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U+C = Urban + Commercial Insult  
F = Farm

(S) = Supplementary notes

{ 6/5/43 : date case opened  
[ 8/9/43 : date case closed  
{ 11/2/43 : date case re-opened  
[ 3/5/44 : date case re-closed  
etc... when together

Yellow: FRB files

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7-17-43

8-18-43

Abe Florence

San Francisco

Heart Mountain

Sale of Radio and Camera for \$20 to Frank Wilmer  
SalvationArmy 1450 Laguna S.F.



9-29-42

5-28-43

Abe, Makoto

1020 Peralta Ave, San Leandro

our assistance requested to obtain release of  
evacuee pump from property of former landlord.  
after considerable negotiations, pumps together  
with other equipment sold to landlord for  
\$175.00

Evacuee leased certain premises from C. Rose 1021 Peralta Ave.  
San Leandro. This lease expired on July 1, 1942. At this time of  
his evacuation on or about March 25, 1942, he made arrangements  
with Mrs. Tony Souza of 1034 Peralta Avenue, San Leandro for the  
care of the said ranch until date of expiration. About two  
years ago he ~~purshased~~ purchased a water pump from Ar-Go Pump



Co. in Oakland for \$550. He made arrangements with the pump Co. to remove the pump for the premises on expiration of the lease and store. But Rose refused to let the pump go claiming that he owned it.

Letter from Browne to Edward M. Fellows, attorney of Rose, Oct. 13 1942:

We visited Mr Rose.. a few days ago and endeavored to learn from him his reasons for not permitting the removal of this pump. The only information we were able to get from Mr. Rose was a more or less incoherent statement that Mr. Abe was indebted to him for \$300, but were unable to obtain any information as to what this indebtedness ~~was~~ was for.

Letter from Fellows to WRA Oct. 20 1942

Abe indebted for \$300 of rent and additional sum for damages to the property and value of stove and bathtub removed.

Memo to Project Director from Robinson Nov. 1942

Tony Souza and his daughter were contacted.. and in the course of the conversation stated that Mr. Rose's son had remarked that there was no reason why he and his father should not get some of

Abe, Makoto

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the property away from Abe as well as Souza who had already gotten theirs( referring presumably to Abe's property now stored in Souza's barn). They also stated that the Roses had said that Abe had been making lots of money off their property and the Roses had not been receivng enough from Abe for the use of the land and that the Roses intended to hold the ~~pump~~ pump if possible as they would need it to properly crop the land/~~Litalies~~ mine// Mentioned that bathtub old galvanized and badly rusted, stove fell apart when the Souzas attempted to move it after the x Abes had gone...

The Roses ~~contacted~~ and they stated that \$300 represented the increase in rent which they had wanted to impose on the Abes( The yearly rental was \$300). They later furnished an itemized statement of the debt over the \$300

Cost of lumber for the replacement of <del>the</del>	
a partition which Rose claimed Abe had taken	
out during his occupancy	\$7.00
Replacement of wood and coal stove	\$40.00
Installing of second hand bathtub & replacement of	
pipes which had allegedly been taken out by Abe	\$20.00
Total	\$137.00

Abe not willing to pay for the stove but willing to settle the whole affair for \$97~~x~~ and recover his pump.

Rose wrote direct to evacuee in March 1943 offering to purchase the pumping plant for \$175, \$100 down and \$75 in 90 days, and release the evacuee from all claims made to him heretofore. Contract prepared for conditional sale of pump. (April 3 1943)

**Memo from Browne to Evacuee prop. officer April 20:**

Upon contacting Rose, he stated that he had already completed this transaction and that he had paid to Mrs. Souza the full \$175 and obtained a receipt for the payment for this money as well as the possession of this equipment. Agreement signed May 24 and bill of sale forwarded.

**WRA#156. Transport. of property from Mrs. Souza:** Sewing machine, Combination radio set, G.E. washing machine, ~~l~~kbox books.

**WRA-155: Storage:** Kitchen utensils, pots & pans, Toys, dishes, Vases, 1 table, 12 chairs, trunks and suitcases

**Memo Oct 12 1943 from Tracy:** Many items missing from articles stored in Mrs. Souza ranch. 7 families had stored goods there.



Abe Yuri + Harukichi

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10/8/43

1/4/44

Mountain View  
Tule Lake

They had constructed a residence and out buildings upon some leased property. The property on which these buildings were constructed was in the process of being sold, & the owner of the land wished to have the building removed. An effort was made to dispose of them of the evictees without success. Finally after considerable negotiations, the owner of the property was persuaded to make a \$600 offer for their purchase. This offer was accepted by the Abes & a check

for this amount was obtained & forwarded to them. A statement covering the income + expense in connection with the operation of this property for the evacuee was also obtained together with a settlement amounting to \$109.76. The settlement was accepted by the Abes & the \$109.76 remitted to them.

MemO of Browne to Project Director: November 23, 1943.

Mr. Mantelli was in today and submitted to us for transmittal to you a statement of the receipt and expenditures covering his operation of the property in 1943.

Receipts;;.....	\$5,230.89
Expenditure.....	\$4,956.49
Net Profit	\$ 274.40

But the expenditure includes wages to Mantelli for \$1,500. 40% of net profit is \$109.76 which goes to Abe, and the rest goes to Mantelli.

In 1942 Mantelli had charged only \$400 for his labor.

