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FROM SEATTLE TIMES

Groups fighting return of Nisei to their homes here were criticized sharply yesterday by Florence West, Area Reports Officer of the War Relocation Authority, who spoke at a meeting of the Young Men's Democratic Club on May 3.

She aimed her censure primarily at the Japanese Exclusion League, which recently held a mass meeting in the Bellevue area, and asserted the WRA here "will do everything in its power to protect the constitutional rights of the Nisei."

Mrs. West stated as follows: "More than 17,000 Nisei have fought for this country, many of them gladly making the supreme sacrifice, and that fair minded Americans "who know the meaning of true democracy believe they should be allowed to return here to their homes."

"On the other hand," she said, "some men are collecting \$10 from individuals who are willing to pay membership fees to hate Japs. In return the organizers are promising Constitutional amendments so that in the future all persons of Japanese ancestry will be deported."

She predicted that it "will be rather hard for those individuals to gain the backing of other sections of the nation in legalizing racial hatreds."

She pointed out that out of 110,000 Japanese who were evacuated out of 10,000 from King County, only 300 have returned. From the West Coast, 40,000 have relocated elsewhere. This

she said, would not seem to constitute a "peril," as the loyalty of each has been proved by the Army.

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WANT ADS ---MEN WANTED

For further details inquire at the outside
employment Office.

Hines, Oregon ---- Opening for 10 railroad workers. Pay $86\frac{1}{2}\%$ per hour

Boise, Idaho ---- Opening for one laborer in an ice plant. Pay
75¢ per hour plus living quarters.

Boise, Idaho ---- One tailor wanted. Pay \$5.20 per day.

Payette, Idaho --- Wanted couple and 3 bachelors. Pay 70¢ per hour.
20 farm workers wanted. 60¢ per hour.

Salt Lake City --- 2 workers wanted at Lime and Stone Company.
Pay 80¢ to 86¢ per hour.

Washington, D.C. - Wanted Hostel director. Pay \$100 to \$125 plus
meals and rooms.

Los Angeles, Cal.- A couple wanted to operate 40-room hotel operated
by Japanese.

Seattle, Wash. --- Wanted workers in domestic work. Pay \$80 to
\$100 per month.

New York, N.Y. --- Wanted couple for somestic work. Can accomodate
one child. Pay \$150 per month plus room and board.

Newark, N.J. ---- Offer for one single man as butler, pay \$100
a month plus room and board.

Springfield, Conn. Grocery store for sale. Monthly income over
\$2,000. Price \$6,500.

Springfield, Conn. 6 room house with 2 acres of land for sale for
\$5,250

FROM DAILY NEWS DIGEST ISSUED BY WASHINGTON
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LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS SHOULD PROTECT EQUAL RIGHTS

How could terrorism against the Nisei who return to their California homes happen in this country? A Washington Daily News Editorial of April 27, answers as follows: "While people of German ancestry are not punished for Nazi atrocities, some people think those of Japanese ancestry should be punished for atrocities committed by the enemy. Bit by their splendid record in Italy the Nisei have proved that they and their families are entitled to fair treatment.

"Not only in justice to these fellow Americans who have proved their patriotism the hard way but in all respect to our American ideals our law officers must protect the equal rights of our citizens regardless of ancestry. We cannot win a way against barbarism by becoming barbarians ourselves."

FROM THE DAILY NEWS DIGEST

WHITE MAN'S COUNTRY

(Washington Times Herald)
April 26, 1945

Writing from San Francisco, John O'Donnell, whose columns are carried in the TIMES HERALD and other influential papers, tells of acquittal of three defendants in Sumio Doi case and comments as follows: "Members of a jury in an American court and members of a State Legislature, reflect, in our opinion, the honest thought of the people more clearly than the big shots at the top of the political pile.

"A California jury of six men and five women yesterday acquitted three men and two AWOL soldiers charge with dynamiting the home of a Japanese farmer. The defense stated: "This is a white man's country. Keep it so." The jury agreed. "You'll hear alot mor of that talk when the boys come home."

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PORTLAND FEDERAL HOUSING FOR RELOCATEES

Evacuees relocating to Portland, Oregon, are now eligible for federal housing, if they are employed in essential industries or have members of the immediate family group who are serving in the armed forces or who have been discharged. There are at present six of these housing projects in Portland, all of which will accept qualified relocatees as residents.

