presented before V-E Day, and there were boys and girls in native costumes of almost all the countries in the world. The students did a fine job of interpreting folk dances and singing of different nations and the audience responded graciously.

"This program was the bridge joining the gap from California to Cleveland. If this school has a faculty that can create international goodwill even during wartime, this indeed is my place and I am glad that I am a member of the P.T.A. of this school," she concluded.

In a forward to the article the President of the Ohio Parent Teacher's Council remarked, "A very human article, written by a Japanese woman appears in this issue of the Ohio Parent Teacher, ... There are many such fine people of all nationalities throughout our State."

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Press Release

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NEWS RELEASE
For Immediate Use

EVACUEES FIND LITTLE DISCRIMINATION IN CLEVELAND

In a recent poll of evacuees who have relocated in Cleveland, nearly 75 per cent reported that they had experienced no racial discrimination since coming to the city, and 84 per cent said that discrimination was much less in the Cleveland area than it had been in California. These percentages are based on a representative sampling of both Issei and Nisei living in the city and on a tabulation of replies contained in 75 questionnaires.

Asked whether they had experienced any racial discrimination in finding employment, 75 per cent replied in the negative, and 53.2 also said that they had encountered no difficulty or racial prejudice in finding places to live.

Forty-five per cent of those replying to the questionnaire felt that their jobs were permanent and offered post-war security.

To find out how evacuees in Cleveland were entering into the life of the community and to what extent they were becoming acquainted outside their own group, they were asked to indicate how many friends they had made with other racial groups since coming to the city.

Twenty-nine per cent claimed they had made better than 50 friends; 42 per cent said they had made between 10 and 50 new acquaintances among other racial groups; 17 per cent claimed less than 10 new friends and 12 per cent said they had made no friends.

Asked how they had made such friends, the evacuees answered as

follows in order of frequency of answer: (1) Church, school, YMCA and YWCA; (2) Co-workers at place of employment; (3) Business contacts; (4) Clubs. Suggestions as to how to increase friendships fell into three categories: More inter-racial social affairs and clubs: more Church, club and YM and YW activities; more athletic programs.

Most frequently given answer as to why more persons had not left or were not leaving Relocation Centers was fear of not being able to support their families. Other reasons included housing worries; fear of community non-acceptance; fear that the draft would take the wage earners and concern over language handicaps.

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April 25, 1944

PRESS RELEASE

FOR IMMEDIATE USE

Cleveland, Ohio, April 24, 1944.--More than 25 former residents of the Gila Relocation Center greeted Mr. William Huso, Relocation Program Officer of that Center, yesterday afternoon (April 23) at the Cleveland, Ohio, Hostel.

Mr. Huso was in Cleveland, following a national Chicago conference on relocation problems, to examine procedures and methods of the Cleveland WRA office. He conferred at length with Mr. Robert M. Cullum, area supervisor, and Mr. Fred W. Ross, district relocation officer.

Among the former Gila residents who turned out to greet him at the hostel, which is run by the Baptist Home Mission Society, were the following:

Miss Dorothy Tsunoda; Edward Yano; Nancy Harata; Fumi Yanigahara; Oliver Itaya; Tak Koyamatsu; Tatsuo Makimoto; Masato Fujimoto; Keitsu Fujimoto, his wife and three children, Kazuko, Ruth and Paul; Frank Watanuki; Harold Sasahara and son, Arthur; Noburo Asamoto; Hazel Nambu; Yoshie Hashimoto.

In addition to these, Mr. Huso met the following persons from Gila in the WRA office:

Ted Tadao Kawaguchi; Shigeru Goto; Frank Ninokawa; George Obata; Joe Nozumi; George Ukio Tanaka; and Masashi Okubo.

Upon his departure, Mr. Huso told Mr. Cullum he would be busy long after he returned to the center carrying greetings from Cleveland to many folks at the project.

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May 15, 1944

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

CLEVELAND AREA PLACEMENT OFFICERS REPORT NEGLIGIBLE INDUSTRIAL LAYOFFS DUE TO CUTBACKS IN SURVEY MADE BY THE AREA OFFICE

A survey of the seven principal cities of the Cleveland area of the War Relocation Authority indicates that industrial cutbacks affecting workers of Japanese ancestry have been negligible, Robert M. Cullum, area supervisor, announced today.

The cities checked were those where W.R.A. offices are located, namely, Cleveland, Toledo, Cincinnati, Columbus, Buffalo, Detroit and Grand Rapids.