*In 1942 the Abes received \$814.86*

~~Original lease~~ Prior to Evacuation Mr. Mantelli ~~had~~ had leased part of his property at 458 Ada Avenue, Mountainview, to a Japanese family, which ~~raised berries~~ cultivated berries. At evacuation under the suggestion of FSA officer ~~was~~ an arrangement was made whereby Mantelli would crop the berries and give 40% of the net profits to the Abes. This arrangement expired in December 1943. By July 1942 Mantelli complained about the lease, saying difficult to get labor, and that all the 7 or 8 members of the Japanese property used to work on the crop. Yet Mantelli found it profitable to crop the berries in 1943. The arrangement was not renewed and Mantelli insisted on having the Abes remove their house. Mantelli had taken operation in April 1942.



[Thus the whole berry crop for two years netted only \$1,000 to the Abes and they had to sell their house for \$600. They made \$1,600 in cash but:

- 1) lost their house
- 2) Had to pay for substitute operation (\$1,600) to Mantelli plus his profits.
- 3) Had to pay for higher labor cost.]

11-3-43

11-5-43

Abiko Y.

2132 Pine Street, San Francisco

Central Utah

Secretary of Jap-American News. Had considerable property ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ in building owned by Zellerbach Paper Co.. Building to be sold (650 Ellis St.) Requested removal of property. Case transferred to Transportation dept. Property was removed.

Adno, Jintaro

was reported to have stored some of his personal property in private storage in Mill Valley and that some of this property had been stolen. Mr. Douglas Nye of Mill Valley telephoned this information and stated that he believed he knew the people who had taken it and that the stolen property might be recovered. Investigation confirmed the fact that in all probability some of the personal property belonging to this evacuee had been stolen, and that Mrs. Leslie Arave of Mill Valley had authority under a power of attorney to act for Ando. It was suggested to her that she work with the local police in an endeavor to recover the stolen property. In addition to this action, authorization was obtained from this evacuee to remove the balance of his personal property to the Government warehouse.



Akiyoshi, T. Mr.

8-31-43

11-4-43

Tule Lake

Sale of 1940 Chrysler 6 Windsor Sedan, Engine #C 25  
35274 for \$1,100. Bids ranged from \$850 to \$1200.

5-11-43  
6-23-43

Akizuki, Masuo

Heart Mountain

Sale of 1935 Chev. Sedan requested. Bids ranged from \$155 to \$225. Akizuki has refused all bids and prefers to leave his car standing in Pearson Garage, Los Altos.

Ando, Frank Shokichi  
Rt. 1 Box 38 Tracy  
Gila River

8-24-42  
11-24-42

2 trucks left with H. W. Grimes of Tracy. Devine holds  
pink slips and wants to sell to recover \$367 debt.  
Frank Devine creditor, Youngs, El Dorado Co.



Antoku, Ted Teruo  
Mountain View  
Heart Mountain

5-19-43  
6-24-43

Sale of automobile, 1939 Chev. for \$600. Mr. W.W. Reynolds of Los Altos. Mr. Antoku had previously advised he was handling direct. However, Reynolds asked us to ~~supervise~~ supervise negotiations.

Wishes to secure radio for car purchase from Antoku.

Antoku Yeitaro  
Mountain View  
Heart Mountain

7-13-43  
8-21-43

Personal Property stored with F. L. Bennett Rt 2 Bx. 198  
Mountain View. Mr. Bennett has sold his property and new  
owner wishes it removed. Case turned over to Transp.  
Dept.

Aoki, Choguro

2100 Mason Street San Francisco

Central Utah

Laundry

2/11/44

3/31/44

requested us to find out if his equipment left with William J. Raffetto, 401 Columbus Avenue, San Francisco, was being used. Investigation revealed the fact that Mr. Aoki had left certain cleaning equipment with Mr. Raffetto with instructions that he sell it for him. Mr. Raffetto reported that complying with Mr. Aoki's request he had sold this equipment on a conditional sales contract and after receiving some payments on the contract was forced to repossess the equipment. He again sold it under a similar arrangement and after receiving another down payment again took repossession. A complete statement covering these transactions together with his check for balance indicated by this statement was obtained from Mr. Raffetto and forwarded to the evacuee.



Aoki, Masa

*Aoki Music Shop*

1223 1/2 4" 5" Sacto

requested our assistance in the collection of \$108.24 from Masahi Takehara, another evacuee, whom Mrs. Aoki claimed was indebted to her for the balance owing on a Sparks Gas Range she had sold prior to evacuation. Masashi Takehara's present address was obtained and forwarded to Mrs. Aoki and she was requested to contact him directly.

Aramaki, Yoneko

requested assistance in renting his property located at 69 Union Street, Watsonville, in order to keep current payments to Perry M. Andrews who held a lien against the property. John L. McCarthy of Watsonville, Attorney for Mr. Aramaki, was contacted and after some negotiation succeeded in renting this property to some Chinese for \$55.00 per month and arrangements were made with him to turn over the proceeds of this rent to Mr. Andrews.

Aramaki, Yoneko

U. C

Requested our assistance in the sale of a considerable amount of grocery stock and store equipment that he had stored in a warehouse in Watsonville. After having an inventory of the property made and obtaining a ~~bid~~ number of bids ranging from \$300 to \$1,500 and submitting these bids to the evacuee, we were informed that he had decided not to sell his property owing to the fact that there was a considerable property of other evacuees stored with his property in this warehouse which would be difficult to ~~segregate~~ segregate.



Hotel?

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} 5/24/43  
} 6/18/43

Ashizawa M.

1675 Post S.F.

Central Utah

Requested to contact Evance to obtain permission to rent his property. Evance advised he did not wish to rent.

(Property rented in May.)