The largest of the six is the Vanport City Project on North Denver Avenue, which has 9914 housing units and covers an area of 647 acres. It is the largest federal housing project in the United States and will be the second largest city in Oregon. According to Harold S. Fistere, WRA Relocation Supervisor for the Pacific Northwest, there are now 1600 vacancies in the Vanport Project alone.

Rents for these apartments are low and facilities are good. In the Vanport Project a 1-room apartment rents for \$31 per month; a 2-room for \$38.75; a 3-room for \$44.95; and a 4-room for \$51. Equipment includes a breakfast table, four kitchen chairs, an occasional chair, an electric stove, an ice box, beds, mattresses, blankets, a mirror, and a chest of drawers. Each unit is equipped with a shower bath. Central heat and a central washing unit are provided. The other five projects supply furnishings which are slightly different, and their rents are lower.

For further information on the Vanport Project and the other Project contact the Relocation Office.

RELOCATION PROCEDURES FOR PAROLEES SIMPLIFIED

In order to simplify and speed up procedures for the relocation of alien parolees from WRA centers, officers of the WRA have consulted with officials of the Immigration and Naturalization Service. As a result of these conversations the following orders, eliminating some of the delays previously encountered, have been sent to all district directors of the Immigration and Naturalization Service and to officers in charge of internment camps:

1. Provide for prompt approval of the travel permit authorizing the parolee to proceed to his destination.

2. Direct the parolee to report to an officer of the Immigration and Naturalization Service, or in some instances to a designated public official, within 24 hours after arrival at his destination.
3. Provide that travel permits shall not be denied except in cases where the travel is deemed to be detrimental to the national security.

IMPROVEMENT IN THE INSURANCE SITUATION FOR EVACUEES

The procuring of insurance for evacuees and their property, which was once very difficult, has now become much easier. A recent communication from Mr. Edgar Barnhard, WRA assistant Solicitor in San Francisco, reads as follows: "Perhaps we have ridden out the insurance storm once again. I can now report that the whole situation is very much improved. You will recall that early in 1943, we went through a period when it was almost impossible to place any kind of insurance for evacuees. But once we obtained a single source which could be depended upon to issue policies on acceptable risks--whether the property was owned by evacuees or others-- the whole difficulty died down....."

At present there are several concerns which can place all types of coverage for evacuees anywhere. They are: William Kempenich, 444 California Street, San Francisco, California; Fireman's Fund Insurance Company, 410 California Street, San Francisco, California; and J. B. Henri, Insurance, 626 United States National Bank Building, Denver, Colorado. Most Minidoka residents who have purchased insurance have used the services of the J. B. Henri Agency.

These sources can now procure insurance on real and personal property owned by persons of Japanese ancestry on the same basis and at the same rates as on property owned by anyone else. Moreover, with certain restrictions, they can place automobile insurance of all kinds, including even liability insurance, for evacuees.

A RELOCATEE'S IMPRESSION OF CHICAGO

The following excerpt is from a letter of May 25, 1945, by Mr. Jiro Hirai to Miss Yoshiye Ito of the Welfare Office.

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Mr. Hirai, formerly of Seattle, served at Minidoka as Counselor's Aide and Funeral Director for the Welfare Office. He is now located at 1012 N. Clark Street, Chicago, Illinois, and is working for the Diamond Trading Co., a grocery business which specializes in Oriental foods.

Dear Miss Ito,

This city made a hit with me. It's outside appearance is a mixture of old-fashioned and modern style, and people don't care whether I am Japanese, Chinese, or Caucasian.

One fellow was taking pictures on the sidewalk. This kind of trade I saw at Tacoma about 20 years ago.

Ladies here dress in a common way. There is no difference in dressing from that of Seattle or Portland.....

This store looks small and not very nice, but they are doing a big business. I am going to take over the mail order business, which is interstate trade. If we can develop successfully, it will be a great big one, for Japanese settlers are scattering all over the country....Tell everybody hello for me.