Fred W. Ross, relocation officer of the Cleveland district, reported: "No evacuees have come into this office in search of jobs because they had been victims of industrial layoffs.

"We do not anticipate that we shall have much of a problem along these lines because so few of our people are working in plants that are affected by cutbacks. Generally speaking, our Issei and Nisei are employed in smaller plants with healthier future outlooks."

In Detroit, Herbert Passin, district officer, reported that in the last month about 10 evacuees sought new jobs, more as a result of "industrial changeover" than production [illegible] In several cases, for example, changes in the plants [illegible] have permitted evacuees to go to other departm[illegible] actly to their tastes.

In one plant a contract was com[illegible]

released five of nine evacuees working there. These five were placed on other jobs immediately.

"In the cases that have come to our attention", Passin writes, "the evacuees are handled on the basis of seniority equally with other employees. Where they have greater seniority they are retained; where they are new, they are among those laid off.

"This condition may be attributed to the strength of the union security seniority system."

Mr. Raymond G. Booth, who heads the Cincinnati district office, said he knew of no persons who had come into his office looking for a new job because they had lost their old ones through industrial layoffs.

"Employers here have been somewhat choosey in seeking employees," he reported, "But once a placement is made, it seems to have a high degree of permanency in Cincinnati."

William J. Fluke of the Toledo office said he knew of one Nisei who had been affected by the curtailing of operations in one department of a large war plant in that city, but the effect was transitory.

"The entire personnel of the department to be curtailed (including the Nisei) was transferred to another department without the loss of a minute's working time," Fluke wrote.

He also said that in line with union contracts now in force in plants in Toledo, the last hired would be the first to be fired in the event of cutbacks and that the question would be based purely on seniority and not on the race of the workers.

Reporting no displacements, Carl L. Spicer of the Columbus office added: "There is no evidence that evacuees are being handled

differently from Caucasian or Negro workers in the plants where they are employed.

"We do not expect industrial change or shutdowns to affect relocation possibilities in any marked degree in this district."

Buffalo and Grand Rapids each report having experienced no cutbacks amongst evacuees.

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June 27, 1944

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Cleveland, Ohio, June 27--Harry Elwood Titus, 56-year-old former Methodist pastor who until he came to WRA was actively engaged in religious, social and educational activities for the Dayton, Ohio, Church Federation, has been appointed Relocation Officer in charge of the Cincinnati district office, Robert M. Cullum, Cleveland area supervisor announced today.

Succeeding G. Raymond Booth who has become head of the Chicago district office, Dr. Titus comes to Cincinnati with a deep understanding of human beings and a practical knowledge of how to deal with the public in difficult racial matters, Cullum said.

In Dayton where he handled the relocation problems of about 50 evacuees as a sideline, Dr. Titus supervised several groups whose responsibilities included Negro-Caucasian relations in the community; supervising a center for war-working women; and assisting in-migrant war workers in housing and other problems of settling in a new community.

Previous to his work with the Dayton Church Federation, Dr. Titus held pastorates in Albany, N. Y.; Portland, Maine; and Greenwich, N. Y. In the course of his other experiences, he has conducted a radio series; organized co-operatives; written for religious, educational and sociological magazines and taught for a period of four summers at Boston University.

Cincinnati has had unusual success as a place for family units to resettle and better than 40% of the more than 400 persons of Japanese Ancestry there are members of family units. Dr. Titus said he would work on increasing that percentage.

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IMMEDIATE RELEASE TO WIRE SERVICES

Cleveland, Ohio, June 30---As it is now possible to administer the affairs of the Toledo office of the War Relocation Authority from Detroit, it has been decided to close the Toledo office as of June 30, Robert M. Cullum, area supervisor announced here today.

Cullum said that William J. Fluke, who has been in charge of the placement of persons of Japanese ancestry in the Toledo district, would be transferred to the Detroit district office from where he would make frequent trips to Toledo to handle the problems and employment offers that might arise.

Arrangements have been made for the United States Employment Service office in Toledo to handle offers from prospective employers of persons of Japanese ancestry.

More than 100 persons of Japanese ancestry have found employment in the Toledo district which takes in the Northwest corner of Ohio and a part of lower Michigan. They have filled manpower needs in diverse fields including professional, clerical and sales work; domestic and other personal services and agricultural pursuits.