E.P. Brown memo to C.F. Ernst Central Utah. May 24 '43

"Residence in the vicinity of Mr. Ashizawa's property which were formerly occupied by people of Japanese descent are now largely occupied by people of the colored race. We have 2 prospective colored tenants for Mr. Ashizawa's

property should be willing to rent. One of these prospective tenants says if Mr. Ashizawa cares to rent the property he will repair the roof, paint the front of the house & also paint the rooms at his own expense... articles would be stored at <sup>gov. warehouse,</sup> Trust to Burne July June 1943. Ashizawa for

various personal reasons not willing to rent  
memo <sup>Re</sup> Ashizawa, ~~April~~ <sup>April</sup> 1 1944. Commercial  
property vandalized. Should move it out.  
~~memo <sup>Re</sup> Ashizawa April 6.~~ p

URA 155 signed march -  
Typewriter Key making machine, adding machine  
stolen. Refrigerator & sewing machine picked up  
at City Hall. Anglo Calif National Bank Trustee  
for property.

Ashizawa M.

Negroes pilfering hardware in basement of  
property

Teletype May 12 1944: offer for rent for \$125.00  
San Rhine agent.

6/27/44 B. Called Rhine. Property just rented  
on month to month basis.



D

C

Chono, H.K.

We received an offer from Earl Rainer to purchase for \$1,100.00 the 1941 four-door sedan belonging to this subject. This offer was submitted to the evacuee who declined to accept it stating that he had received a \$1,500.00 plus \$30.00 storage offer for the purchase of this car. Additional bids were then solicited and an offer of \$1,550.00 was received which was accepted by the evacuee. The necessary papers for transfer were obtained and as the car was located in the Sacramento territory the case was transferred to them for completion.



D

Domoto, Takayuki

An inquiry was received from H.E. Russell, Realtor of 329-8th Street, Richmond, California, enclosing a purchase agreement and deposit slip containing and offer to purchase two lots in Richmond, California belonging to the subject for a consideration of \$500.00 net cash. A number of letters were written to Mr. Domoto at his last known address, Route 2, Woodstock and Oak Street, Crystal Lake, Illinois, in an endeavor to submit this offer to him without receiving a reply. This information was conveyed to Mr. Russell and Domoto's address was given to him. Case closed.

Domoto, Takin Jr.

U + C

Was discovered to be the owner of a piece of property on the N.E. corner of Melrose and 50th. Avenue in Oakland , after a request was received from a real estate agent in Oakland that had a client who wished to purchase it. When we contacted the evacuee we were informed that he had given his power of attorney to an accountant in Oakland authorizing him to handle the property. This attorney in fact informed us that he would not require our assistance in the handling of this property.

(sent to  
Cooking)



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Dowke, Taneo

Central Utah .

requested that an investigation be made to determine why Benjamin C. Mickle of the Tyson Chrome Mine Ltd. had failed to make four months' payments of rent for the use of this evacuee's truck at the charge of \$.03 per mile. Mr. Mickle was contacted and exhibited a copy of a contract covering the rental of this truck. This contract contained an option for the purchase of this truck at a purchase price of \$500.00. It also stipulated that all payments of rent made for the use of this truck could be applied towards the purchase price should the Tyson Chrome Mines Ltd. wish to exercise this option. Mr. Mickle stated that the Tyson Chrome Mines Ltd. had now decided to exercise its option to purchase this truck and had notified the evacuee that they were ready to make a final payment amounting to \$296.31 as soon as the evacuee

transferred title of the truck to them. He further stated that no monthly payments had been made towards the rental of this truck since notifying Mr. Dowke of their desire to complete purchase. The evacuee was informed of Mr. Mickle's statement and requested to forward the ownership certificate properly endorsed and we would collect the \$296.31. The ownership certificate was finally received and the collection was made from Mr. Mickle and remitted to the evacuee.

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✓  
Kiyoko Enomoto, Kiyoko.

1719 Buchanan S.F.

Tule Lake

S. Requested assistance in sale of real property for \$6,500. Submitted bid of \$4,500 rejected by wacue

to High Director  
Memo From Browne March 16, 1943: "For your information since the evacuation of the Japanese people from S.F. there has been a large influx of colored people into the neighborhoods which were formerly occupied by the Japanese people. This in the opinion of real estate dealers has adversely affected the value of the real estate in those districts."

Enomoto, Mrs.

San Francisco

2023 Geilpin St Denver

Obtained an offer of \$3,500 for the purchase of his property. offer submitted to evacee who stated that he preferred not to sell at this time

Property at 1548 Webster S.F.

{ 6/26/43  
7/21/43

## Emmanji Buddhist Temple

A field trip was made to Sebastopol at the request of Mr. R.T. Robinson who had received an inquiry from the Spanish Consul, F. de Amat asking for information concerning the destruction or loss of evacuee property stored in the Emmanji Buddhist Temple at Route 3, Box 24, Sebastopol. An inspection was made of this property and a report submitted to Mr. Robinson in relation to the attempted burning of this temple by boys. It was found that the fire had caused very little damage to the temple itself and none of the personal effects within the temple had been burned.



F

Fuji Grocery,  
Portland, Oregon

George Azumano, owner, had considerable difficulty in finding a purchaser for his store. He finally started negotiations with two Chinese purchasers, partners, whom he brought to the Evacuee Property Department office to discuss terms. At the suggestion of the Department's representative the purchasers borrowed sufficient funds to pay cash for the inventory. The fixtures and a delivery truck were handled on a sales contract deposited in the seller's bank for collection. Later a tax problem arose which was successfully adjusted with the new purchaser.

Mikado Baths,  
Portland, Oregon

In a round table discussion with Somaji Hara, owner of the Mikado Baths, his attorney, Paul Harrowitz, landlord and Evacuee Property Department representatives, a reasonable and agreeable settlement was reached regarding some fixtures which had been removed and sold by Hara against the wishes and without the permission of the landlord.