Sincerely,

J. Hirai.

EXCERPTS FROM LETTER OF MAY 25, 1945, FROM IRENE KAWANISHI TO MR. KLEINKOPF. MISS KAWANISHI HAS RETURNED TO SEATTLE AND IS NOW WORKING AS A STENOGRAPHER IN THE REPORTS OFFICE OF THE WRA AREA OFFICE THERE. WHILE SHE WAS AT MINIDOKA MISS KAWANISHI WAS SECRETARY TO THE SUPERINTENDENT OF EDUCATION.

Hello, Mr. Kleinkopf....

The train puffed into Shoshone an hour and 15 minutes late but we hit Seattle right on time. As we stepped off the train, we saw other people scurrying around and we could hear the din of the city above. When we came onto the street level and looked out everything seemed much the same as we left it all in 1942. From this office window I can see an Army office across the street; all sorts of people on the walks below; the cars; the Puget Sound with warships, ferries and funny, awkward boats fishing around; and when I think of Wing 3 and what I could see from the windows that I never did get cleaned....My & what a difference.

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My hours of work are very much the same as it was in Minidoka.

My work is truly interesting...working in the Reports Section keeps one well informed of all the up-to-the-minute blow-by-blow happenings of evacuees. There are times when I drive myself all day and then there are days when I have hardly anything to do....

Life has simmered down to a routine as life was in camp, but it's a nicer routine and much more interesting than the one I led in camp. Oh, yes! I'm very happy to be out of dusty Minidoka. I'm living now and not existing. I've met no unpleasant incidents or experienced any discrimination.....

Minnie (Minnie Nakano who relocated from Minidoka to Port Townsend) and I have been corresponding frequently, and she has asked me to row across the sound to visit her in Pt. Townsend. She writes that the Hood Canal area is blooming luxuriantly with colorful rhododendrons which are Washington's state flower.

With the closure of high school just around the corner, you must be very busy and so I shall stop taking any more of your time by signing off for now. An answer will be greatly appreciated when opportunity proves.

Irene.

COMPLETE LETTER FROM JAMES M. UNOSAWA TO MR. STAFFORD. IT IS DATED MAY21, 1945.

Dear Sir:

This is to inform you of my change of address to 2021 Lane Street, Seattle, Washington.

Everything is okay here and quite different from what the residents up there (at Minidoka) imagine. Hope all of them realize the situation and come out as soon as possible.

Yours very truly,

James M. Unosawa

RELOCATEE'S REACTION TO REGION NEAR ONTARIO, OREGON

Excerpts from a letter to Richard Niver from Dick Kanaya, dated May 25, 1945. Mr. Kanaya, formerly of Seattle and Minidoka, has relocated to Jamieson, Oregon, where he is now farming. While at Minidoka Mr. Kanaya worked as assistant to the Community Analyst.

Dear Mr. Niver,

How fast life changes surprises even me. A little more than a month ago I was back in Hunt, but now I'm up here....

My arrival here has been a very pleasant one with calm weather, beautiful scenery (anything look beautiful after staying in camp for more than 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ years), and a wonderful company to relieve the monotony of an otherwise...unenjoyable trip.....

Now for a few things about Jamieson. I have been here only one month so I don't know much about it. The place I work on is owned by a Caucasian, but the workers are all Japanese. There are about 20 families living around here. There is only one grocery store in Jamieson. The wages are 60¢ to 75¢, depending upon the person. Work 10 hours per day.....

A restaurant or barbar-shop could be opened by relocatees if they could get licenses from the City of Ontario, which has a population of several thousand.....

The places around here are nothing but farming districts, including Ontario, Weiser, Nyssa, Payette, Fruitland, Vale, Jamieson, and Brogan. This locality is good for relocatees who are not afraid to do farm work.....

As far as acceptance by the general public is concerned, so far I have not heard of any unpleasant incidents. In fact, towns like Ontario are booming because of the presence of evacuees.....

Sincerely yours,

Dick Kanaya

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LETTER TO GORDON NEWBRY, STOREKEEPER, FROM J. M. KOBATA
WHO WORKED FOR TWO YEARS IN WAREHOUSE 16

Dear Mr. Newbry,

How are you and everybody in the camp? It's exactly two months since I left camp and it seems only dream to me that I was in the camp with you folks long three years ago. Yet I won't forget that you were very nice not only to me but to all Japanese who worked under you. As being of business man, am kind of busy in the day time but in the night we talk about camp life how we spent and what we did. And we talk all over again and again when two or three Japanese get together too.