Persons who wish to communicate with Mr. Fluke or who are interested in hiring Americans of Japanese ancestry may write directly to the WRA office, located at 1417 Penobscot Building, Detroit 26, Michigan.

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NEWS RELEASE
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RESETTLERS KNOW POINTS OF INTEREST
IN CLEVELAND

District Office Receives 100 Guides
and Maps for Free Distribution

Points of interest and how to get there, including a map, pictures, bus and street car routes, street names, plus an enlarged section of downtown terminal points in Cleveland are on one sheet of paper smaller than the top of your breakfast table.

No longer need the newcomer to Cleveland be afraid of getting lost in making his way around the city. With the combined map and guide folded neatly in coat pocket or purse, he goes forth with self assurance. This handy little guide is yours for the asking when you visit the Cleveland WRA office.

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NEWS RELEASE

Cleveland, O., August 18, 1944---Influence of Nisei soldiers is apt to show up without warning almost anywhere. Evidence of this comes from the Michigan WRA office at Detroit which reports receipt of a letter from J. Hughes Powell of Sparta, Michigan opening as follows: "My son who lives in a barrack at Fort Myer, in which are also Japanese American soldiers, advises me to write you in regard to getting Japanese families to work on farms."

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CLOSING DATES ANNOUNCED FOR

GREAT LAKES AREA FIELD OFFICES

Cleveland, O., December 4, 1945 -- Terminating date plans for the remainder of the Great Lakes Area field offices ~~was~~ were made definite today.

The schedule follows: Buffalo and Rochester January 1, Cincinnati and Dayton February 1, Detroit and Cleveland April 1. The Columbus and Pittsburgh offices closed December 1.

According the Robert M. Cullum, Area Supervisor, "a local agency to handle and refer all services for resettlers will be assured for each district before it closes. This will bring local community services in reach of all evacuees."

All correspondence addressed to a Great Lakes Area field office which has closed should be sent to the Area office, 960 Union Commerce Building, Cleveland 14, Ohio.

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STILWELLTO PRESENT
POSTHUMOUS D.S.C. HONOR
TO NISEI'S SISTER

Cleveland, O., December 6, 1945 -- Gen. Stilwell is going on a special mission Saturday, December 8 to Santa Ana, California. He's bringing a medal for Kazuo. But Kazuo - Masuda was his last name - won't be there to accept it. He fell on the battlefield of Italy.

His sister, Mary Masuda, will act as his proxy. The medal will be the Army's second highest award, a Distinguished Service Cross. It was won by the Japanese American staff sergeant when he walked through 200 yards of enemy fire and singlehanded set up an improvised mortar position to pour 20 rounds of ammunition point blank into attacking Nazis.

There won't be an elaborate ceremony. Wizened "Vinegar Joe" doesn't go in for pomp. Instead, he will dispense with the fanfare and go directly to the modest farm home five miles from Santa Ana, the same home which Kazuo left when he went away to war. It's the same home, too, from which two of Kazuo's brothers went to serve in the American armed forces, one of whom still is on duty in the Pacific. And it's the same home from which hate mongering terrorists attempted to drive Mary Masuda out of California when she returned to Orange county from a relocation camp.

The General is not likely to have much to say, not as he presents the medal. He will save his words, perhaps, until later in the day when he speaks at the Santa Ana Municipal Bowl under the sponsorship of the Council for Civic Unity. According to the Council this day December 8 will be United America Day. Santa Ana, speaking for all California, will rise up December 8 to show General Stilwell that democracy is not dead on the home front. Movie star Robert Young will be chairman of the event; other screen stars and big names will be on the program. Arch Oberler will present a play.

Then, no doubt, the General himself will have a message for the five hoodlums who, according to the War Relocation Authority, threatened the Masudas in a vain attempt to frighten them from their home.

The order he will read to Mary Masuda on Saturday will tell how Kazuo, unwilling to risk the lives of his mortar crew, repulsed a German attack single handed and how several weeks later he sacrificed his own life when he held the enemy at bay and permitted his men to withdraw from a Nazi trap and sure death. The next day the Army reported, the Nisei staff sergeant was found dead, his submachine gun in hand and facing the enemy. His body was lying across one of the enemy casualties, a German machine pistol operator.

The Masudas need have no fear when they hear knocking on their door Saturday. Their visitor won't be a man with hate in his eyes. The rap will mean that the General has arrived. And with him he will have a medal for Kazuo.

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