Fujikawa, Harry Y.

requested assistance in the collection of \$350.00 from Bob Terhart, Rt. 2, Box 24F, Gilroy, California, in payment for the balance of the purchase price of a 1938 Buick car. Bob Terhart was contacted at the above address and agreed to pay \$50.00 a month into this subjects bank account in the Gilroy Bank of America until this indebtedness was paid. This bank verified the fact that these payments have now been completed and the evacuee is being notified of this fact.

Fujioka, Kiyao

117 N. Fremont St. San Mateo

Central Utah

} 7/31/43  
[ 8/18/43

Investigated the real property belonging to this evacuee made a personal check of the personal property located thereon and obtained an accounting from his agent.

Furniture checked against inventory + found O.K.

Fujiki, Jack

together with a number of other evacuees had stored his personal effects in one of the ranch houses belonging to Mr. N.M. Borina in Watsonville, California. Mr. Borina requested the removal of this property as he was urgently in need of this building to house his help. We obtained authorization from all of the evacuees to remove this property, and these authorizations were then turned over to the Transportation Section for execution.



Fujimoto Masato

San Martin

{ 9/16/43  
2 10/6/43

10212 Wilbur Ave, Cleveland Ohio

Request to ~~buy~~ purchase ~~owner's~~ vacant  
property reportedly belonging to Fujimoto.  
Fujimoto when notified reported that he did  
not own the property & the prospective  
purchaser was so informed. No further action  
requested

Fujita, Henry Kiyoshi

6/29/43

8/30/43

Document

Central Utah

A Mr. Donaldson requested our assistance in an endeavor to locate & secure for him certain fishing tackle & rods reportedly left with Henry's Tackle shop owned by Fujita.

Erasmus reported that the equipment remaining in his store was left in such disorderly condition that he knew of no way to identify it in order to return it to Donaldson.

Fie Kumitau, Yukio  
Sacramento  
Tule Lake

2/22/43  
4/20/43

5. Requested assistance in sale of her beauty  
equipment for \$650. Unable to locate anyone  
to submit bids



Furuike, Mary Abe #6036 (?)  
Alien Female 28  
Sunnyvale (?)

5/2/10/42  
6/8/5/43

24-16F Heart Mt

This woman owned a small building on property formerly leased from Manuel S. Dutra of Sunnyvale who wished to have the improvements removed from his property. After considerable negotiation, the building was finally sold to Dutra for \$150.00

Memo from Robinson EPD, Dec. 10 1942 to Mrs. Furuike

We have a letter from Manuel S. Dutra of Sunnyvale asking about the purchase price of a building located on 4.82 acres of land leased from him. According to the copy of the lease furnished

this office by Mr. Dutra the term of the lease has expired. Mr. Dutra in his letter writes as follows "This building was offered for sale by the said lessee for \$50. I wish to purchase thi building.

Letter from Browne to Dutra, Jan. 22 1943:

Furuike willing to sell only at \$250 or rent building and Dutra collects rent.

Memo from project director to EP Browne, April 22 1943:

Dutra offers to purchase the building for \$200 minus an undetermined expense bill for cleaning the grounds.

Memo from Browne to Project Director, Heart Mt. June 11, 1943

Dutra contacted by field representative. He stated that owing to the material that was used on the walls of the interior of the house and to the condition of the floors in the house as well as the fact that the house does not contain a toilet or a bathroom that he had been unable to rent it. He is demanding ground rent of \$15 per month for six months, <sup>had been</sup> ~~but is~~ willing to purchase the property for \$175. After talking over with his wife, he is willing to compromise for \$150 and forget

Furuike, Mary Abe  
the ground rent.

Furuikr accepted to well for \$250, and transaction was  
consummated July 6, 1943.

WRA-155 for storage of property.

WRA-156 for transportation of property August 21 1943

1 Singer sewing machine

WRA-156 for transportation of property August 16 1943

1 Washing Mashige

1 cook stove & utensils

1 old mattress

1 box of clothes



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H

Hagiwara

Golden Gate Park Japanese Tea Garden Concession -  
San Francisco, Calif.

Hagiwara Family

This case came to our attention March 13, 1942 through Mr. H. S. Young, attorney at law, acting as attorney and family advisor for the Hagiwara family.

This family, consisting of four living generations, has been occupying the concession located within Golden Gate Park for more than forty years, operating under a verbal agreement only, until about two years ago. At that time a written lease was executed subject to termination by either party on thirty days' written notice.

The problem involved was a complicated one embracing determination of ownership of permanent improvements located within the concession, consisting of buildings, bridges, etc., thousands of growing plants and flowers - some in the ground - many in pots and boxes; valuable works of art and sculpture scattered throughout the concession, some firmly embedded, others free; and a large number of other



types of personal property situated in the building used by the family as their home. Accentuated by antagonisms created by George Hagiwara and a friend named Schnabel, to whom power of attorney had been conveyed by the family, the situation rapidly threatened to end in legal complications and furthermore, undesirable publicity in the newspapers was anticipated due to the large public interest in the concession.

At a joint meeting of representatives of the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco, the Army, the City and County of San Francisco and the Board of Park Commissioners, an effort was made to amicably reach some mutually satisfactory agreement promptly, inasmuch as the family was facing evacuation within a very brief period. Two representatives of the Board of Park Commissioners were appointed to meet with two members of the Hagiwara family, and a representative of the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco. The last named was authorized in the event no mutual agreement between two parties could be reached, to determine the ownership of property then in dispute and such decision would be binding upon the family and the City.