However, am glad to come back in Seattle and all my family joined with me three weeks ago. We are doing good business as before the evacuation and people in Seattle treat me like before. I have no funny feeling at all. I don't understand why people in back camp got the bad rumors around. Maybe some few people had unwelcome feeling but not me as we have had good neighbors and good customers. My kids are going to public school in last three weeks and they are enjoying the school life with old friends and new friends already.

Weather? Not so bad and not so hot as camp has but we have too much rains lately compared to three years ago. I have noticed that quite many people from camp walking up and down in Seattle streets in last two weeks and most of them I knew before and in camp. Nice to see them back though. But I am proud to say that I'm the first Japanese to open the business in the city of Seattle without any trouble.

How is Takagi and Yama getting along? Are they still working hard in the warehouses as before? Please give my best regards to them tomorrow, and to Mr. Greenslate, Mr. Phillips and to Mr. Owen. I heard Mr. Koster left camp and went to San Francisco. I hope and wished that He get good jobs in there.

According to IRRIGATOR the camp's newspaper, I have noticed that they are having old men's soft ball games again and too bad that I can't play with them in this year.

Yours sincerely,

Relocation Grant and Travel Assistance now to be paid in cash.

Beginning June 6, 1945, the relocation grant of \$25 per person and the travel assistance of \$1 per meal will be paid in cash to relocatees before they leave the center. Tickets will still be handled, however, on the basis of a government voucher.

JOB OFFERS

EAST

Buffalo, New York Elmwood Business Association needs experienced and apprentice bakers and porters; experienced bakers at \$40 to \$45 per week, with increase in wages as ability is demonstrated; apprentice bakers at \$30 to \$35 per week, with possibility of increases; and porters at \$25 to \$30 per week starting salary. Union membership is not required for any of these jobs. Rooms are available in a rooming house two blocks away for \$5 per week. Evacuees have been rooming here since 1944. This offer is from a business which combines a bakery, restaurant, and sweet shop, and which has been in business for 25 years.

Northwestern Pennsylvania Mrs. Mary Payne, owner of a 1,000 acre farm in Northwestern Pennsylvania, will make almost any financial arrangement with a good family interested in farming part of it. If the head of the family wants to begin on a salary basis, she will pay him \$100 per month, provide living quarters fully furnished, give him a pig for winter meat, provide milk, and let him do as much gardening as possible. If he wants to start on a share basis, she will work out a 5-year lease, furnish all equipment and fertilizer, and the other things mentioned, exclusive of the salary. A share crop arrangement on a percentage basis can be agreed upon. The farm is located 11 miles north of Titusville in a beautiful valley. The land is table land, and will grow such vegetable crops as peas, cabbage, and potatoes, as well as the small grain crops such as wheat, oats, and corn. The housing mentioned consists of either an 8-room or a 5-room house. The farm is only 1 1/2 miles from school, and a bus picks up the children every day.

New York City The Neustadter Home, a convalescent home, wants a cook at \$150 per month, an assistant cook at \$100 per month, several maids at \$60 per month, and several waitresses at \$55 per month. Excellent living quarters will be provided. The work is very light, and there are no seriously ill people in the home. One Japanese scientist has been working there for 20 years, and numerous Nisei girls are now employed as clerical help, receptionists, and nurses aids.

Fairfield, Connecticut Mr. Richard Rodgers of the Writers War Board wants to hire two women or girls. He wants a cook at \$150 per month and a chambermaid-waitress at \$125 per month. A

gardener and a laundress are already employed. Mr. Rodgers has a beautiful home, and whoever takes the jobs will have a suite of 3 rooms plus sitting room, porch, private bath, and radio.

EAST (cont)

Buffalo, New York For sale show repair equipment or for rent shoe repair shop and equipment. The present owner, who has been in business for 25 years, wants to rent or sell his equipment which consists of a stitching machine, sewing machine, cutter for leather, finisher with trimmer, tools and cash register. Sale price is \$600 and rental, including space and electricity, is \$25 per month. If someone wants to buy the equipment and move it to another location, the Buffalo Resettlement Committee will assist in finding a suitable location for a shoe repair shop.

MIDDLE WEST

St. Paul, Minnesota A Mrs. Kindy wants to hire a couple for domestic work. Will pay \$150 per month, and will provide a furnished room as living quarters. The family lives in St. Paul in the summer and in Miami, Florida, in the winter; they would take the couple with them when they go south.

St. Paul, Minnesota The Old People's Swedish Home wants to hire a couple at \$150 per month. Wife to take full charge of the kitchen and husband to do maintenance work. Will furnish private room and bath.

Minneapolis, Minnesota Couple wanted to cook, do housework and yard work. Will pay \$150 per month for couple, and \$175 per month if they have an employable daughter.

Minneapolis, Minnesota Five machine operators wanted at 60¢ to 67¢ per hour. 56 hour work week, with time and 1/2 for hours over 40 per week.

Minneapolis, Minnesota 1 cook (either man or woman) wanted at \$40 per week. Must be experienced dinner or fry cook. Cafe has sleeping room for single man.

South Haven, Michigan. Summer resort, located 2 miles north of South Haven on the Lake Michigan beach, offers summer jobs for single men and boys from June 30 to September 2. An older man is needed for yard work and general handy work and 4 or 5 boys for kitchen work. Experience is not necessary. Wages are \$30 per week plus room and board. 9-hour work day. This is a good offer for students who want to work during the summer vacation.

INTER-MOUNTAIN AREA

Boise, Idaho The Torrence Fuel and Ice Co. wants to hire 3 men for \$6 per day. 7-day week and 8-hour day. Sleeping quarters and cooking facilities furnished.

Pocatello, Idaho The Ralston Purina Ccompany wants to hire 10 men to load grain and feed ingredients. Will pay 70¢ to 80¢ per hour. Work week about 56 hours, with time and one-half for hours over 40 per week. Job is permanent. Housing not furnished, but barrack apartments are available at \$30 to \$45 per month and trailers at \$8 per week.

Boise, Idaho A. H. Burròughs wants to hire 1 couple without children to do housework, cooking, and gardening. Will pay \$150 per month, and will furnish board and room with a private bath. Position is permanent.

Salt Lake City M. S. Rosenblatt, president of the Structural Steel and Forge Co., wants to hire a couple to work on his place near Salt Lake. The woman would be maid and cook and the man, the gardener. The couple would have their own quarters in the main residence; a bedroom, private toilet, and shower would be furnished. Wages \$150 per month with room and board; The residence is only 20 minutes from the center of Salt Lake's business district.

Ogden, Utah The California Packing Corporation wants to hire 60 men and 25 women to do cannery work from June 25th to October 15th. Wages for men are 70¢ an hour straight time, and the work day is 10 to 15 hours. Housing for men: tent houses furnished with cots, mattresses, electric lights, and oil heaters; showers and flush toilets are in conjunction. A mess hall is also provided. Costs 25¢ per day per person. Wages for women 55¢ per hour, and work day 8 to 12 hours. Housing for women; 2-room apartments, with double beds, mattresses, electric lights, cook stoves, tables, chairs, dishes and cooking utensils. Shower room and flush toilets in conjunction. Costs 25¢ per day per person.

Denver, Colorado James S. Yanari, sole owner and operator of a large lumber concern, wants to hire 30 men for falling, limbing, and buck ng and about 40 more for skidding, decking, and sawmill work. Applications accepted till July 1. Single men preferred, but married men can bring families, for there is housing in clean CCC type barracks. Food is prepared by a skilled cook. Will guarantee \$1 per hour on piecework basis established by the War Labor Board, but workers can average \$15 per day within two or three weeks. Logging operation will last at least 8 or 9 months, but Yanari has contracts in Denver with most of the vegetable and produce sheds and the ice houses for employment during the other 3 months. Last year the men were able to make from \$70 to \$80 per week in mid season.

FAR WEST

Seattle, Washington John N. Sylvester wants a woman or girl 20 to 45 years old for general housework, cooking, and care of a 2 1/2 year old child. Will furnish bedroom and board. Wages to be arrived at by mutual agreement. Job permanent.