After private consultations with the City representatives and the Hagiwara family, immediately followed by joint meetings of all interests concerned, prompt and satisfactory adjudications were made of all of the important items under dispute. It was not necessary in a single instance for the representative of the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco to exercise his authority in determining title. Written agreements were executed by both the Board of Park Commissioners and responsible members of the Hagiwara family, relinquishing all further claims against the other and permitting the prompt removal of the properties mutually adjudged to belong to the Hagiwara family, from the Park. The Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco arranged for drayage facilities to convey these personal properties under prior dispute to the home of a friend of the family in Mill Valley, California, who, upon investigation, we found possessed advantageous facilities for caring for the properties until final disposition by the Hagiwara family.

Both the Board of Park Commissioners by formal resolution and the Hagiwara family orally conveyed their appreciation to the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco for their efforts in promptly and fairly adjusting a difficult situation of broad interest to not only the Hagiwara family and the Board of Park Commissioners, but also to the citizens of San Francisco.



F

5/4/43  
11/8/43

Hanasaki Shingis

Richmond Ave, Coyote

22-1-B gila River

Farm equipment listed with U.S.D.A. <sup>War</sup> Board  
Stored at Coyote on Joe Freitas and Calif.  
Land Ranches

Haribara H

June 17 1943

At time of vacation M: Gus Vlassis rented Haribara's ranch & continued to use his pump under Haribara's name. Amount owed to P.G.E. \$28.44. P.G.E. suing Haribara Haribara will have to pay & collect from Vlassis. Vlassis moved out of ranch taking with him Haribara's equipment. Did not return it until suit was filed against him.

Harris, Mrs. Stacey P.  
San Francisco, Calif.

Mrs. Stacey Harris, Japanese alien married to an American Petty Officer in the United States Navy now stationed at Pearl Harbor, owned a six-room cottage in Vallejo, California. On or about February 24, 1942 Mrs. Harris, being alien, was ordered out of Vallejo, a prohibited zone, and moved to the above address in San Francisco. Just before leaving she leased her home, partially furnished, to a Mrs. Kirk at an agreed rental of \$60.00 per month. Thereafter Mrs. Kirk, although begging Mrs. Harris for the premises, because of scarcity, complained to the Fair Rent Committee on a charge of excessive rental and a hearing was ordered. Furthermore, on this date, April 15, 1942, Mrs. Kirk refused to pay the rent as of the first of the month, still occupying the premises.

On obtaining the full facts regarding this case the bank



representative arranged with the Fair Rent Committee of Vallejo for representation by the Bank of America under letter of appointment as her agent to collect the rents and answer the charges made by Mrs. Kirk.

The results obtained in this controversy were that Mrs. Kirk paid the rent as of April 1, 1942 and agreed to continue payments thereafter on the basis of \$60.00 per month or vacate the property upon any further contention for a reduction in rental. This settlement was made to the full satisfaction of Mrs. Harris.

Hasagawa Minom # 26798

Tule Lake

Request for Transport of inspectors from  
Jap. Community House, Vancouver Wash.

House broken in twice. Goods damaged.

Hasegawa Masajiro #9335 Jila

Owner (wife) of Ethelton Apartments 2323

West 11<sup>th</sup> St. L.A.

Letter Nov 19 from Property Management Dept of ~~W. I.~~  
W. I. Hollingsworth & Co. asks from Hasegawa  
#229.48 taxes, delinquent Dec 5.  
#225 Nov. installment on mortgage.

"We regret that the property does not show  
an income sufficient to pay these taxes... but  
we have found it necessary to make replacements  
of all kinds in the apartment, and the  
manager is demanding an increase of \$15.00 per  
month which we have agreed to give her, as it  
is almost impossible to find any one due to the labor shortage



letter from same agency to Cozzens.

"most of these properties owned by Japanese in Los Angeles were operated by the owners, who, with the members of their family, did all ~~a~~ a major part of the work for which it is now necessary to employ outside people, and the income of the property has been largely absorbed for this purpose together with the payments of interest + principal on the mortgages + the replacement of equipment."

Arrangements for sale of property. Have now to pay 450 mortgage (Nov. Dec.). Menace of foreclosure. Personal goods shipped to Wacuse.

George Harbida

House: 819 A Street Fresno

Broken into

(April 29 1944)

Hashimoto, Sumiye

requested an investigation to determine whether or not the basement at 1671 Post Street, San Francisco, where he had goods stored appeared to have been tampered with. An inspection of the property revealed that from outward appearances this house had not been tampered with. However, the rear downstairs portion of this building could not be inspected since the only entrance was through an upstairs flat which was vacant and locked. The evacuee was informed of the results of our investigation and it was suggested to him that if he would send us a key to the upstairs flat, we would be glad to make a more thorough investigation. As no request for further services was received the case was closed.



Hayakawa, Yoneo

was the owner of a small house, garage, shed and other out buildings which were located on property belonging to Mrs. Charlotte Scheller of 847 Jackson Street, Santa Clara, California. Mrs. Scheller had entered into negotiations to sell this farm property and desired to purchase Hayakawa's buildings so that they could be included with the sale of the property. She requested that Hayakawa be contacted and that we ascertain from him the price at which he would be willing to sell, and at the same time request him to remove his personal property and equipment from the premises.

In order to facilitate the negotiations Mrs. Scheller was requested to submit an offer for their purchase,

which she did in the amount of \$300.00 less \$10.00 for wind damage to the roof of one of the buildings or \$290.00 net. A Bill of Sale was obtained from Hayakawa and Mrs. Scheller's check for \$290.00 forwarded to him.

Hayashi, Hirokichi

Oakland

nursery

who is the owner of a large greenhouse and nursery property located at 73rd Avenue and Krause Street, Oakland, requested our assistance in the sale of a tier of lots facing on 73rd Avenue and to obtain a tenant willing to take a lease on the balance of his nursery property. We succeeded in obtaining a \$3,400.00 bid for the tier of lots facing on 73rd Avenue and submitted it to Hayashi for his consideration. This bid was not accepted by Hayashi owing to the fact that he was negotiating privately for the sale of all of his holdings at this location.