Oakland, California 1 woman wanted as cook and housekeeper. She would not have to do laundry and heavy cleaning, for other people are employed for these functions. Will pay \$125 per month, plus room and board. There are only 2 adults in the family.

San Francisco, California The Palace Hotel Tailor Shop wants 2 Nisei steam pressers. Wages are \$1.25 per hour, and there are always many tips. The Palace Hotel is one of the finest in San Francisco, and has a wealthy clientele. 48 hour week, with additional overtime on rush jobs. Union affiliation is not necessary, but worker may join if he wants to. Union will admit Nisei on a permit basis. One Nisei has been working here for the past 4 months.

San Francisco, California Medical stenographers wanted for record room. Trial period of 3 months at \$135 per month; then a raise to \$150. Medical laboratory technicians wanted at \$160 to \$180 per month. Apprentice medical laboratory technicians (high school graduates) wanted at \$125 to \$140 per month. No license required for this last job. Will pay more when license secured. No experience necessary; will train for job.

Los Angeles, California Joseph Nolan, RKO Studio, wants an experienced domestic couple for his Orange Ranch at Upland, California, Man as houseman and gardener and woman as cook and general house-keeper. Wages \$200 per month. Separate 2-room house with complete kitchen and bath furnished.

SOUTHWEST

Spring Branch, Texas Mrs. Henry B. Thompson wants man to work on her ranch and woman to do domestic work. Job of indefinite duration and wages to be agreed on. Ranch has modern newly decorated 6-room house.

BULLETIN

NW Area

July 19, 1945

During the past few weeks the resettlement reports from the Northwest area have become increasingly optimistic. There has been a constant flow of Minidoka residents to Portland and Seattle and residents and appointed personnel alike are receiving word from the resettlers that all is well with them.

Many of the relocatees are operating hotels and apartment houses which are filled to capacity. Especially good reports have been received concerning the Reynolds Hotel operated by Mrs. Mary Imayanagita, the Delmar Hotel operated by the Tanemuras, the N.P. Hotel managed by Yoshito Fujii, the Seattle Hotel and Arlington Apartments managed by Frank Kinomoto, the Interurban Hotel operated by M. Sugawara, the Cascade Hotel run by S. Shimomura and the Baldwin Apartments run by Shig Ishikawa.

Among those doing business in Seattle are Mr. Egashira, who operates the Jackson Cafe, Mr. Hayashi, who is running a grocery store, the Murakamis, who early this month opened the Higo Ten Cent Store, and the Obatas, who are operating the Cherryland Florist on 12th Avenue.

Two dentists, Dr. Harada and Dr. Nomura, have re-established successful practices and Dr. Unosawa, chiropractor, is preparing to open his office in the Murakami Building.

Mr. and Mrs. Seizo Itoi have established their home at 2001 East Alder Street, Seattle.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Sakamoto and their son, George, are operating the Bushell Hotel at 1036, 1st. Ave. Portland.

Not only the Northwest Area but California as well is rapidly becoming re-populated with Japanese-Americans.

Katsujiro Miyamoto from Granada has returned to his former employer, Mrs. E.H. Denke, 1317 Hyde Street, San Francisco where he worked for 35 years prior to evacuation.

Koutei Sugaya from Topaz has re-opened his Pine Street Laundry at 2325 Pine Street, San Francisco. The laundry was established by Mr. Sugaya in 1923 and was greatly enlarged and equipped in 1941. Upon his return the owner found everything in good order.

Mrs. Kimiko Nakanishi, from Topaz, has opened an employment agency at 2023, Pine Street, San Francisco.

Gila River has announced the resettlement of one of its most prominent residents--Dr. George Iki--in Los Angeles.

Before evacuation Dr. Iki lived in Sacramento. In Los Angeles he will be associated with the Polyclinic Hospital.

An increasing number of services are being made available to relocatees. Persons relocating or passing through Ogden Utah should contact the Travelers' Aid Society there. It is located at 110 25th St., one-half block from the main depot.

In Salt Lake City an evacuee service bureau has been established under the direction of Fred Toyota and J. Oyama. The service bureau is located at 140 West 1st Street, South Salt Lake City. They are prepared to give any assistance to new comers including meeting trains, helping individuals to find housing, jobs and places to eat.

The Seattle Council of Churches and Christian Education, representing fourteen Christian denominations has set up an extensive program providing services of all kinds to returning evacuees. All those planning to relocate to the Seattle area, who would like information and personal assistance are asked to write Miss E'Lois Shook, Director of the United Church Ministry to the Returning Japanese, 312 Old Times Building, Seattle, Washington.

The United Church Hostel is now open at 1236 Washington Street, Seattle, Washington.

Relocatees are reminded that Federal housing is now available in Seattle and Portland to all those who have family members in war work or in the armed services of the United States.

Incidentally, Issei must carry their Alien Registration Cards on their person when applying for either short term or indefinite leave and when traveling outside the center. This is vitally necessary during war time and aliens must be ready to identify themselves to army and navy intelligence officers, government agents or civilian police if they are asked to do so.

For those going East, temporary housing in the New York area is provided by the Hostel located at 168 Clinton Street, Brooklyn. This establishment is supported by the Church of the Brethren and the Baptist Home Mission.

In Philadelphia 150 family vacancies are available in the public housing project there. The Philadelphia WRA office has 200 war jobs available for evacuees. Anyone of which would qualify a family to have a house in the public housing project.

Job Offers

An excellent employment offer has been received by the Relocation Office from the Farmers Lumber Company for 36 men to work at a sawmill located 1 mile east of Boise, Idaho. Green chain men will be paid \$1.10 to \$1.35 per hour. Lumber pilers \$1.10 to \$1.35 per hour. 2 cabins are available for housing, each of which would be suitable for a small family or for bachelor quarters. Board is also furnished. These jobs are year around.

At Salt Lake City, Utah there is a good opening for a young man as chauffeur and house boy. Salary is \$100 per month with board and excellent housing accommodations furnished.

The Hillcrest Country Club at Boise Idaho still needs a cook. For this permanent job the salary is \$2.50 per month, with board and room furnished.

The Bethayres Concrete Products Company at Bethayres, Pennsylvania has submitted an offer for 5 Issei or Nisei laborers. Wages are \$51 per week, but for those wishing to work on a piece work basis there is an opportunity to make \$60 or \$70 per week. Since this company is performing about 70% war work. Employees stand a good chance of receiving public housing. The offer states that there is a strong possibility that persons now employed by this concern will be retained indefinitely to do post war work.

If three Issei or Nisei farm families would like to resettle together there is a good opportunity for them to do so on a 1,000 acre farm in West Central Pennsylvania. The owner, the regional head of OPA at Centerville Pennsylvania, needs them to operate his completely mechanized farm on percentage basis. Three improved houses of 6 or 7 rooms each are available for their use. Machinery, fertilizer milk, produce, and pigs for the winter food will all be furnished.

A church at Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania offers \$125 per month for a caretaker. There is also an opportunity for his wife to work part time. A furnished three room apartment, with heat and light paid, will be supplied for the couple.

Translation of New Bulletin of 4/18/41

The news in Seattle and there-about are very interesting to the camp composed of the North-Western evacuees.

The Anti-Japanese group and the "Remember Pearl Harbor" group had the joint-convention at the Beacon Hill in Seattle last week. Mr. Shimit, the Professor of Sociology in University of Washington, accompanied by 150 students, attended the convention and distributed the Pro-German Pamphlets, thus disturbing the meeting in confusion, according to "Seattle Times."

Seattle WRA has advertised "help wanted" through the long distance telephone: "Gardener at \$150 a month. Housework-maid at \$100 a month."

The situation of agriculture in the Middle West and the East.

Three pamphlets relating to this have been sent to the Reports Office this week. Two of them are written in Japanese, and the other in English. They are the report relating to farming. The majority of the Japanese resettled there are in the mind to stay there. The uncultivated futile land is the strong point on agriculture in the State of Michigan. The great question is the irrigation.

Many pamphlets regarding the business opportunity are coming to the project, and are expected to be distributed to the residents in the Center this week.

Mr. Steiding, New York WRA Official is here at present, but expect to to to Seattle. After a month, he will come back again and will report everything to the residents in the Center.