Hayashida, Tamehachi,  
Downey, California

This American born Japanese girl called at our office March 19, 1942, asking our assistance in relation to disposition of a crop of strawberries which were then ready for market. The alien father had been interned by Federal authorities and the girl wanted to dispose of the growing crop in order to retire notes held by a bank, proceeds of which had been used to promote the agricultural operations.

Upon our advice the bank was contacted. It subsequently developed that the landlord refused to approve a new lessee but had agreed to take things over and harvest and sell the crops and use the proceeds to pay the indebtedness of the Japanese. Pending evacuation he also agreed to advance some funds for living expenses. At that time Miss Hayashida considered the growing crop of strawberries to be worth \$10,000.00 gross; this figure apparently was

based on previous crop records for the place. She felt also that he was discouraging possible buyers and had refused to approve potential lessees who were willing to take the crop over.

We suggested that she ask the landlord to come into the office and discuss the matter with us. Although he did not come to the office we discussed the matter with him by telephone. At that time he offered to settle \$2,100.00 worth of debts for the Japanese and pay \$200.00 to Miss Hayashida as consideration for the strawberry crop. After several subsequent contacts by telephone we could not succeed in prevailing upon the landlord to offer a better deal and the matter rested until about April 8, 1942 when a buyer was obtained who paid \$3,000.00 for the crop and equipment. The landlord finally agreed to permit transfer of the lease and subsequent to evacuation we contacted Miss Hayashida by letter and she replied, informing us that everything had been settled and the whole matter was concluded satisfactorily.

Herosuoa, Mrs. H.  
Los Angeles, Calif.

This Japanese was leasing property located at the above address from a Mrs. Sarah Hern. The lessee owned the furniture which was being purchased by the lessor for \$1,500.00 in cash. The only point for determination was disposition of the last month's rental of \$165.00. A representative of this office contacted Mrs. Hern and asked for her cooperation in refunding the \$165.00 to the lessee, which she finally agreed to do.



Hikoyeda, Tadashi

requested assistance in having a joint tenancy deed recorded in the Alameda County Recorder's Office. The deed was filed for recording in the Recorder's Office and after being recorded was returned to the evacuee.

Hirota, Albert

Requested assistance of the sale of his 1941 Plymouth Special DeLuxe Coupe stored in the Los Altos Garage, and to obtain possession of the ownership certificate reportedly held by J.C. Friedman of the Mayfield Branch of the Bank of America. Before listing this car with prospective purchasers an attempt was made to obtain the pink ownership certificate so as to be assured that transfer of title could be affected in case the sale was consummated.

Mr. Friedman of the bank demanded a letter of authorization from the evacuee. A request was then made to the project to obtain such a letter and in reply they informed us that the car had been sold to a private party.

Hioki, Choguro

requested assistance in the sale of laundry equipment located at 133 North Fourth Street, San Jose, California. A list of this equipment was submitted to a number of prospective purchasers and bids ranging from \$50.00 to \$350.00 were received and submitted to the evacuee for his consideration. The evacuee refused to accept any of these bids. He finally placed an evaluation of \$500.00 on this equipment. Later he changed his mind and requested that only two large washers and the two boilers be sold and that the balance of this equipment be placed in government storage. Bids were solicited for this revised list of equipment and when received were submitted to the evacuee.

Word was then received from the project that Hioki had



negotiated privately for the sale of some of this equipment and a request was made for the balance to be placed in government storage. The case was then referred to the Transportation Department.

No WRA

Home Cleaners & Dyers, Inc.,  
San Francisco, Calif.

This substantial laundry and cleaning enterprise was operated by two Japanese, George Shigezumi and Eiichi Sato. Their interest in the business was evidenced by an assignment of the lease from the original lessees, which instrument was drawn many years ago. The lease still had several years to run, with monthly payments of \$350.00. Equipment worth \$25,000.00 to \$30,000.00 had been installed by these Japanese over a period of years. Much of it was a permanent nature and complete sale and removal would prove a very expensive undertaking. Nevertheless the property on which this industry was located had been condemned by the City and County of San Francisco for playground purposes and as the Caucasian owner was anxious to make this sale some disposition must be effected promptly.

The two Japanese principals mentioned above appeared in this office March 16, 1942 and outlined the foregoing facts

together with a statement that they felt entitled to a substantial settlement for vacating this lease in view of its long duration and in view of the substantial loss incurred by forced removal of the equipment.

At that time the facts were briefly confirmed by virtue of an additional interview with the real estate agent for the property owner. This office suggested that the owner and the lessee work out a mutually satisfactory arrangement among themselves, if possible. In view of the City's condemnation undertaking, however, we suggested that if further legal entanglements were encountered that we be apprised of the facts if assistance were needed. Shortly thereafter Shigezumi returned, stating that he felt the condemnation had been instituted as an anti-Japanese measure, which further prejudiced equitable disposition. This office suggested that a non-affected agent might be approached with the idea of lease and purchase, if such were the case, as he would be readily able to obtain a waiver or cancellation of the condemnation.

The second week in April Shigezumi returned with his attorney, Saburo Kido, and a lengthy review of the case was conducted, disclosing that a satisfactory buyer had



been located who would remove the equipment at his own expense and had already undertaken this job, with a thirty days' grace period. Furthermore, an arrangement with the landowner, M.C. Wade, had been made whereby the Home Cleaners & Dyers, Inc., would be reimbursed to the extent of roughly \$3,700.00 for vacation of the lease. However, such settlement was predicated upon satisfactory conclusion of the condemnation sale and for each month expiring prior to such sale the regular rental was being deducted. The problem was to expedite such sale, it apparently being snarled in legal red tape.

Checks were made by this bank with the lessor and his attorney, who substantiated the foregoing details, and further contributed the fact that the corporation had not complied with certain California Code requirements some years prior in a transfer of the interest, and further legal entanglements might be anticipated.

Upon investigation this bank discovered that a delay of condemnation proceedings was caused by an inter-department-

al dispute as to proper residence of title between the City and the School Board. Many visits were made upon the president of the School Board, counsel for the School Board, the City Purchasing Agent and the Mayor's office. It was necessary to present the background of the case and acquaint numerous officials with the facts. Certain resolutions were necessary and this bank found it essential to vigorously pursue progress of negotiations. Finally they arrived at an agreement whereby joint title to the property would be taken and the Controller was directed to pay for it at once.

Investigation of the Code violation disclosed that necessary legal steps had been taken and nothing further was required of the principals involved. The Japanese attorney, Kido, delegated his authority in the proceedings to a Caucasian associate, James Purcell, who expedited this phase of the problem.

The bank has received a letter recapitulating the essential facts, from this attorney, together with a statement that moneys have been received in full and proper disbursements made.



Horiguchi, Thomas

requested assistance in the sale of a black mare that he had left in the custody of a Mr. Erhart Anderson, P.O. Box 32, San Ramon, California. Two bids were obtained of \$50.00 and \$75.00 which were submitted to the evacuee for his consideration. Both of these bids were refused by him and at the same time he specified that he would be willing to accept \$100.00 for the horse.

We then had the San Ramon Postmaster put a notice on the post office bulletin board offering this horse for sale. The only offer we received as a result of posting this notice was one of \$65.00 submitted by the party who had previously bid \$75.00. This party refused to raise his bid to \$100.00. This information was submitted to the evacuee and as no reply was received from him our



case was closed.

Two of the three remaining urban property cases were in connection with the leasing of evacuee-owned churches which were carried in our records under the names of the respective secretaries of the organizations as follows:

American Nichiren Mission and James Wilson

2016 Pine Street

\$2,160.00

Buddhist Temple and the Macidonia Baptist

Church, 1881 Bush Street

\$4,500.00

Total - Lease of Real  
Property

\$6,660.00

Horiguchi, Thomas F.  
San Ramon

A survey of farm equipment revealed that T. Horiguchi was the owner of a 5 year old Caterpillar Tractor # 22 in the custody of Mr. F. Ingelhart Aleman, Calif. This equipment was listed with the Contra Costa War Board.

{ 4/16/43  
{ 5/24/43

Hoshino K

Nakanishi N

Takeda

S.F. (?)

Central Utah

Furniture belonging to 3 Jap. removed from residence by Transportation Dept. and stored in government warehouse.

At the time of their evacuation M<sup>rs</sup> Johnson out of sympathy allowed 3 Japanese to store their furniture in her place, giving them a year's lease at half the usual monthly rental. She has now an opportunity to sell the property. The lease



is up and the prospective purchaser will not  
buy place unless these goods are removed



Ide, Harry

previous to evacuation, had stored his personal property on the ranch of Mrs. Gertrude Slater, RFD Box 210, Pacheco California. Mrs. Slater's son contacted us by phone and requested that the Ide property be removed from his mother's place owing to the fact that a relative of his mother had been killed in the South Pacific and therefore she did not feel that she should have any Japanese property stored on her place. After some investigation Harry Ide was reported a resident of the Tule Lake project and an endeavor was made to contact him through that project without success. As Mr. Slater was very insistent that the property be removed immediately, arrangements were made with our Transportation Department to pick up the property and remove it to our government warehouse.



Ide, Toshio

Concord

Hotel

requested an investigation of the present condition of his rooming house located in Concord, California, and to obtain an accounting from Joseph De. Rosa, who was authorized under a power of attorney to collect the rents on this property, pay the taxes, and make payments on a Deed of Trust held by the Bank of Martinez.

After an investigation of the property and its condition reported to Mr. Ide, an attempt was made to obtain an accounting from De Rosa without success. This was likewise reported to the evacuee and it was suggested that De Rosa's power of attorney be cancelled. Mr. Ide consented to this procedure and after notifying De Rosa that his power of attorney was cancelled, a final accounting of funds he had handled was obtained and forwarded to

the evacuee.

Mr. Ide then requested that a new agent be appointed to replace De Rosa, Mr. M.V. Smith, Realtor of Concord, ~~wa~~ was recommended by the Concord Branch of the Bank of America as a responsible man to perform this service and upon obtaining Mr. Ide's consent, Mr. Smith was appointed.

Timo, Carol K. # 20753

1115-10 SE. Oakland

Central Utah

{ 11/5/43

{ 11/29/43

1-year lease on property of Carol K. Timo  
located at 1115-10<sup>th</sup> SE. Oakland taken by  
Miss Anelia Whaley at \$30.00 per month.

Memo from Center to investigate O.P.A. ruling  
that property should rent for \$20<sup>00</sup> and not  
\$30<sup>00</sup> per rent.

Investigation proved this property was renting  
for considerably more than similar properties in  
the neighborhood, like structures bringing  
something like 15<sup>00</sup> ∴ could not make successful appeal to OPA



Ikeda, May Kubota

requested our assistance in obtaining data for her 1943 income tax statement; to determine the status of the Deed of Trust held by the Salinas National Bank; to obtain an accounting from William C. Theile, who had been handling the property under a power of attorney, and to ascertain what plans had been made relative to the handling of the property for the year 1944.

Mr. Theile was interviewed and exhibited a copy of a letter he had written the evacuee a day or two before that covered the information requested. A copy of this letter was obtained and the evacuee was informed of the results of the investigation.

Ikegami, Shigeo,  
Sebastopol, Calif.

The above evacuee had numerous bills payable, primarily to doctors, and was concerned as to a method of equitable disposition. Our Santa Rosa representative called on the various creditors, explaining the situation and worked out an arrangement whereby small monthly payments to be divided among themselves would be made by the evacuee after relocation and establishment of some earning power.

Inaba Akiia Alien Male 32

{ 4/1/43  
{ 7/9/43

Fresno (?)

Granada

Removal of certain articles from Woodward  
Properties of Fresno.

WRA-156

1, wheelbar

1 Play pen

2 Trunks

1 Sewing Machine

1 Cedar chest

Large amount of business + personal  
property stored



Inada, Yoshitara

made a similar request to that of Kikuye Uyeda which involved the same circumstances and the same custodian. This case was likewise referred to our Transportation Department and closed.

U. + C.

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Inouye, Yasuie

Requested us to secure statement and  
payment covering rental of evacuee-owned  
property. Tenant when interviewed stated  
that statement together with payment  
forwarded to evacuee the day previous

F  
Inouye Raymond & Marcella

San Jose  
Gila River

✓  
{ 7/9/43  
{ 10/19/43

Requested our assistance in the sale of their  
farm equipment. after obtaining & submitting  
bids, Inouye reported that they had sold  
this equipment direct to David C. Kirby  
for \$4,260



Inouye, Yutaka

previous to evacuation, had constructed under a verbal agreement, a residence, garage, tool house and other out-buildings on leased property belonging to Fred Seigman, who subsequently had died. This evacuee desired to dispose of these buildings and arrangements were made with the present owners of the Seigman ranch to permit such a sale. Bids were obtained and the evacuee accepted the highest bid which was in the amount of \$200.00. This money was transmitted to the evacuee and a bill of sale obtained and forwarded to the purchaser.

no WRA

Imamura, Icaro  
Berkeley, Calif.

This evacuee was part owner of a substantial laundry business wherein one of the other partners was an internee. He approached our representative the latter part of March, asking what procedure to follow in order to secure a sale. Our representative arranged for certain powers of attorney to be forwarded to the internee in care of the camp censor as he could neither read nor write English. Full explanations were required in order that the sale could be expedited. Our representative further arranged for a trustee ship with one of the local banks by which purchase was made on an instalment plan after taking care of the taxes and providing for a pro-rated distribution to each of the selling partners. The necessary documents were received and complete sale effected within a fortnight after the original interview.

Iriki, Dr. M.H.

requested that Dr. Yee, his tenant be contacted and find out why the lease had not been signed for the present period and to confirm condition of storage of his personal effects. Investigation disclosed the fact that Dr. Iriki, in May of 1942 had leased his optometrist business to Dr. Yee for a period of one year at a rental of \$50.00 per month and to pay the landlord, William Healey, \$40.00 per month as rent for the premises. At the time this lease arrangement was entered into between the two doctors Dr. Iriki was renting the property from his landlord on a month to month basis. Dr. Yee maintained these payments during the life of the lease arrangement between himself and this evacuee at which time he obtained a lease from the landlord and refused to make any further payments to Dr. Iriki. A large amount of furniture be-



longing to Dr. Iriki was left in the rooms of the premises leased by Dr. Yee from the owner. Dr. Yee contended that Dr. Iriki owed him for the storage of this furniture.

After many conferences, letters, and interviews with the interested parties and witnesses the whole matter was settled by Dr. Yee agreeing to a waiver of the storage charge and to pay Dr. Iriki \$165.09 providing Dr. Iriki would furnish Dr. Yee with a statement that this payment constitutes a termination of all business relations between them and that Dr. Iriki remove his furniture and personal effects from the premises.

A check for this amount was obtained from Dr. Yee and forwarded to the evacuee with the understanding that it was for full settlement of all business relations between them. The necessary forms were obtained from Dr. Iriki and the Transportation Department placed his personal property in our San Francisco warehouse on May 16, 1944.

Ishikawa, Mrs. Ida  
San Francisco, Calif.

On April 29, 1942 Mrs. Thorval Carlsen reported that Mrs. Ishikawa, on leaving for the reception center from the Control Station at 1701 Van Ness Avenue, San Francisco, had left behind at her home \$340.00 in cash, one diamond ring and one plain ring. Mrs. Carlsen stated that she found the \$340.00 in a paper bag deposited in the garbage can and the two rings were found in the bread box in the former home of Mrs. Ishikawa.

Mrs. Carlsen further stated that she deposited \$300.00 of the money to the joint account of her husband and herself in the bank and was holding the jewelry for Mrs. Ishikawa. She stated that the deposit was made to the joint account of herself and her husband as it had been reported that Japanese evacuees would not be permitted to have money or draw checks from camp. She also stated that a portion of the remaining \$40.00 had been spent at

the direction of Mrs. Ishikawa for some expenses incurred in moving.

It appeared that this transaction was handled in good faith by Mrs. Carlsen on being requested to take care of the money by Mrs. Ishikawa.

The bank communicated with Mrs. Ishikawa at the Santa Anita Assembly Center to obtain an expression of her desire as to the disposition of this money and the jewelry with the result that she requested that the money and jewelry be sent to her in camp.

On receiving this information, the bank so informed Mrs. Carlsen and advised the forwarding of the funds by cashier's check and the jewelry by registered mail, all of which was done on May 26, 1942.

In conclusion of this matter, a statement showing a balance of \$318.00 was prepared by Mrs. Carlsen and presented to the bank. The difference between this amount, \$22.00, and that found was itemized according to expenditures authorized by Mrs. Ishikawa in connection with their moving. A copy of this statement accompanied by a letter from the bank was forwarded to Mrs. Ishikawa.